



## ***Board of Directors Meeting***

August 14, 2017

6:30pm

**Attendees:** Michelle Arnold, Steve Hepburn, Brittany Bekins, Tom Koehler, Dave Dau, Debbie Fairbanks. Excused: Anterious Gant

**Guests:** Red Apple-Greg Nelsen

**Prayer by:** Tom Koehler

**Minutes by:** Kathy Richins

**Approval of Minutes:** Michelle Arnold motioned to approve the content of the June minutes, noting two spelling corrections. Corrections will be made before posting online. Steve Hepburn seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

**Updates:**

### **Business Administration**

- Board meetings will now be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, excluding July and December.
- While Dave was interviewing for Kindergarten teachers he was notified that Stepping Stones will be closing.
- Brittany requested a modification of the rental revenue due to the closing of Stepping Stones.
- Budget/Red Apple/Treasurer Report: Greg Nelson presented the financial summary, ending July 31, 2017. Budget handouts will be posted online on the GFA web page.
  - The Board would like a detailed financial discussion to happen quarterly. Next review will be at the November meeting to look at specific categories and make sure that we are on track, matching revenue with expected expenses.
  - Brittany asked for a yearly review/visit of our service agreement with Wells Fargo. She will review signature cards at that time.
  - Brittany will remind Red Apple to present the dashboard for the September meeting.

## **Administrative – Director Report**

- The ice cream social was well attended and organized. Thanks to Brittany Bekins and Melissa Wood on the newly branded Guardian Committee for organizing and running the ice cream social.
- First day of school is on August 16<sup>th</sup> and everything is ready. It is an early release day.
- Solar eclipse is on August 21<sup>st</sup> and the school is equipped with 500 glasses. Michelle voiced her concerns about the student's eye safety and Dave will ensure safety measures are in place.
- A number of new staff has been added to GFA. Teachers and the grades they will teach were reviewed.
- New student testing is done.
- Student enrollment as of August 14<sup>th</sup> were reviewed.
- GFA SAGE results were reviewed against Utah SAGE results.
- STAR 360 summary reports were reviewed. Dave and the teachers would prefer not to use STAR 360 for the coming year.
- DIBELS composite score graphs showed percent of students at or above benchmark. Dave would like to see the DIBELS goal go up.

## **Policy/Strategic**

- Academic Goals - In June we discussed our previous two academic goals, 1 - to be in the top 10% of Utah elementary schools by 2021/22; 2 - 5% growth, still to be defined, on State-wide testing. Dave was asked to review the data over the summer and give his input on reasonable goals for the school. Recommendations: In the next year Dave would like it raised 5 points, 2018 SAGE. In two years, overall the school will meet State average, which last year was 46%. In three years, have each teacher meet State averages. These goals will be revisited in May or June 2018.
- Reading and Literacy Policy – The Board asked Dave to look at the reading and literacy policy and we will revisit this item in a year, August 2018. Dave will note any issues this year, for future changes.
- Charter – a group was formed last year to rewrite the charter. Michelle will look into revising our charter and check on what the State requires. Michelle will report back next month on her findings.
- Dave will invite Tom to the next school planning session.

## **School Environment**

- School Walk Through – Brittany will update the form (if needed) for the walk through of the school by Board members. Steve volunteered for October; Tom for September; Brittany for August; Michelle for November. Michelle will update and send out the list.

- Badges – Badges are needed for Board members to be used at various school functions and school walk through, so students and faculty will know who they are. Dave will ensure they are provided.

### **Board Annual Calendar**

- Fundraising 2017/2018 – The Board had a brainstorming session on what to raise money for: infrastructure, air conditioner, playground, sidewalks, MAC computer lab, Debbie will join the Guardian Committee on Aug 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 to discuss fundraising activities.
- Committees for 2017/18 – The Board will revisit the committee lists when we get new board members. Brittany will email survey committee questions to Dave. Steve volunteered to be on Board member recruitment committee. Brittany will send an email to a potential board member candidate and ask if he is still interested.

### **Other:**

- BOD New Member Update – Tom has one possible candidate for the Board. A list of potential Board members was given to Tom, gathered at the ice cream social.
- Tom asked that the reading and writing of essays should be reinstated for all new teachers and Board members at GFA. Dave will include that for all new hires.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Good Foundations Academy.

***CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:*** *The Board will consider a motion to close the meeting to hold a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in conformance with § 524204 and 524205 et seq., Utah Code Ann.*

Steve Hepburn motioned to close the open portion of the meeting and go into closed session. Michelle Arnold seconded the motion. Each individual voted in favor. Motion passed.