

Granite State Arts Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting
Oct 10th, 2017

Attendance: Amy Sevigny, Rob Solomons, Judy David, Don Erdbrink, Kate Russell, Robin Calitri, Leah Rogers, Deidre Smith, Alicia Nelson, Kelli Twiss

Excused: Anthony Polito, Ken Dunne

Guest: Walter Jezak until 6:26pm

- Call to order: 6:08 pm
- Public Comment: None
- Approval of Minutes from 9/12/17- KAtE made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Rob and approved by all

- Chair's Report
 - Investment Options for Employees- Walter Jezek introduced to discussed startup retirement plans for employees. Recently did some work for next charter school. Information provided on services through Security Benefits as an example. (ie: 403b, 401K, and 457 plans). Walter discussed is availability as a resource and personalized service. Board and school administration and staff will review materials provided and reach out to Walter to discuss further.
 - Board Development and Challenge
 - Don discussed a need for the board at GSAA to refocus and redefine the board roles and meeting structure. Time for the next phase of growth for GSAA (topics discussed: Committees need to be reestablished and need to meet more frequently, Lengthening time of meetings (10 min/per topic), need to actively and continually recruit for new board members based on the board needs, Growth for GSAA means student population increase and active and continues fundraising, outreach to the community and surrounding communities, Alumni outreach, partnering with other charter schools. Don suggested a committee to discuss these issues. Should be incorporated into strategic plan. A representative to go to upcoming business expo through Salem Chamber. Committee for community outreach- Renia, Alicia, Kate, and Leah to meet.
 - Strategic Plan Document
 - Sent to the board for review- rough draft of initial findings of spring strategic planning meeting discussed- goals of group findings summarized and discussed.

Academic Committee- Tony, Robin, Don and Kelli to form a committee to further discuss and define this.

- Founders Award for graduating student
 - Discussed
 - Kelli discussed other academic awards
 - Tony and Don to discuss this. Send ideas to Don
- Social Media -- Kelli discussed school social media postings- occasional lack of communication. Powerschool notification issue has been resolved. Idea discussed to create event for future events.
- Budget Report
 - Budget #'s and bank balances discussed. Next adequacy should arrive beginning of November.
- New Business
 - Alicia discussed fundraising - a car auction - she has been researching this and is preparing for an ask for a donation.
 - Next meeting date: 11/14 @ 6pm
- Meeting closed: 7:33 pm