

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. School Leadership Report

Mr. Bannister began his School Leadership Report by introducing Mr. Vriesman and Mr. Haagsma. Mr. Vriesman introduced himself to the Board and spoke about the positive feedback loop teachers benefit from by working with a student teacher. Mr. Haagsma, a student teacher in U.S. History and World History, introduced himself. Mr. Haagsma spoke about the valuable experience gained at Grand River Prep, especially the diversity of the student body. The Board thanked Mr. Vriesman for his years of service, and thanked Mr. Haagsma for sharing with the Board.

Regarding follow-up items from the previous meeting, Mr. Bannister provided the Board with an update on the actions taken to date in response to a request made by a parent in a previous meeting for a scoreboard for the soccer field. The Board discussed fundraising policy and requested Ms. Sorensen work on a draft policy regarding the source and use of funds raised by students via fundraisers.

In providing an enrollment update, Mr. DeVries suggested the School Leadership Team connect with the Rotary Club or another organization to set up a mentoring program for incoming freshman to boost the retention rate over their four years at Grand River Prep. Mr. Booy requested more information on cohort attrition by school of origin, which PrepNet agreed to analyze and report to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Bannister shared about the recent adjustments to the compensation plan, stating that it has been received very well by the instructional team. He also shared that, responding to questions raised, the percentage assigned to an SBG letter grade for purposes of computing grade-point average is going to be revised to the higher level of the range for the letter grade, rather than defaulting to the lower.

i. *Comprehensive Needs Assessment*

Mr. Bannister presented a summary of the School Improvement Plan Comprehensive Needs Assessment that was recently completed. The SIP Team's review of available data leads to team to focus next year on 9th and 10th grade math, continuing to support the current freshman cohort as they enter 10th grade, better supporting English Language Learner (ELL) students, and continuing to increase the engagement and satisfaction of students, parents, and staff.

Mr. Bannister provided a staffing update, an update on the current senior class college acceptance rate and total scholarship dollars earned, and informed the Board of upcoming events at the school.

5. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Fortin informed the Board of upcoming events sponsored by the Charter Schools Office, including the May 7th Day at the Capitol, and Tigers game and golf outing in June.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Charter Contract Ratification

The Board asked Ms. Sorensen to summarize the Charter Contract Ratification Items included in the packet for discussion and approval. She stated the majority of items are identical to the existing charter contract, and pointed out the new or modified items per GVSU's updated contract process.

At the suggestion of Ms. Sorensen, the Board moved approval of the revised Services Agreement to a separate action item, 7f.

b. Matriculation Agreements

The Board discussed the continuation of existing matriculation agreements with Cross Creek, Vanguard, and Vista under the new Board/charter. Mr. McAnally reminded the Board of the need to enter into a new agreement with Excel, as the Boards and schools will now be separate entities.

i. *Revision to Admissions and Enrollment Procedure*

Ms. Sorensen stated the Board's Admissions Policy has not changed, but that PrepNet's underlying practice and procedure to carry out Board policy has been updated to better reflect the historical and anticipated needs of the school going forward. Mr. McAnally went over these changes in detail.

c. Board Documents

The Board requested Ms. Sorensen provide guidance on how and when to make Board documents (such as agendas, packets, and minutes) available to the public. She suggested and the Board discussed options. The Board agreed to add Action Item 7e to decide the issue.

d. Letter of Agency for E-Rate Funding

The Board reviewed the Letter of Agency for E-Rate Funding. Mr. McAnally reminded the Board of this annual action item to allow the school to participate in an E-Rate Consortium that provides discounted telecommunications and internet service for the school.

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7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the February 13, 2015 Organizational Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Cuthbertson and supported by Mr. Booy to approve the February 13, 2015 Organizational Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Ratification of Charter Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Booy and supported by Ms. Cuthbertson to ratify the charter contract and schedules as presented and discussed. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Authorization for Matriculation Agreements

A motion was made by Ms. Cuthbertson and supported by Mr. Booy to approve Matriculation Agreements with Cross Creek Charter Academy, Excel Charter Academy, Vanguard Charter Academy, and Vista Charter Academy pursuant to approval by the sending schools' Boards of Directors. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Approval of the Letter of Agency for E-Rate Funding

A motion was made by Mr. Booy and supported by Ms. Cuthbertson to approve the Letter of Agency for E-Rate Funding as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

e. Board Documents

A motion was made by Mr. Booy and supported by Ms. Cuthbertson to direct PrepNet to post Board Packets on the school website in draft form when sent to the Board prior to each meeting, and updated with the final packet after each meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

f. Approval of the Revised Services Agreement

A motion was made by Ms. Cuthbertson and supported by Mr. Booy to approve the revised Services Agreement as presented to include authorizer indemnification language required by GVSU. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Cuthbertson asked PrepNet about its plans to provide air conditioning in classrooms as warmer weather approaches. Mr. Bannister responded that options are being reviewed.

Mr. Bannister responded to a question from Ms. Cuthbertson about the health class meeting in the gym mezzanine.

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Mr. DeVries reflected on 20 years of Excel history and 7 years of Grand River Prep history, and thanked those present for their roles in the school so far and looked forward to many years ahead under a new, separate charter.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

a. Board Correspondence

The Board formally received email correspondence received from Mr. Bokma since the last meeting, noting the issues raised by Mr. Bokma were addressed by Mr. Bannister earlier in the meeting.

b. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

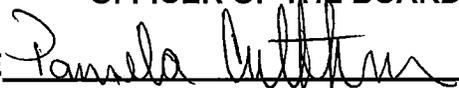
Ms. Bokma spoke about on her belief that a gap exists between past and current/future performance at the school, and cited increased teacher workload as a primary cause. She believes the school is asking too much of the young teachers without a longer season of investment first. She shared concerns about standards-based grading, particularly that it was not initially presented well and that multiple assessments hinge on consistent teachers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Booy and supported by Ms. Cuthbertson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

OFFICER OF THE BOARD

SIGNATURE



Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.