



GCA BOARD REDACTED MINUTES

May 8, 2023

6:30 PM

Closed Meeting

1. **Call to order** was made by Dan Keiser.
2. **Roll Call** – Leah Latshaw, Tim Martin, Percella Gualtieri, Steve Hitchcock, Dan Keiser, Brad Pilkington, Clay Jenkins, Debbie Patton, Head of School Josh Sexton. Guest: Lee Reno
3. **Student Leadership Presentation** – Dominic Sprankle, Senior and Miz Parker, Speech/Debate & History teacher.

Miz Parker cited various statistics of people in today's society having short attention spans, a strong fear of speaking publically and most young persons are unprepared to look people in the eye when talking with them. She stated her goal in light of those observations and the characteristics in GCA's Portrait of a Graduate, was to convince the GCA board and Head of School to make Speech class a mandatory class in High School. To that end, Miz Parker introduced Dominic Sprankle to address the board. Dom, having taken Speech class, gave an enthusiastic and compelling address detailing the benefits he has realized from Speech class. The benefits are increased confidence, ability to assert oneself, negotiation skills, confidence to ask questions in class, and improved critical thinking. These benefits can be used to positively influence friends and ultimately equip a believer to better share the Gospel. Dom's speech content and delivery was impressive.

4. **Prayer and Devotion** – Leah Latshaw

Leah cited the "Compassionate neighbor" reference in our Portrait of a Graduate document. It is the board's responsibility to pray. Leah set up five "prayer stations" in our meeting room with each labeled with one of: Students, Faculty & Staff, GCA Board, Local churches and communities, and Families. We dispersed to each "station" to pray and when prompted, moved to the next station until we had all prayed for each of the groups. The exercise was significant being in communion with our Heavenly Father, but also because we know He hears our prayers.

5. **Prayer Requests**
6. **A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 10, 2023 was made by Percella Gualtieri and seconded by Clay Jenkins. The vote to approve the motion passed.**

7. Enter votes from April 10, 2023 meeting into the record:

None

8. Enter email votes into the record:

None

9. Faculty Presentation – None

10. Administrative Presentation – None

11. Financial Report

- a. Financial report
- b. See attached

12. Approve financial report

- a. **A motion to approve the financial report was made by Brad Pilkington and seconded by Debbie Patton. The vote to approve the motion passed.**

13. Finance Committee

- a. Financial Report

GCA School Board Meeting
Treasurer's Report

Financials are for period ending March, 2023

Cash Review

- Total Cash on hand was \$1,050,740*
- We have designated and restricted assets of \$971,541
- Leaving us with \$79,199 of operating cash available

* Removed \$350K escrow balance (to be drawn for 5SG renovation) that Accountant's statement included in "cash on hand".

Income Statement Summary

	March			2022-2023		
	Actual	Budget	Var to Budget	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Var to Budget
Total						
Income	\$206,818	\$192,577	\$14,242	\$1,769,494	\$1,652,870	\$116,624
Expenses	\$187,228	\$194,463	(\$7,235)	\$1,727,934	\$1,638,564	\$89,370
Subtotal	\$19,591	(\$1,886)	\$21,477	\$41,561	\$14,306	\$27,255
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,221	\$0	\$29,221
Net Operating Income	\$19,591	(\$1,886)	\$21,477	\$12,339	\$14,306	(\$1,967)

14. Education Committee

- a. Leah Latshaw, Chair
- b. Statement of Faith Presentation
- c. See attached
- d. Five Motions that passed within the Education Committee **were voted on by the general Board** - 1) Rearrangement of the Statement of Faith – **Vote Passed**, 2) Portrait of a Graduate grammar changes – **Vote Passed**, 3) Remove School Identity from the board policy as a foundational document – **Vote Passed**, 4) Add the new introductory paragraph to the foundational documents – **Vote Passed**, 5) Reorder the foundational documents into the following order after the Introductory paragraph: Statement of Faith, Vision, Mission, Portrait of a Graduate, Core Values, Philosophy of Christian Education. – **Vote Passed**.

15. Advancement Committee

- a. Debbie Patton, Chair
- b. Auction Update – 140 tickets sold, 44 live auction items, 104 silent auction items. Need to reduce the number of silent auction items in the future. Checkout was smooth and timely due to the software used for the first time. Food was very good and help from serving students was outstanding. Decorations by Gary Haga were beautiful. The funds raised for the event were just over \$70,000.
- c. Did Not Meet

16. Athletic Committee (Ad Hoc)

- a. Dan Keiser, Chair
- b. Did Not Meet
- c. Phil is closing in on athletic history document for banners in gym

17. Facilities Committee

- a. Dan Keiser, Chair
- b. Roof replacement is underway
- c. Recommending Expanding committee to include 5th Street, Assist HOS with SHBC Usage Agreement, and Future Facilities. Nathan Otto and Sean Weekley are on board.

18. Board Development Committee

- a. Brad Pilkington, Chair

19. Administrator Report - Josh Sexton – Head of School

- a. See attached

20. Old Business

- a. Athletic Logo Committee met with Timberline, offered suggestions/comments, and are waiting for next pass. We are pausing and preparing for roll out which requires proper timing and budget.
- b. Transparency and Reporting to our Community (Parents, Community, Alumni) (purpose: vision casting to community, awareness of current events)– brainstorming ideas: communication process, newsletter, annual report, townhalls, closed meetings, social media, staff presentation, admin presentation, etc.
- c. Follow up on Parent Volunteer Group (formerly Fan Club, could be called Parent Council or similar, could fulfill functions like opening night, coordinate volunteers, teacher appreciation, etc.) – Could live in Advancement Committee? Or Executive Committee
- d. Report of Policy 1.5 from Education Committee
- e. Review Emergency Succession Plan
- f. Exec Committee to Review Policy 3.4 and Lee and Leah
- g. Plan for getting 3-month reserve in place by Finance Committee
- h. Exec Committee to Review Language of Policy 4.3
- i. Exec Committee to Review Language of Policy 4.4.10, 15, 16 – refer back to Policy 2.1.10
- j. Exec Committee to Review Language of Policy 4.5.4
- k. Facility (5th Street Gym) Use by outside entities

21. New Business

- a. Review 990
- b. Review and Approve Facility Use Agreement
- c. The following Officer Slate for 2023-2024 was proposed:
 - Dan Keiser, Chair
 - Leah Latshaw, Chair Elect
 - Brad Pilkington, Vice Chair
 - Clay Jenkins, Treasurer
 - Tim Martin, Secretary

22. Parking Lot Item

- a. Expand the list of colleges in the front lobby to properly reflect the accomplishments of our students (7.6.2020) – In process

- b. We need the list of GCA parents and their skills, interests, for committee involvement (7.25.2020)
- c. Gym use for Homeschool and Churches - Communicate (7.25.2020)
- d. Select all students for leadership development opportunities - focus groups, etc. not just the known leaders (7.25.2020)
- e. Parent education regarding the role of the school board, administration (7.25.2020)
- f. Provide parent education and resources to connect to core values and philosophy of education (7.25.2020)
- g. Last 2 years of accomplishments - Communicate (7.25.2020)
- h. Consider professional design and printing of our core values to be posted on classrooms (7.25.2020) – In process

23. Meeting Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Martin