

Full Board Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.
CCHS - Room 65

Attendees: *Burgess, Dykstra, Hoeszee, Hollebeek, Jousma, Mouw, Muilenburg, Scholten, Tanner, Woodfin, Yax*

Absent: *van Stempvoort*

Guests: Jill Boomstra, Kyle Warnke

Meeting called to order: 6:07 pm

Opening Devotions: Muilenberg

- I. Open Session for Comments from GCCS Community**
 - A. None.

- II. Reviewing the Mission, Vision and Core Values of the school**

- III. Celebration of Successes and Blessings**
 - A. "The Send" assembly
 - B. Ribbon cutting for robotics / maker space - good cross section of the community, a lot of interaction
 - C. Tailgate at the football game well attended

- IV. Guests - Advancement Office**
 - A. Development - Jill Boomstra
 - B. Marketing and Communiations - Kyle Warnke

- V. Approval of [August 28, 2023 minutes](#)**
 - A. Motion to approve: Dykstra. Second: Muilenburg
 - B. Motion passes.

- VI. Board Professional Development**

Reading from *Guiding Schools to Flourish* (pages 3 - 21)

- Since 6 of our 11 members are in either their first or second year on the Board, it is appropriate this fall to start again with a high level view of the Board's and Board member's roles. Please read the four chapters (pages

3-21) by our September Board meeting and ponder the questions that they raise. [Here are the first four chapters in a PDF...or you can read them in your copy of the book.](#)

VII. HOS Update

A. [Board Report for September 2023](#) - Eric Burgess

1. Overview of updates on progress on strategic plan
 - a) Discussion of need for update of policy handbooks. Goal is to have Eric B. and the policy committee work on this during the 2023-2024 school year. *(This will be tracked by monthly meetings of the policy subcommittee of the Board.)*
2. Review of 2023/24 enrollment numbers

B. Campaign Update and Next Steps

1. Recap of Campaign Advisory Meeting Sept. 7
2. Review of financial metrics and update on campaign status and goals
3. Update on construction at GCCS and GCHS

VIII. Task Force Working Group Updates - Eric B.

A. Human Sexuality Curriculum Review

1. [Agenda for September 19 Meeting and the Minutes from August 24 Meeting](#)
 - a) Meetings have been very productive. Everyone has been respectful to each other during discussions.
2. Next Two Meetings will be on October 24 and November 14

B. Belonging

1. See Head of School report.
2. Aligns with Strategic Plan Goal 2 - "Cultivating Communities of Belonging"

C. Strategic Planning for 2025 – 2030

1. The Strategic Planning Task Force will not begin its work until (most likely) February 2024.

IX. Miscellaneous

- A. Signing of [Community Covenant](#)
- B. Signing of [Conflict of Interest Acknowledgement](#)

X. Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session at 7:55 pm: Motion by Tanner, second by Jousma. Motion carries.

Motion to leave executive session at 8:05 pm: Motion by Dykstra; second by Hollebeek. Motion carries.

XI. Committee Reports

- A. Executive committee (standing): [September 11, 2023](#)
- B. Finance Committee (standing): Tanner
 - 1. Meeting on October 5
- C. Policy Committee
- D. GCCS Foundation Board (standing)
- E. Board Development Committee: Woodfin
 - 1. Nomination form to be included in new Board web page (see [Board of Trustees | Holland Christian Schools](#))
 - 2. [Current tasks and timelines](#)
 - 3. Added Lucas Yax to the committee

XII. Board Retreat Summary

- A. Communication Improvement Brainstorming Results
 - 1. Website update for Board page to make improve transparency and communication
 - a) Committee formed to review Board web page and propose updates
 - (1) Initial meeting 9/27
 - 2. Quarterly newsletter to provide community with information on recent board activities
 - a) Next newsletter in process
 - b) Delivery in late October/early November
 - 3. “Buddy” for all new board members to reduce onboarding time and increase effectiveness - starting in spring 2024 with incoming members

Closing Prayer: Jousma

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

Upcoming dates:

- [Exec meeting](#): Wednesday, October 11, at 8:00 am (via Google Meet)
- [Full Board meeting](#): Monday, October 23, at 6:00 pm
 - Devotions: Mouw
 - Closing Prayer: Mulenburg

- [Board calendar for 2023/24](#)