



Board Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2020 – 3:30pm

The mission of Grand Peak Academy is to develop students of great character, who are culturally aware, accepting of diversity, appreciators of history, arts, mathematics, and sciences, and are prepared to meet the challenges of the world today. We value parental partnership through direct involvement in classroom and school activities and community stewardship through our support of local charities and hosting of community events.

The Board shall use the Mission and the Plan for Success (Academic Success, Economic Sustainability and Character Growth) as the filter for all decision making.

1. **Call to Order** (3:33pm) –
2. **Roll Call** (3:34pm) – Chris Dempsey (President), Brandon Henry (Vice President), Jen Reishus (Treasurer), Steven Teague (Secretary), Scott Hunter (Principal), Valerie O'Brien (Business Manager), Marcia Billingsley (Registrar)
3. **Approval of July 31, 2020 Board Agenda** (3:35pm) – Brandon motioned to approve. Stephen seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0
4. **Approval of June 18, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes** (3:35pm) – Brandon motioned to approve. Steven seconded. Motion passes 4-0
5. **Comments from the public** (3:35pm) - None
6. **Board Dashboard/Principals Report** (3:36pm) – None
7. **Treasurer/Business Manager Report on Trend** (3:37pm) – We ended the 19-20 school year fairly strong, we were able to rebuild our reserves after a couple years of loss. That puts us in a better place to handle the funding cuts this year, than many schools.
8. **Discussion Items**
 - a. **GPA Start Date** (3:37pm) – Chris noted that El Paso has temporarily passed a change to limit groups to 100 people, with the exception of religious groups. Scott recommends we follow the district and start the 17th, either in person and online or totally online. Chris feels that we have no reason to disagree with the district. This will allow for staff to receive extra training for streaming school.
 - b. **Masks for Grades 1-4** (3:45pm) – Currently we have 5-8 and staff wearing masks the entire day. Grades 1-4 will wear them in public spaces but will not be required to wear them in classrooms. Scott commented that a number of teachers feel it is important that all grades have masks on. Now that more staff is in the building we are working to enforce all staff wearing the mask anytime there is more than one person in a room. Scott wants to make sure we have done everything we can do to prevent the spread of COVID. Chris reviewed the Colorado guidelines for schools and cohorts should there be a case in the building. Scott commented that we work with the district nurse and El Paso County Health to complete contact tracing and determine who would be quarantined.
 - c. **Time & Attendance for Online Learners** (3:56pm) – Scott commented that the district has a return to learn plan that they plan to approve in August. Scott took that plan and adapted it to our specific school. This plan outlines the attendance and grading policy that the school will implement. Chris does want to review the numbering scheme, the number on this policy reflects the old policy numbering. We will have a second reading on the policy early next week, possibly on Monday.
 - d. **PreK Start Date** (4:00pm) – Michele would like to have preschool open on August 10th.

Chris reviewed that the preschool can start on the 10th under their license rules. Michele commented that parents are very supportive of opening the school a week early. She would also like to stay in person in the building if the school was to go to fully online, unless otherwise directed by the state or county health dept.

- e. **Schedule of BoD meetings for upcoming SY (4:04pm)** – The board will meet the 3rd Monday of every month with adjustments around holidays as needed.

9. Action Items

- a. **GPA Start Date (4:09pm)** – The start date will move from the August 10th to August 17th and as of now will be both online and in person. Brandon motioned to approve as presented. Steven seconded the motion. Brandon asked if we could change it to say we are aligning with the opening of the district regardless to prevent us from having to meet again if they make another decision affecting the start date down the road. Chris commented that no changes will be made to fall break or the rest of the school calendar at this time until we have more guidance from the district. Brandon motioned to amend the vote to align with the district for the 20-21 start date. Steven seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.
 - b. **Masks for Grades 1-4 (4:13pm)** – Motion to make masks required for 1st -8th grade inside the building. Brandon motioned to approve as presented. Steven seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0
 - c. **PreK Start Date (4:15pm)** – Prek will be permitted to start on August 10th. Brandon motioned to approve as presented. Steven seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0
 - d. **Schedule of BoD meetings for upcoming SY (4:16pm)** – The board meetings will be scheduled for the 3rd Monday evening of every month, except for December which will be the 2nd Monday. We can adjust as needed. Brandon motioned to approve as presented. Steven seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0
10. **Board Member Communication (4:17pm)** – There will be a quick meeting on Monday to have a second reading for the attendance policy so that it can be submitted to the district by August 5th.
11. **Other Business (4:17pm)** – None
12. **Adjournment (4:17pm)** –