

Guilford Preparatory Academy
Board of Directors Open Session Meeting
March 24, 2107

6:30pm

Alton Woods called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. There was a quorum check. There was a quorum. Members in attendance were Dawn Popple, Thursday Rice, Alton Woods, Dr. Regina Williams-Davis, Dr. Robin Buckrham, Principal (non-voting)

The minutes from the last meetings were tabled and will be approved at the next meeting. The budget report was not available at the time so Mr Woods gave an update on the last months budget report for those who were not in attendance in the audience at the last meeting.

Principals Report was given by Dr. Buckrham

EOG Prep updates

DC Trips for 5th and 7th grades in May

Graduation Speaker for 8th grade- Dr. Brian Sims

PTA Spring Fling plans underway now

Dr. Williams-Davis volunteered space at NCA&TSU for our 8th grade graduation ceremony-she will check the calendar to see if it is available during the day for our ceremony.

Mr Woods made a motion to approve the Principal's Report. Mrs Rice seconded the motion and the it passed unanimously.

Old Business-Mr Woods addressed facilities concerns that parents had voiced in the past. Due to the new construction coming through between the two academic buildings he assured the parents in attendance that the Board was working diligently on facility options to make sure our students are safe. He told the families to stay tuned to communication from the school about our progress in this direction and promised a Board Meeting to share communication with parents as well.

New Business-Dr. Buckrham presented our EOG Retest Calendar to the Board for approval.

Dr. Buckrham also submitted a draft of the 17-18 academic calendar for Board approval.

Mr. Woods made a motion to accept the retest calendar and the academic year calendar. Dr. Williams-Davis seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Dr. Williams Davis asked for an update on the Spanish Immersion program we were considering. Dr. Buckrham suggested possibly focusing more on STEM than Spanish Immersion since our Science scores are so good. There was discussion about both programs. Board would like Dr. Buckrham to do some investigating to determine the benefits/cost analysis of both.

Comments from the audience:

One parent asked about cap and gowns for 5th grade graduation and the timeline for taking the pictures and getting the gowns.

Mr Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into closed session. Mrs Rice seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The open session meeting ended at 7:05pm.

Open Session meeting called to order by Alton Woods at 7:30pm. There was a quorum check and there was a quorum. Members in attendance were Alton Woods, Dr. Robin Buckrham (non voting), Dr. Regina Williams Davis, Dawn Popple, and Thursday Rice

A motion was made by Mr Woods for the Board to appoint Mrs Rice to communicate with the owner of a property the Board is interested (along with realtors, attorneys, etc..) to discuss leasing and purchasing options and to relay the Boards position on all negotiations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Williams Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Buckrham initiated further discussion regarding the implementation of a Spanish Immersion program and it's benefits to the school academic program and college readiness focus of the school. The members discussed the proposal further and felt that this change in our curriculum would be an asset. Thursday Rice made a motion that the board adopt a Spanish Immersion curriculum for the upcoming 17-18 school year and start the program with one Kindergarten class. Dr. Regina Williams-Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to adjourn the open session meeting by Mrs Rice. The motion was seconded by Mr. Woods. The motion passed unanimously. The open session meeting ended at 8:00pm.

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