

**Gateway Science Academy  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 15, 2019, at 5:30 pm**

**Concept Schools Regional Office  
6025 Chippewa St. Ste. 206  
St. Louis, MO 63109**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Session Opening:**

Mr. Goerger commenced the meeting to order with the roll call (5:32 pm) at the address 6025 Chippewa St., Suite 206, St. Louis, MO 63109.

**Members Present:** Orville (Beau) Goerger, Patricia Hunt, Ben Diefenbach, Patrick Walker, Mehmet Kahveci – via Zoom

**Members Absent:** None

**GSA:** Matt Sagnak, Principal, Nuh Celik, Principal

**Concept Schools:** Engin Blackstone, Superintendent, Hasan Damar, Treasurer

**Board Candidate:** Tim Bagwell

Mission Statement is read by Mr. Goerger.

**2. Adopt an Agenda:**

Mr. Diefenbach made a motion to adopt an agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Walker. Motion approved.

**3. Public Input:**

None

**4. Announcements/Acknowledgements**

None

**5. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Hunt made a motion, Mr. Diefenbach seconded to approve the consent agenda.

**Approval of April 2, 2019, Meeting Minutes:**

No discussion

## Approval of January, February, and March 2019 Financials

Mr. Damar presented the financials with the reconciliation details and answered the questions. End of March financials shows both total income and expense percentages are in very close proximity with the approved budget. Year to date net income amount is \$1,600,655, and the school has a total of \$3,732,131 in its main and saving accounts as of March 31, 2019.

### Approval of Personnel Report:

Mr. Blackstone presented the personnel report with the new hires and resignation for the Board's approval. The report shows one new hire and one resignation.

### Approval of the Academic Calendar for 2019/2020

Mr. Blackstone presented the Academic Calendar for the 19/20 School Year. The first day of teachers is on Thursday, August 1, 2019, and the first day of students is on Thursday, August 8, 2019. The last day of school is Friday, May 22, 2020. The calendar has 182 school days for students and 190 workdays for staff. The Academic Calendar satisfies and exceeds the State's minimum hours of instruction requirements.

**Consent agenda approved unanimously.**

## 6. Student Achievement and Activities:

### Student Achievements:

**MathCON and CONSEF:** Concept Schools organizes both events. GSA got first place in all elementary, middle, and high school level in MathCON, and third place in Senior category at CONSEF.

**FTC World Championship:** GSA Robotics team qualified to represent the School and the State at the championship. The championship is at Houston, TX on April 17-20.

**End of Year Assessments and Programs:** MAP assessment is in progress, and NWEA will be the next assessment before the end of the school year.

**Facility Update:** Architect is working on drawings, and closing is in process for the adjacent building at Fyler. Mr. Matt contacted the owner of the former stone company building and waiting to hear about the pricing.

**Staffing Update:** The administrative secretary position is posted on MOREAP, but not much progress made in hiring. Dr. Walker and Mrs. Hunt suggested to post it on Indeed, and Mr. Blackstone confirmed.

## 7. Board Related:

**Approval of Bylaws Revision:** The recommendation of the Executive Committee is reviewed, and it is tabled to discuss further at the Annual meeting in August.

**Appointment to the Vice President Position:** The president appointed Dr. Walker to the open Vice President position. The Board approved the appointment, and Dr. Walker graciously accepted the position.

**Conflict of Interest Policy Review and Signed Annual Statements:** Mr. Blackstone presented the existing policy and stated that it exists in both GSA Policy Manual and the Bylaws. This item is also tabled to finalize at the Annual Meeting in August. The Board members signed the existing policy.

**Governing Board PD Policy Review:** The policy is updated by removing the six-hour requirement, and the update is approved unanimously.

**New Board Member:** Dr. Tim Bagwell briefly introduced himself and answered Board members' questions.

Dr. Walker made a motion to approve Dr. Bagwell as a new Board member, Mr. Diefenbach seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **Description of Board Committees:**

Mr. Blackstone shared the model committee descriptions prepared by Charter Board Partners. The Board will review and discuss it at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Letter of intent for Renewal to MCPSC and Renewal Timeline:**

The President signed the letter of intent for renewal. Mr. Blackstone shared that the MCPSC suggests waiting for this year's APR, and hopefully apply for a 10-year renewal. GSA needs to earn 85% or above APR to be eligible for that.

## **8. Adjourn the Meeting**

Mr. Diefenbach moved to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Hunt seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.