

GOODWIN COLLEGE MAGNET SCHOOLS, INC.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 24, 2018, 4:30 pm
Goodwin College, Building 167, Room 8

Members present- Jackie Jacoby, Eddie Meyer, Megan Mehr, Mark Scheinberg, Todd Andrews

Members absent- Marilee Dejohn

Staff Present- Lynn Guerriero, Gayle Mulligan, Ali Welcome, Craig Drezek

Guests- none

1. Call to Order

- Jackie Jacoby called the meeting to order at 4:27 pm.

2. Public Comment

- None

3. Consent Agenda

3a. Approval of GCMS Board Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2018

- Eddie Meyer motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Megan Mehr seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

Board Chair Jackie Jacoby suggested that items #5 & #7 be moved up in agenda. Board agreed unanimously

5. Business Requiring Action

5a. Resolution GCMS 18-04- Appointment of Officers

- Mark Scheinberg made a motion to approve Resolution 18-04- Appointment of Officers. Eddie Meyer seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

7. Approve schedule of regular Board meeting dates for 2019

March 13, 2019

June 26, 2019

September 18, 2019

November 20, 2019

- Mark Scheinberg made a motion to approve the 2019 regular board meeting dates. Megan Mehr seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously. (4-0)

Todd Andrews and Craig Drezek joined the meeting at 4:35pm

Mark Scheinberg left the meeting at 4:39pm

4. Introduction of new Assistant Superintendent of Goodwin Magnet Schools

Craig Drezek introduced himself to the group. Said he has hit the ground running, meeting with partners to enhance magnet schools and find ways to improve relationships and find new ways to generate revenue through his network system. He already has a number of big initiatives he has been part of including Child Watch Program (drop in daycare) which came about from a federal grant the school was awarded, the Hartford initiative with David Goldblum, and revitalizing the Goodwin Advanced Manufacturing Academy Program (GAMA) – similar model as the former senior academy.

Discussion around the urgency of moving forward with GAMA is to provide supplemental funding of manufacturing annex and utilization of our facilities to capacity. Discussion on how it would be rolled out with districts, target market, cost, programming focus, and long and short term plans. Also talked about Perkins Grant and how many towns don't understand it or how to maximize its potential.

Discussion around the drop in daycare program including location, affiliation with Riverside Magnet School, age specifications, licensing and registration, and long and short term goals.

6. Special Reports

a. Staff reports status on magnet schools – Lynn Guerriero

- Lynn shared information on new international student program that is in the works to be implemented start of 2019-20 school year. We have been approved by homeland security, have our Sevis license and are now in process of creating program and then will inform state of our intentions. We have VIA as partner who will help in recruiting and have spoken to American HomeStay Network who will help in vetting of host families.
- Discussion points included number of students to start --around 6, building school culture, and cost implications of such program. LEARN is also rolling this out in one of their other schools and CT IB Academy already has a program in place and we are getting input from them. Questions and comments around transitions socially and educationally.
- CTRA just completed its NEASC accreditation final assessment. Overall very positive feedback. One issue they are likely to recommend CTRA is to look at their class structure. We currently have an 8 block schedule which is quite stressful for faculty and students alike.
- We have a new bus to transport our students. We now have two busses and two full time drivers.
- MSAP grant - year one of 5 of the grant is completed. An evaluation team has just undergone an assessment as to how well CTRA did in folding our manufacturing theme into our overall academic curriculum – the group was impressed with outcomes.
- Riverside Magnet School 5th graders just returned from their first overnight trip to Camp Jewel. It was an overwhelming success and the school plans this to be annual trip.

b. Expanding current magnet board with new membership

Jackie Jacoby suggested to the board that they consider looking to expand membership. She suggested we look internally at Goodwin faculty or someone from outside the College entirely. Board members made various suggestions on individuals. Todd suggested that they review the bylaws to determine how election process is defined and he would circulate to the Board clarifying procedures for adding new members.

8. Adjournment

Todd Andrews made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 pm. Eddie Meyer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. (4-0)