

BRASHIER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Call to Order	(J. Trone)
Visitor's Comments	(J. Trone)
Approval of Agenda	(J. Trone)
Approval of January Minutes	(J. Trone)
Success Celebrations	(J. Trone)
Strategic Plan Progress	(M. Sinclair)
Committee Reports	
a. Finance Committee Report	(T. Cary)
1. Upcoming Tuition costs	
2. Naviance Platform	
b. Community Relations Committee	(Kipra Anderson)
1. Spring Fundraiser	
2. Parent/Student Survey	
Executive Session	
Principal's Report/School Overview	(M. Sinclair)
Adjourn	(J. Trone)

MINUTES

John Trone called the February 13, 2017 meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Board members in attendance were Kipra Anderson, Joan Asher, Frank Campigotto, Tonya Cary, Hal Helms, Lynn Magnan, Pam Patterson, Nelson Pinochet, Rene Sawyer and John Trone. Principal Michael Sinclair also attended. Absent were: Keith McNeel.

John Trone distributed the agenda. Joan Asher made a motion to approve the agenda. Nelson Pinochet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank Campigotto had previously distributed the January 9, 2017 board meeting minutes via email. Hal Helms moved to approve the minutes. Rene Sawyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitor's Comments

Nathan Robledo and Gina Joerger, both seniors, informed the Board about the Middle College National Consortium (MCNC) and their involvement with this year's theme selected by the Consortium - Nature. They, along with other students from the school, have prepared a visual album about nature that they will present at the Consortium convention in March. The visual album is presented in a series of four videos that include photographs displayed with music selected to enhance the viewer's experience and communicate a message about one's place in nature. The four videos have themes of Earth, Fire, Air and Water. Nathan and Gina played a short clip of the visual album to the Board and the Board was quite impressed. The MCNC conference will be held in Houston this year and attracts charter school students from across the country. The Board wished Nathan and Gina, as well as the other students, success with their endeavors with the MCNC and thanked them for taking the time to update the Board on their activities.

Success Celebrations

The Board had a general discussion concerning the success and value of charter schools.

Strategic Plan Progress

Principal Mike Sinclair reviewed progress being made to achieve the School's Strategic Plan.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee Report. Tonya Cary and Mike Sinclair led the discussion on how to best address the issue of Greenville Tech tuition now that Greenville Tech has decided to start charging tuition for our students. While in the past our students were able to attend for free, now the School will be charged \$40 per semester hour for their attendance. While the Board wants to continue to provide our students with free tuition, it is recognized that the School budget has limits. Greenville Tech will phase in the tuition program starting with the graduating class of 2020, who are now freshman at the School. The Board has decided the following:

- The School will continue to pay for all books required for the classes.
- The School will pay for all tuition costs for all students in the graduating class of 2020.
- For all students starting as freshman in 2017 (graduating class of 2021) and thereafter, the School will pay on a 1, 2, 3 model, *i.e.*, one class each semester of their sophomore year, two classes per semester for their junior year, and three classes per semester for their senior year.
 - These students may choose to take additional classes but will bear the tuition costs themselves and reimburse the School for the tuition costs when such costs are due at Greenville Tech, *e.g.*, typically within the first five days of class. Otherwise Greenville Tech will drop them from the class for nonpayment of tuition.
- Any student that drops a class for which the School has paid the tuition shall be required to reimburse the School for the cost of the tuition for that class.
- The Board will track the cost of tuition for our students and its impact on the budget. The Board may make changes to the tuition program at any time as it sees fit to keep the School fiscally sound. It is noted that Greenville Tech may increase the tuition fees as it sees fit.

New Patio. The design for the patio has changed since it was determined that the location of the patio as originally contemplated blocked access to service vehicles. Therefore a new design will be implemented that will form a semi-circle around the glass windows. This will require more concrete and therefore be more expensive. To keep within the \$11,000 budget approved by the Board last month, the number of picnic tables will be reduced for now. Additional tables can be added in the future as desired. Because of time constraints on the Board, the Naviance Platform discussion was postponed till next month's meeting.

Community Relations Committee. Kipra Anderson reported that the committee was considering different ideas for a Spring Fundraiser. They have decided not to do a gala event or a silent auction since such events are so time consuming. Instead they are looking at partnering with community business to have a fundraiser, such as with bowling, rock climbing, movies and so forth. She also reported that the Third Parent Meeting will be held on March 29 and will have Karen LaBelle as a speaker for the girls and their parents. Ms. LaBelle is a life coach specializing in working with teenage girls. They are still looking for a suitable speaker for the boys. This year the committee intends to conduct a parent and student survey. The target date for the survey is in May.

Executive Session

The Board was called into Executive Session at 6:50 PM to discuss a student matter. The

Executive Session ended at 7:20 PM

Principal's Report/School Overview

Mike Sinclair provided the Principal's Report and commented as follows:

- **Drug Dog Results:** On February 2, we initiated a partial lock-down in order to keep all students in classrooms. We had staff at the front door and each restroom to ensure everyone in the building was accounted for and remained in a supervised location. Any student entering the building after the search started was sent to room 226, and remained there until we finished. Including the random students held in room 226, we searched 12 of 19 rooms. Some of these were targeted rooms that we specifically selected as part of the search. There were 4 dogs on site with 3 searching the building and 1 searching the upper parking lot. Once the search concluded, we allowed students to move through the building as usual. The search lasted from 9:35 until approximately 10:10. Nothing was found during the search.
- **Active Shooter/Safety Contract:** Discussed training that is available for school personnel and students: (1) 4 hour training for staff including training in securing your workspace, personal defense, and medical instruction; (2) 1 hour situational awareness training for students (\$425/grade level). Not sure how many to have trained at this point. Considering purchasing Bleeding Control Kits (tourniquets) to post next to each AED.
- **Freshmen Interviews (March 4):**
 - a. Students with grades below 80 will meet 1 on 1
 - b. Students with grades between 80 and 85 will meet 2 on 1
 - c. Students with grades above 85 will meet 3 on 1
- **March 7 Plan:**
 - a. 11th graders will take the ACT in classrooms using Chromebooks
 - b. 9th and 10th graders will have the option of Job Shadowing or Community Service
 - c. 12th graders will have the option of a Senior Project Work Day or Community Service

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next Board meeting will be March 13, 2017.
Submitted by FJ Campigotto, Secretary