

GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 5th, 2008 @ 5:06 p.m. – 7:00p.m.

Board Members Present:	Cecily Cameron Eve Collard David deWilde Cathy Dean Robin Donohoe Erika Goncalves Scott Gutterman Susan Hoffman	Bill Johnston Donna Liu Joyce McMinn Judith McRae Lisille Matheson Sharon Olken Will Parish Mayer Riff	Suzanne Schutte Leon Schmidt Ellice Sperber Laura Spivy Peter Thorp Greg Toler
Board Members Excused:	Leslie Burlock Norm Katz Gale Mondry	Toye Moses Tracy Pore Bob Scavullo	Liana Szeto
Also Present:	Chris Hero	Tina McGovern	Quenadyne Bucher

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cathy Dean called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m. The meeting was held in the Library of Gateway High School.

2. STUDENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Student Council President Alexia Diaz briefed the Board on the various fundraising efforts underway for events such as the Valentines Day Dance, the Prom in May, and Grad Night. Alexia asked for support in getting out the news to dine at any of three locations at Chevy's Night on February 21st where 25% of the bill will go to Gateway. Alexia also updated the Board on Project Week student reviews, House activities, and the senior class' Social Justice Project working with the 826 Valencia organization. Alexia also spoke to how being at Gateway and serving as Student Council President had impacted her school experience in developing strong leadership skills and growing into a confident college-bound role model.

Principal Sharon Olken shared a video short produced by students, and voted by students at the Golden Gator Film Festival.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 4, 2007 were reviewed and unanimously approved with one clarification re audit – "minor errors in student entrance and exit dates"

No public comment.

4. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Cathy asked Business Manager, Chris Hero, to speak to the implications of the proposed State budget cuts and the San Francisco city parcel tax proposed by the SFUSD. Peter Thorp also shared the Charter School Associations views and concerns about possible impacts to Charter schools' financial forecasting and funding.

Sharon Olken walked the Board Members through the financial presentation included in the meeting packet. She emphasized that as we move forward, we continue to look for new revenue streams, investigate innovative ways to fundraiser, and maintain a balanced budget. Considerable time was spent in discussion on topics ranging from research, partnerships, benchmarking, enrollment, compensation and mission-alignment. It was underscored that financial matters/decisions all go into committees for action, i.e., Finance Committee, Education Committee.

5. EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Will Parish presented the update from the Committee which has been researching, studying and comparing our academic scheduling to 10-12 other schools with our goal in mind of minimizing fee time and maximizing the curriculum. There was much discussion, and many more questions. The Committee is still very much in the brainstorming stage, and will have another update next month.

6. DEVELOPMENT

Tina McGovern briefed the Board on the upcoming 10th Anniversary events, including the March 11th Panel and Donor Reception. Electronic flyers will be ready shortly for everyone to share with friends, colleagues, and interested persons.

7. RESOLUTIONS

Chair Cathy Dean presented two resolutions dealing with financial matters and allocations. Both were approved unanimously.

8. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Sharon Olken's address focused on Gateway's attendance and enrollment numbers. We are still under-enrolled at this time, and Sharon went into detail regarding the trends, the statistics and the measures we are taking to bring enrollment up. There were many questions and much discussion centered around the numbers, both past and present, and Gateway's approach to tracking attendance and trends.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 5 p.m. in the Library at Gateway High School.

Signed: _____
Eve Collard, Board Secretary

Date