



GCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 8, 2023

6:30 PM

Closed Meeting

1. **Call to order** was made by Dan Keiser.
2. **Roll Call** – Leah Latshaw, Tim Martin, Steve Hitchcock, Dan Keiser, Brad Pilkington, Clay Jenkins, Debbie Patton, Head of School Josh Sexton.
3. **Prayer and Devotion** – Debbie Patton shared a couple videos entitled “DNA Speaks to the Field” and the “Heart Condition affects DNA” by Gregg Braden. The first video showed an experiment where a vacuum filled by photons before and after introducing human DNA, were scattered randomly but formed a pattern around the DNA after it was introduced. Conclusion 1) Our environment is affected by our presence. The second video showed the effects of the heart mood on the shape of human DNA. Gratitude, appreciation and loving attitudes ‘relaxed’ DNA and opposite emotions of anger and frustration ‘compressed’ the DNA. Conclusion 2) Our heart emotional condition can affect our health. Debbie cited that the truth of Scriptures 1 Cor 13:13, Proverbs 4:23, and Proverbs 16:24 testify to the the experimental findings.
4. **Prayer Requests**
 - Dan – Pray for Percella with food poisoning
 - Debbie – Sarah and Ben’s challenges – truck broke down, car wrecked, need financial assistance.
 - Josh – Pray for the teachers in tomorrow, students in a week from Wednesday
 - Leah – A praise for the success of the uniform sale
1. **A motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 10, 2023 with corrections to Item 4 as presented and July 15 was made by Clay Jenkins and seconded by Debbie Patton. The vote to approve the motion passed.**
2. **Enter votes from July 10 and July 15, 2023 meeting into the record:**
 - Voted to approve the Strategic Plan
3. **Enter email votes into the record:**
 - None
4. **Student Leadership Presentation** – None

5. **Faculty Presentation** – None
6. **Administrative Presentation** – None
7. **Financial Report**
 - a. Financial report
 - b. See attached
8. **Approve financial report** – Motions and Vote
 - a. **A motion to approve the financial report was made by Brad Pilkington and seconded by Leah Latshaw. The vote to approve the motion passed.**
9. **Finance Committee**
 - a. Clay Jenkins, Chair
 - b. Financial Report

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Treasurer's Report

[Financials for period ending June, 2023](#)

Financials through June 2023 are not yet available due to computer issue. Problem has been resolved and Meurer & Associates are working to complete the year-end financials.

10. **Education Committee**
 - a. Leah Latshaw, Chair
11. **Advancement Committee**
 - a. Debbie Patton, Chair
 - b. See attached
12. **Athletic Committee (Ad Hoc)**
 - a. Dan Keiser, Chair
 - b. Did Not Meet
13. **Facilities Committee**
 - a. Dan Keiser, Chair
 - b. Verbal Report
14. **Board Development Committee**

- a. Brad Pilkington, Chair

15. Administrator Report - Josh Sexton, Head of School

- a. See attached

16. 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. Review Emergency Succession Plan
- e. Exec Committee to Review Policy 3.4 and Lee and Leah
- f. Plan for getting 3-month reserve in place by Finance Committee
- g. Exec Committee to Review Language of Policy 4.3
- h. Exec Committee to Review Language of Policy 4.4.10, 15, 16 – refer back to Policy 2.1.10
- i. Exec Committee to Review Language of Policy 4.5.4
- j. Facility (5th Street Gym) Use by outside entities

17. New Business

- a. Staff gift bags were assembled and prayer for the incoming staff and students was led by Brad Pilkington

18. 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. Provide parent education and resources to connect to core values and philosophy of education (7.25.2020)

19. Meeting Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Martin