

**GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 12, 2006 @ 5:07 p.m. – 7:03 p.m.**

Board Members Present:

Leslie Burlock	Karen Jess Lindsley	Sharon Olken
Cecily Cameron	Norm Katz	Will Parish
Eve Collard	Donna Liu	Bob Scavullo
Cathy Dean	Judith McRae	Leon Schmidt
Robin Donohoe	Joyce McMinn	Laura Spivy
Ashley Hager	Lisille Matheson	
Susan Hoffman	Gale Mondry	Peter Thorp

Board Member Excused:

Becky Draper	Toye Moses	Liana Szeto
Erika Goncalves	Pat Napoliello	Alberto Tovar
Carole Hays	Suzanne Schutte	

Also Present: Tina McGovern Iris Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1.1 Chair Cathy Dean called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. The meeting was held in the Library of Gateway High School.

1.2 The minutes of the November 15th, 2006 Board Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

2. EVENT UPDATES:

Upcoming events include the Board and staff Holiday Party, the Project Week Gala, Board visit day and the Parent Alumni Event.

Board members were thanked for their Board gifts. These gifts are an important part of fundraising efforts.

Plans for orientation for new Board members are underway.

Joyce McMinn shared photos from the recent ASPCA community service project. She received wonderful feedback about the Gateway students who participated.

3. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Principal Sharon Olken gave a brief school update. Gateway students are currently in a stressful yet exciting transition period as they close the first semester with finals week and prepare for the second semester. Gateway students recently did a phenomenal performance of The Laramie Project, which is a dramatic retelling of the hate crime against Matthew Shepard. Plans for an encore presentation are in the works. Winter sports season has gotten off to a successful start. The boy's basketball team has won three games in a row.

The Board commended the work of Kevin McCoy, Gateway's Director of Technology, who has been working hard to update the school website with pictures links and information from Gateway events.

Sharon discussed the recent honor Gateway received from the Department of Education as well as the current progress made in applying for the California Distinguished Schools Award. Other updates included the progress made with Gateway's partnership with Stanford Professional Development Schools Network and Supervisor Mirkarimi's invitation to join the Youth Advisory Group for District 5.

Sharon discussed the new enrollment policy established for KIPP SF Bay Academy. For the upcoming school year, slots will be reserved for some of the KIPP SF Bay Academy but less than the 15% of the incoming class as the KIPP SF Bay 8th grade class is smaller than expected this year.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

4.1 Education Committee:

Peter Thorp shared a narrative about Gateway's first year of operation which highlighted the origins of Gateway's commitment to a college-preparatory program. Leslie Burlock shared discussion highlights from the recent Education Committee meeting which focused on the commitment to bring all students to a college bound level. This included ensuring that Gateway has the resources necessary to bring all students with low skills and learning disabilities to a mission consistent academic level. Considerations included effective allocation of resources, counseling incoming families to ensure academic preparedness, partnering with outside college-preparatory programs, conveying academic and attendance expectations to students and examining teaching practices to optimize the learning experience of students. The Board discussed these topics and brainstormed about how to further inspire and instill mission consistent desire and skill in Gateway students. Other discussion included methods to support Gateway Faculty.

4.2 Finance Committee:

Laura Spivy gave a brief financial update detailing success in reaching current financial targets in attendance and investment income. The Finance Committee has upcoming plans to begin the budgeting process. Additionally, working with the Audit and Development Committees, they are creating a more complete binder of procedures.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chair Cathy Dean opened the floor for announcements.

Will Parish shared current advancements made by Student Leadership including a successful school dance and progress made by the Prom and Student Constitution Committees.

Lisille Matheson announced that the Campaign Committee's is actively pursuing Scholars Fund gifts and plans to seek out Board members for support.

Norm Katz shared highlights from the Faculty Affairs/Finance Sub-committee meeting which included discussion of faculty workload as well as the desire to develop the faculty-Board relationship. Norm agreed to later present a comprehensive report to the Board.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library at Gateway High School.

Signed: _____
Becky Draper, Board Secretary

Date