

Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26th, 2025, 4:30-6PM

**Board members present**

Christine Kemper- Board Chair

Julia Tomasic- Secretary

Lisa Hardwick

Samara Crawford-Herrera

Sly James

Thalia Cherry

Debby Ballard

Tammy Robinson

**Members Absent: None**

**Guests present:**

Nicole Smith, KCGPA CEO

Kara Kahn, KCGPA, Director of Development

Annie Krieg, KCGPA, Director of Academics

Brittney Arterbery, KCGPA, 5/6 Dean of Culture- Admin Rep

Julie Brogno, KCGPA, ELA

Small group of teachers/faculty, in person and on-line

1. **Opening**
2. The meeting was called to order by C. Kemper at 4:31pm. Roll Call was taken, the above members and guests were present.
3. Approval of Minutes- J. Tomasic moved to approve the January, 2025 Minutes, D. Ballard seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
4. Public Comments- There were no public comments.
5. **Finance and CEO Report**

 A. School Financials- An overview of the school’s finances was presented by N. Smith. All of the information had been previously reviewed/approved by the Finance Committee. J. Tomasic moved to approve the January financials and check registers. S. James seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

B. Foundation Financials- As an FYI, K. Kahn gave an overview of the Foundation’s finances. She gave updates on the Gratitude and Leading with Love campaigns.

C. CEO Report- N. Smith reviewed all enrollment and attendance data, as well as information about new hiring/retention.

D. Academic Updates – J. Brogno reviewed all of the details of the academic data and goals for all grades. Time was made for questions and discussion.

E. Leadership Team Reports, Dean’s Report and Teacher Communication- N. Smith reviewed updates from the Leadership Teams. B. Arterbery provided the Dean’s Report and S. Crawford-Herrera gave the Teacher Communication Report.

F. USDOE Policy Comments- N. Smith reviewed the changes in wording, etc., per the state law.

G. GO Bond Update- N. Smith provided all of the latest information on the GO Bond, reminding all that the vote is April 8th, 2025.

1. **New Business**
2. ICE Immigration Policies- N. Smith provided information about the proposed policies (currently being drafted) and noted they will need to be ratified at the March meeting.
3. Board Policy Review/Updates/Oath- N. Smith reviewed policy updates and advised all that the Oath will need to be reviewed, signed and returned, via email.
4. Yearly Policy Review- N. Smith discussed policies and advised they will be emailed.
5. Board Assessment- L. Hardwick advised that she is working with Board on Track to create a Board Assessment, for use in the future.
6. **Closing**

1. C. Kemper sought meeting feedback
2. Adjournment- J. Tomasic moved to adjourn, D. Ballard seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:27pm.