

Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 25th, 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

Kara Kahn, KCGPA

Dorita Barr, KCGPA School Leader

Kiana Brown, KCGPA Ops

Caroline Dornan, KCGPA, Assistant Principle

Ellen Jorgenson, KCGPA/KCGLI

Reece Parker, KCGPA Foundation

Small group of teachers in person and on-line

Yuna Shin, Board on Track

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, with the listed members absent.
3. Approval of Minutes- J. Tomasic moved to approve the August, 2024 Minutes, S. Crawford-Herrera seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
4. Public Comments- Several teachers gave public comments.
5. **Guest Presenter**
6. Presentation by Board on Track- Yuna Shin reviewed the variety of assistance that Board on Track is able to provide, as well as the tools available, upcoming events/dates and webinars.

1. **Finance and CEO Report**

 A. 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. D. Ballard moved to approve the August financials and check register. J. Tomasic seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.

1. Foundation Financials- As an FYI, N. Smith and K. Kahn gave an overview of the Foundation’s finances, to include fundraising, new grants and Leading with Love outcomes.
2. C. Kemper and K. Kahn reviewed the details of the finances, regarding the KCGPA Foundation, as an FYI for the Board.
3. CEO Report- N. Smith covered all enrollment and attendance data as well as the hiring and retention numbers. C. Dornan presented the academic updates and reviewed all of the charts provided, showing growth and achievement in math, science and reading. Time was made for discussion and questions. D. Barr reviewed the Leadership Team Reports. E. Jorgenson presented details about KCGLI, it’s launch, criteria, benefits and outcomes thus far.
4. **New Business**
5. Commission Site Visit- N. Smith informed all that the Charter School Commission will be at the school on 10-22-24 and will attend our Board Meeting on 10-23-24.
6. N. Smith gave an update on the upcoming KCPS Bond vote and KCGPA’s involvement.
7. Appointment of Rhea Muchalla-LeGrande to the Foundation Board- presented by C. Kemper, J. Tomasic moved to appoint R. Muchalla-LeGrande to the Foundation Board, L. Hardwick seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve her appointment.
8. Resolution, Advisory Committee- Presented by L. Hardwick, the Advisory Committee would have one-year terms and be comprised of past board members as well as new appointees. J. Tomasic moved to approve the resolution to create the Advisory Committee and add Lesley Elwell, Nikki Newton, Martha Salinas and Rhea Muchalla-Legrande. D. Ballard seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to approve.
9. CEO Search- C. Kemper advised she will name a task force in October for the search and keep the Board updated as to the progress.
10. Annual Meeting- L. Hardwick reminded all that our October meeting will be our Annual meeting, with calendars and other approvals happening.
11. **Executive Session**
12. A roll call vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to go into closed/Executive Session at 5:58pm. After discussion, the Board voted 4-1 to amend the recommendation of the expulsion of a student, to a long-term suspension of the student for the remainder of the fall semester. A roll call vote was taken and the Board voted unanimously to end the Executive Session at 6:32pm.

 **4. Closing**

A. C. Kemper sought meeting feedback and moved to adjourn. J. Tomasic seconded the motion and Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:33pm.