



Board Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2021 – 6:30pm

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** (6:30pm) –
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** –
3. **Mission Statement** – (6:30pm) – Chris Dempsey read the mission statement
4. **Roll Call** (6:31pm) – Chris Dempsey (President), Brandon Henry (Vice President), Jen Reishus (Treasurer), Anthony Hall, Erika Craig, Nicole Parker (Acting Principal), Valerie O’Brien (Business Manager) and Marcia Billingsley (Registrar)
5. **Approval of May 17, 2021 Board Agenda** (6:31pm) – Brandon motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Anthony seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.
6. **Approval of April 19, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes** (6:32pm) – Brandon motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Anthony seconded the motion. Motion passes 5-0.
7. **Public Comments** (6:33pm) - None
8. **PTO Update** (6:33pm) – Alicia Mertz updated the staff appreciation week that happened last week. A couple of food trucks helped us celebrate the staff. It seemed really well received. Birdcall restaurant night was a huge success. We also did very well on the Kona ice event as well. On Friday there will be an ice cream dance party during recesses. Food truck rally will be on the 26th at 2pm in the parking lot. There will be 5 food trucks participating. Over the summer, we have some awesome things set up to allow families to get together at places like Skate City and North Side Social. In addition, PTO wants to get started on building the outdoor classroom. They are hoping to have it finished over the summer.
9. **Marketing Update** (6:41pm) – There has not been a meeting yet this month. We do still have google ads running but no facebook ads yet. Google ads are performing really well. Met with Eric last month and had some great discussion around marketing ideas going forward.
10. **Board Dashboard | Principals Report** (6:42pm) – Nicole updated that a middle school soccer clinic was held today and will continue this week. It was great to see some athletics running again. We just wrapped up CMAS testing for 3rd-8th grade students. With 2 weeks of moving to 100% online during the CMAS window we had a really hard time getting everybody tested. It was a huge undertaking from the very beginning. We had changes to parent approvals, changes to scheduling etc. In the process to get all students coded correctly now. Every child that did not test has to have a specific reason coded so that testing results are not held against us. PBIS Program is off to a great start. We have students collecting their paw prints and filling up cards for prizes. Teachers are really happy to have a school wide program. We will add to it for next year but its been a great start. We are going to have some classroom moves, SPED and tech will have classrooms again, grade levels will all be together for next year. We have a few field trips scheduled for the next week and a half. Some classes are having parties and themed days to close out the year. Ms. Aiken

brought an amazing idea to our attention. She is working with PTO to bring a parent ambassador program to the school. There will be an application process for parents that would like to volunteer for this program and then teachers will select from the applications. There will be more info from PTO at a later date. We are working diligently on hiring for next school year. We have had some amazing applicants apply and are in the middle of offering positions. Unless something drastically changes over the summer, we will plan to hold an in person back to school night. For the 2021-2022 school year, we will teach our students in person only and will no offer hybrid classes or 100% online classes. If we have quarantines in individual classrooms, we will address those specific issues. The last PD we had on May 14th with Rachel Nance offered 2 different sessions that teachers were able to choose from topics that interested them the most. We will have a summer read camp that is being planned by our reading interventionist. We are inviting current K-2nd grade students that are on a read plan to come to read camp in July, hoping to boost their reading abilities. Finally, we would like to introduce Amanda and Caitlin. We conducted interviews a couple weeks and offered the Dean of Students position to Amanda Ralston and Caitlin Casai will be the Assistant Principal, joining us from Sand Creek High School. We are excited to have both of them join our team!

11. **Treasurer/Business Manager Trend Report** (7:01pm) – We received \$20K in April from Federal Impact Aid. The Read Camp this summer will be funded by the ESSER/Covid funding. Finally staff received their contracts for next year with raises and were very excited about them.
12. **Other Business** (7:05pm) – None
13. **Adjournment** (7:05pm) – None