

South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 31, 2019

Noon

Governing Board Members Present

Mr. Hal Campbell, Chair, Presiding
Dr. Perry Halushka, Vice-Chair
Mr. John Barnes
Dr. Christian Przirembel
Dr. Judith Salley
Mr. Lee Stogner

Governing Board Members Present via Conference Call:

Dr. Ty Coleman – joined at 12:10 pm
Dr. Randy Collins
Dr. Sandra Kelly
Dr. Anne Pressley
Mr. Ravi Sastry
Mr. Arthur Thompkins
Ms. Carolyne Williams

Staff Members Present:

Dr. Hector Flores	Mrs. Bridget Lloyd
Mrs. Anne Brumley	Dr. Letita Mason
Mrs. Beth Dinndorf	Mr. Jon Shannon
Mr. Danny Dorsel	Dr. Ershela Sims
Mr. Brock Heron	

Guests Present via Conference Call:

Mr. Niles Brinton, GSSM Alumni Board, President - joined at 1:16 pm

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call:

Mr. Hal Campbell, Chair called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm. The roll was taken with a quorum present.

Item 2: Reminder of Future Board Meetings:

Mr. Hall Campbell reminded everyone to make a note of the future Board meetings for 2019.

April 18, 2019	Hartsville	Noon
June 13, 2019	Conference Call	Noon

Item 3: Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2018, GSSM Board of Trustees Meeting:

Mr. Hal Campbell asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting of the GSSM Board of Trustees. Motion to approve by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Dr. Salley, and unanimously approved by the Board.

Note: Mr. Campbell moved Item 6 up on the agenda to ensure a quorum for the session.

Item 6: Motion from the Committee on Educational Policies and Practices - Dr. Perry Halushka

Dr. Halushka, the Vice-Chair, began his report by requesting Board approval of the new 5-5-5-5 curriculum on behalf of the Curriculum Committee and the Education Sub-Committee. Dr. Halushka informed the Board that the Education Sub-Committee is satisfied with the curriculum changes. He congratulated the Curriculum Committee on doing an outstanding job on completing a comprehensive, inclusive process that included engaged students.

Dr. Halushka opened the floor up for questions and discussions.

Mr. Dorsel, Senior Vice President, Residential was asked to provide the Board with an overview of the process involved in finalizing the new graduation requirements.

Mr. Campbell called for a vote in favor of the curriculum changes. A vote was taken and unanimously approved by the Board.

Item 4: Introductions – Dr. Hector Flores

Dr. Flores acknowledged and introduced faculty and staff who are implementing some of the initiatives at GSSM. He also recognized and welcomed other GSSM staff members and students.

Item 5: President's Report – Dr. Hector Flores

Dr. Flores' President's Report included the following updates:

- Interim as a laboratory for curricular renovation and global engagement
- Athletics Department Update
- The commencement address on June 1st that will be delivered by Dr. Arthur Lupia, Assistant Director of the National Science Foundation.
- GSSM students stage performance of Photograph 51, in the Watson Auditorium at Coker College on May 4, 2019.
- Renewing and Establishing New Partnerships with SC Governor's School for Arts and Humanities and the Sterling and Charles Townes Center respectively.
- GSSM Historical Marker Dedication Celebration of the Historic Milliken Textile Mill will be held on February 15th.
- The 30th Annual Research Colloquium will be held on February 9th. Dr. Josh Whitten, Director of Research, provided the Board with a summary of the Research Experience for seniors who have completed their summer research at labs and facilities in South Carolina.
- 3rd Annual Inside GSSM will be held on March 2nd. This initiative brings many children and their families to campus for a day of imagination, inspiration and innovation.
- Revisiting GSSM Elementary Mobile Steam Bus: The project will be funded through a grant awarded by the Byerly Foundation.
- College Admissions Update – Dr. Jenifer Blair, Director of College Counseling and Advising, provided the Board with an update on the department's new initiatives and a summary of the colleges that have accepted students to date.

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- Professional Development Initiatives – Dr. Jennifer Taylor, Director of Professional Development and Biology Instructor provided the Board with an update on the Professional Development initiatives happening at GSSM.
- Admissions Transition – Dr. Letita Mason, Director of Admissions and Mr. Jon Shannon, Exec. Vice President/CIO provided the Board with a summary of the admissions process and the strategy developed to identify new applicants. The school may consider extending the February 15th application deadline.
- Hiring Consultants:
 - GSSM will hire a consultant to conduct individual interviews with the GSSM community.
 - GSSM has contracted with a Marketing Consultant to develop a new marketing strategy.
- GSSM Alumni Day – The City of Hartsville will issue GSSM a proclamation declaring March 30, 2019 “GSSM Alumni Day” to commemorate the 30th Anniversary. The All-Class Alumni reunion will be held March 29-31st.

Item 7: Foundation Executive Director Report – Ms. Elizabeth Dinndorf

Ms. Dinndorf report included an update on the following:

- Foundation Financial Report
- Fundraising Campaigns
- Foundation Metrics and Goals
- Townes Award Event

Note: Mr. Campbell moved Item 9 up on the agenda.

Item 9: Alumni Update – Mr. Niles Brinton '08

Mr. Brinton gave an update on the following:

- Alumni All-Class Reunion – March 29th-31st
- Need for an updated Alumni Portal

Item 10: Parent's Update – Ms. Nancy Campbell, member of the Parent's Advisory Committee

Ms. Campbell provided the Board with a background on her student's positive experiences at GSSM. Ms. Campbell continued by sharing her passion and support for the success of the GSSM athletics program.

Item 13: Executive Session – Closed Session

Mr. Campbell requested to adjourn into Executive Session.

Return to Open Session:

Mr. Campbell declared the meeting back into Open Session. No actions were taken or decisions made during Executive Session.

Item 8: Finance, Facilities, and Operations – Mr. Art Tompkins '92 and Mr. Brock Heron

Mr. Tompkins, Chair of the Finance Committee, called upon Mr. Brock Heron, VP for Operations for the report. Mr. Heron presented the annual financial report for 2018-2019 as of January 31, 2019. Mr. Heron provided the Board with an explanation of the funds that were carried-forward and the school's plans for the use of those funds.

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Item 11: New Business:

None

Item 12: Approval of Consent Agenda:

No quorum present at the time. No action was taken. The Consent Agenda will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Item 14: Adjourn:

Mr. Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion offered by Dr. Przirembel and seconded by Dr. Salley, and unanimously approved by the Board. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Mr. Hal Campbell, Chairman
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