

# Geneva School of Boerne

113 Cascade Caverns Road, Boerne, TX 78015

## **Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

The regular meeting of the **Geneva School of Boerne Board of Trustees** was held during the Annual Board Dinner at The Grill in Leon Springs. The meeting was called to order on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 6:42pm by the President. The Secretary was in attendance.

### **Attendees**

Brad Ryden, Kevin Young, Amy Metzger, Dirk Russell, Karen Abell, Steve Griffey, Bret Wacker, Carrie Friesenhahn, Steve Drukker, Jim Guy Egbert, Dave Tippit, Tiffany Smith and Charles Garcia were in attendance.

### **Distributed Items**

- Prior to the meeting the following items were emailed to members by the Head of School:
  - *Headmaster Report – December 14, 2017*
  - *CC Campaign Construction Costs*
- Prior to the meeting the following items were emailed to members by the Secretary:
  - *Nov '17 Financials – Board Summary*
  - *Headmaster Report – December 14, 2017, 20171116 – DRAFT Board Minutes*
- No items were distributed to members during the meeting

**Opening Prayer** was offered by Steve Drukker

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes** – Steve Griffey moved to approve the prior Board meeting (11/16/2017) minutes as submitted by the Secretary. Seconded by Jim Guy Egbert. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion** commenced about the future cadence of Board meetings.

Carrie Friesenhahn moved to change the current meeting cadence from monthly to bimonthly beginning in January 2018, using the following 2017-2018 school calendar meeting schedule:

- January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018
- May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The motion passed by majority vote.

### **Capital Campaign Committee – Steve Griffey**

1. The committee met with the FOCUS Group
2. The relationship with the FOCUS Group officially ends on 12/18/17 but reengagement will occur in January 2018 to define the ongoing relationship between FOCUS and GSB
3. The FOCUS Group will provide feedback on a GSB assessment of “what does advancement look like for GSB”
4. The FOCUS Group will provide recommendations and insights on the job description of a major gifts officer
5. The Capital Campaign Committee recommends that the GSB Board hire a major gifts officer

### **Master Planning Report – Steve Griffey**

1. Specific negotiating numbers are expected to be available on potential property options by the end of January 2018
2. Some GSB family members have expressed interest in financially supporting a land acquisition for the school

### **Committee on Trustees – Dave Tippit**

1. The CoT requests that the Board permit the committee to handle all board-related conversations with potential board candidates

### **HOS Report – Brad Ryden**

1. 1 new student beginning in January 2018
2. Review of the email provided prior to the meeting indicating the campaign expense numbers through the end of November
3. The Finance Office is currently projecting a surplus for the 2017-2018 fiscal year
4. An after-school choir is being promoted by the GSB Twitter account
5. Approximately 1,300 Christmas cards from the school have gone out to members of the GSB community
6. There is a current effort to consider the best way to connect with GSB alumni

**Discussion** was held on potential pros and cons of using various technology-based tools to increase engagement with the GSB alumni.

### **Admissions Committee – Brad Ryden**

1. Interviews for the 2018-2019 school year have begun

### **HSEC Committee – Kevin Young**

1. Kevin led board discussion about feedback obtained on standardized testing by GSB students
2. GSB students are improving science scores on standardized tests

### **Finance Report – Karen Abell**

1. Karen facilitated a discussion about feedback obtained by the board on the tuition raise
2. Discussion was held about five grants which were awarded to GSB teachers for research

Dave Tippit facilitated discussion about the Andy Crouch book, Culture Making. It was agreed upon that the next book would be sent out by Steve Griffey and reviewed at the annual retreat with discussion led by the CoT.

A reminder was given to all board members that the Society of Classical Learning Annual Conference would be held in Birmingham, Alabama on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Drukker led the board in prayer for specific prayer requests along with prayers for the GSB students/families, administration, faculty, staff, community and former students.

### **Meeting Close**

The next board meeting will be held at the **Geneva School of Boerne** at 113 Cascade Cavern, Boerne, TX 78015, in Dirk Russell's classroom at 6pm on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20pm  
Charles R. Garcia, Secretary

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