

**GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 10, 2008 @ 5:30 P.M. – 7:14 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Leslie Burlock Susan Hoffman Leon Schmidt
 Cecily Cameron William Johnston Suzanne Schutte
 Eve Collard Amy Joseph Ellice Sperber
 Cathy Dean Donna Liu Laura Spivy
 David deWilde Judith McRae Peter Thorp
 Robin Donohoe Gale Mondry Greg Toler
 Mark Felton Sharon Olken Aaron Watson
 Erika Goncalves Mayer Riff Katherine Welch

Board Members Excused: Scott Gutterman Joyce McMinn Erin Niehaus
 Omar Khalif Toye Moses

Also Present: Elizabeth Dubuque Chris Hero Tina McGovern

1. FACULTY AND BOARD CELEBRATION

The faculty and Board had a gathering before the Board meeting to celebrate the approval of the Charter Renewal.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cathy Dean called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The meeting was held in the Library of Gateway High School.

Cathy welcomed everyone and announced that a new agenda had been distributed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of October 29th were approved with a few minor changes.

There was no public comment.

4. STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Jennifer Chen, Gateway's Student Body President, gave a thorough Student Council update where she explained many of the exciting student body events such as: Spirit week; The Winter formal and a prom update.

5. COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES

Cecily Cameron announced that Laura Spivy would serve as Gateway's next Board Chair for the 2009 school year. The Board Assessment Survey was distributed. Cecily introduced and explained a proposal to create a Trustees Emeritus status for Gateway's founders and former board chairs. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and passed unanimously, to establish a Trustees Emeritus status. Cathy Dean concluded by stating that language will be drafted for the bi-laws about the new Trustees Emeritus status.

6. AUDIT REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Mayer Riff explained the results of Gateway's audit and reported that there were no open items. He congratulated everyone on a fantastic job with specific thanks given to Chris Hero. He announced that next year there would be new disclosure statements distributed and that a presentation on this topic would occur at a future Board meeting. Laura Spivy explained the new format for the audited financials

which breaks out income from on-going operations and non-recurring income. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the audited statements for 2007-2008. Chris Hero defined and explained the independent study policy. A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve the independent study policy.

7. FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Aaron Watson reported that the Finance Committee is currently looking closely at teacher compensation and how to best distribute Prop A funds. Chris Hero provided a comparative analysis of Gateway's health benefits versus the San Francisco Unified School Districts and concluded that the two plans are comparable. Aaron distributed a survey to the Board that asked members to answer the question, "What do we value as a school and how do we remain competitive when speaking about compensation?" Aaron distributed and explained the results from the Faculty Affairs Committee Survey.

8. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chris Hero distributed and explained the cash flow update sheets. Tina McGovern explained the operating funds sheet and provided a fundraising update. Tina announced that she would be sending out donor lists to all Board members.

8. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Laura Spivy explained the operating budget and the forecast sheets and highlighted specific changes that had been made to the forecast sheets. Laura also discussed the potential mid-year state funding cuts and Chris offered further explanation about the specifics of these potential cuts. Laura stated that they do not need to sell any investments as all of Gateway's costs are covered. A discussion ensued regarding Gateway's current investments and the current market volatility. Tina McGovern thanked Lisille Matheson for setting up Gateway's capital campaign.

9. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Due to time constraints, Principal Sharon Olken did not provide a verbal report.

10. CHARTER RENEWAL

A motion was made and unanimously passed to approve Gateway's Charter renewal through 2014.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to bring before The Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Signed: _____
Eve Collard, Board Secretary

Date: _____