



GIRLS PREPARATORY  
**ACADEMY**  
KANSAS CITY

Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 28th, 2024, 4:30-6PM

**Board members present**

Christine Kemper- Board Chair  
Julia Tomasic- Secretary  
Debby Ballard  
Lisa Hardwick  
Samara Crawford-Herrera

**Members Absent:**

Nikki Newton  
Sly James  
Thalia Cherry

**Guests present:**

Nicole Smith, KCGPA Interim CEO  
Martha Salinas, KCGPA Advisory/Finance Committee  
Kara Kahn, KCGPA  
Annie Kriegg, KCGPA, Director of Academics  
Vickie Albritton, KCGPA, Science  
Kiana Brown, KCGPA, Ops  
Ashley Cleveland, KCGPA, ELA  
Dorita Barr, KCGPA School Leader  
Julie Brogno, KCGPA, ELA  
Chaurice Jacobson, KCGPA Assistant School Leader

**1. Opening**

- A. The meeting was called to order by C. Kemper at 4:33pm. Roll Call was taken, the above members and guests were present, with the listed members absent.
- B. Approval of Minutes- S. Crawford-Herrera moved to approve the June, 2024 Minutes, J. Tomasic seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
- C. Public Comments- There were no public comments.

## **2. Finance and CEO Report**

- A. School Financials- An overview of the school's finances was presented by N. Smith and C. Kemper. All of the information had been previously reviewed/approved by the Finance Committee. J. Tomasic moved to approve the June/July financials and check registers. S. Crawford-Herrera seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
- B. Foundation Financials- C. Kemper and N. Smith reviewed the Foundation Financials as an FYI for the Board.
- C. CEO Report- N. Smith reviewed the information regarding enrollment and retention of students as well as teachers and the hiring data. D. Barr reviewed the goals for the school leader and efforts to improve communication with leaders and staff. A. Kreig provided the Board with academic updates, noting that the NWEA testing was currently happening and going well. C. Jacobson presented details of the efforts being made with math, as it is of particular focus this year. A. Cleveland reviewed ELA details and the effort to close the vocabulary gap. V. Albritton informed the Board about the upcoming STEM night on 9-12-24 and reviewed other details about the science curriculum.
- D. Team and Family Handbook- N. Smith had previously provided the Board with the handbooks and reviewed some of the edits made. J. Tomasic moved to approve both the Team and Family Handbooks, S. Crawford-Herrera seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve both books.
- E. Parental Leave Policy- N. Smith reviewed the policy and highlighted the changes and additions made to the old policy. J. Tomasic moved to approve the new policy, S. Crawford-Herrera seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

## **3. New Business**

- A. Resolution to form and Advisory Board- N. Smith presented some details with regard to forming an Advisory Board and noted that the official resolution will come in a future meeting.
- B. Commission Site Visit- N. Smith reminded all that the Public Charter School Commission will be on site for a visit on 10-22-24 and 10-23-24. They also plan to attend the Board Meeting on 10-23-24.

## **4. Closing**

- A. N. Smith sought meeting feedback.
- B. Adjournment- J. Tomasic moved to adjourn, S. Crawford-Herrera seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:38pm.

