

Full Board Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.
Learning Commons

Attendees: *Becher, Bouws, Burgess, Dykstra, Hollebeek, Jousma, Mouw, Muilenburg, Tanner, van Stempvoort, Woodfin*

Absent: *Hoezee*

Guests:

Meeting called to order: 7:03 p.m.

Opening Devotions: Bouws (7:00 to 7:05)

I. Open Session for Comments from GCCS Community

A. None.

II. Celebration of Successes and Blessings...(7:05 to 7:10)

- A. Grateful for God's provision for family members, including extraordinary rescues
- B. Thankfulness for uneventful start to school year (compared to last year)
- C. Continued excitement regarding capital campaign, including the large group of people who are excited about participating in the school
- D. Grateful for specific high school students from GCCS who are making profession of faith; wonderful to see the church, school, and family work together
- E. Successful start of GCMS robotics team, with 18 kids (doubled from last year); great parent involvement and volunteer participation
- F. Wonderful ability to celebrate students 'varied heritages, including with flags hung in the Learning Commons
- G. Athletics: Solid start for new parents and new coaches in place across numerous sports (cross-country, volleyball, football, soccer), including excellent, Christ-like sportsmanship
- H. Successful back-to-school night at the High School
- I. Wonderful staff and administration; great experience for everyone through the first month of school

III. Approval of August 29, 2022 minutes (7:10 to 7:15)

- A. Motion to approve: Dykstra; Second by Woodfin.
- B. Motion carries.

IV. Board Development (7:15 to 7:40)

- A. Discussion of reading: "Being a Board Member is a Tough Job"

- B. Discussion of ways in which to improve board member training and orientation, including communication and potential re-statement of board purpose and mission statement.

V. Board Report from Head of School (7:40 to 8:15)

- A. Campaign For the Future Update
 - 1. Update regarding campaign totals as of end of August 2022 and tactics for additional efforts.
 - 2. Discussion of threshold of funds needed to break ground.
- B. Enrollment update.
 - 1. Discussion of trends and breakdown of schools from which transfer students are arriving.
- C. VanLunen Applied Project
 - 1. Eric Burgess' project for fellowship program: (1) clarify the GCCS organizational chart; (2) promote GCCS board standing committees (including finance committee and board development committee).
- D. Ambassador High Update
 - 1. Continuation of opportunities for internships, as well as interdisciplinary classes. The other formal structures are being phased out.
- E. 2022-2023 Budget Forecast
 - 1. Review of amended budget forecast, based on current enrollment.

VI. Miscellaneous

- A. Dates for upcoming meetings (8:15 to 8:20)
 - 1. November meeting: Agreed to move to December 5.
 - 2. January meeting: Agreed to move to January 30.
- B. Teacher Feature update–Lisa Jousma (8:20 to 8:30)
 - 1. Discussion of rolling an appreciation for staff/teachers into monthly meetings. Lisa will spearhead.

VII. Executive Session (8:30 to 8:50)

Motion to enter executive session at 8:56 pm: Motion by van Stempvoort; second by Becher. Motion carries.

Motion to leave executive session at 9:45 pm: Motion by Hollebeek; second by Dykstra. Motion carries.

VIII. Committee Reports (received as information)

- A. Executive committee (standing): September 20, 2022 minutes
- B. GCCS Foundation Board (standing): Heather Hoezee

IX. Recap and Evaluation of Meeting (8:50 to 9:00)

Closing Prayer: Tanner

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm

Upcoming dates:

- Exec meeting: October 18, at 7:00 am (via Zoom)
- Full Board meeting: October 24, at 7:00 pm (Learning Commons)
 - Devotions: Becher
 - Closing Prayer: Muilenburg
- Board calendar for 2022/2023