

Board Meeting Minutes – July 18th, 2017
Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics

			Next Meeting:	Next Time:	Prepared by:
7/18/17	4:18 PM	5:46 PM	8/15/17	4:15 PM	J. Hawkins
Meeting Location:					
Georgia School for Innovation and the Classics					

Attended by:	
Robert Buchwitz Brent Weir Wright McLeod Glenn O’Steen Roger James Eugene Yu Danny Brewington	Paula Kaminski, Principal Julie Hawkins, Elementary Assistant Principal Lynn Chancey, Bookkeeper Scott Hooker, Sped Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

I. Administrative Functions

- A. Mr. Buchwitz made a motion to approve the agenda, with a second by Mr. Weir. The motion passed unanimously without discussion. Mr. Weir made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Mr. James. The motion passed unanimously without discussion.

II. School Related Reports

- A. ***Edited Version of the Attendance Policy:*** Board members reviewed the updated version of the Attendance Policy. After much discussion among members of the board and school administration, it was decided additional changes would be needed. Mr. Osteen posed a question about what type of documentation would be acceptable to excuse an absence or tardy. Mr. McLeod recommended that the policy should be as strict as the law will allow. Mr. Brewington offered suggestions and examples of existing policies to review that are in alignment with state regulations.

III. Financial Reports

- A. Mr. O’Steen made a motion to accept the second reading of the Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, with a second by Mr. Weir. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

- A. Attendance Policy

V. New Business

- A. **Open House Night:** Ms. Kaminski informed the board that Open House for the 2017-2018 school year has been set for Thursday, August 24th as a drop-in from 4 pm – 8 pm. Ms. Kaminski also requested PTO be approved to sell items during the Open House with the school name and/or logo.
- B. **Welcome Back Breakfast:** Ms. Kaminski extended an invitation to the members of the board for breakfast on the first day of pre-planning (August 21st, 8:30 AM) and also to lunch on the Friday (August 25th, 12 noon).
- C. Mrs. Hawkins asked if there were funds available to assist new teachers with getting supplies for their classrooms. There was discussion about a specific amount budgeted for each classroom. Mr. Buchwitz suggested PTO play a role in helping new teachers get the necessary supplies.
- D. Ms. Kaminski requested that several laptop carts be purchased for student use in the classrooms. Mr. Buchwitz suggested the idea that stake holders of the school raise funds for technology. He also commented that the school has strong parent involvement and most would be willing to provide their children with the necessary technology.
- E. **Car Line:** The issues of more cars to accommodate with the addition of the 8th grade and the ongoing construction were discussed. It was also decided that car rider numbers should remain the same for each student, however their grade level letter or number can be added in the front to help teachers locate students quicker.
- F. There was some discussion about Financial Policies and Procedures after a concern was brought to the board's attention by Mr. Buchwitz.
- G. The resignation of Mrs. Reville, the data clerk, was noted.

VI. Next Meeting Date

- A. The next meeting date is set for **August 15th, 2017** at GSIC.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Weir and seconded by Mr. McLeod. The motion was passed, and the meeting adjourned at 5:46 PM with Peace and Harmony Prevailing.

Robert Buchwitz, GSIC Board Chair

Date: _____