



GVS Minutes

GVS Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19 · 6:00 – 8:00pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link:

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Our Vision: GVS fosters creative, happy, healthy students who are both thinkers and doers, actively contributing to their community and the world. At GVS, children develop into **well-rounded socially, emotionally and physically intelligent learners**, growing their **creativity, critical thinking** and **craftsmanship** through **engagement with their local communities and the world.**

Our Mission: GVS provides an educational program focused on **agriculture and environment** in a small caring dedicated school community as unique as the rural surrounding in which we live.

1. Opening

1.1 Call to Order - 6:02pm

1.2 Roll Call

Present: Jackie Williams, Amanda Salas, Amos Mace, Cheyenne Griego, Jody Medina, Andrea Pacheco, Ann Riedmiller and Deborah Tanzy by Google Meets

Missing: Aaron Capps

1.3 [Our Vision & Mission](#)

1.4 Approval of Agenda 4/19/23

- 3 items needed 6.11, 6.12, 6.13

Amos Mace moves to approve the amended agenda. Amanda seconds. Unanimous approval.

1.5 Public Comment (on Agenda topics)

- None

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approval of minutes 3/15/23

2.2 Letters of resignation - Camilla Adler & Jenna Vigil

- Amos moves to approve the consent agenda. Amanda seconds. Unanimous approval.

3. Guest presentations (discussion/action as needed)

3.1 Bob Krug, Elevate Business Solutions, LLC a Colorado Registered Investment Advisor and Consultant to CSAFE

- Discussion included other banking options. Amos thinks that this would be an easy 4% interest and recommends discussing this option further for a percentage of GVS funds. Resolution was sent to Jody. We need to decide what amount we would like to deposit. Amos would like this to be an action item at the next meeting.

4. Regular Business

4.1 Officer and committee reports

President's update and committee report

Vice President's Update VP report

- Amanda reported that the Career Fair was not what was expected and that it was mostly for High School students to look at potential career paths.

Treasurer's financial report

- Amos had no report as there was no FAC meeting.
Secretary's grants and procurement report
- Cheyenne had no report as there was no meeting.

4.2 Head of School report

- Jody reported that testing and testing attendance is going great this year. She also reported that community members really enjoyed Voices of the Past and said this was one of the best.

4.3 Staff Liaison report- as needed

- No report was given.

5. Executive Session

1. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(h) Discussion of individual students where public disclosure would adversely affect the person or persons involved, so the board can conduct an expulsion hearing.

2. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) Determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators, in order for the board to discuss negotiations for staff positions

- Amos Mace moves to go into Executive Session as listed above. Amanda Salas Seconds. Unanimous approval.
- Cheyenne Griego left the room at 6:22pm
- Executive Session #1 was exited at 7:36pm.
- Amos Mace made the following motion. "I move to make a finding that the student committed the alleged acts that form the grounds for the recommended expulsion and to expel the student in question for a period of 365 days, and to designate the Board Chair to issue a written report and provide notice to the Student of this action, consistent with state law, regarding the expulsion." Amanda Salas seconded the motion.
- Jackie Williams, Amanda Salas, Amos Mace, Andrea Pacheco and Ann Riedmiller unanimously approved the motion listed above. Cheyenne Griego was not present for the vote.
- Cheyenne returned to the room at 7:44pm and did not vote.
- Amos made a motion to return to Executive Session #2. Amanda seconds. Unanimous approval
- Executive Session resumed at 7:48pm.
- Amos moves to leave session at 7:56pm. Amanda seconds. Unanimous Approval.

6. Discussion and Action Items

6.1 Enrollment Lottery (if needed)

- Lottery is not needed this year.

6.2 Greenhouse Electrical Update

- Company is 6 weeks out. Jody reported that the company was fine with the board withdrawing our agreement due to the time restraints and that other contractors have reached out or visited the school to discuss the possibility of completing the work needed. Discussion included visiting other bids that are submitted. The board gave Jody permission to accept a new bid if the cost is lower or equal to what we previously discussed if the work can be completed sooner.
- Amos amends the motion made at the previous meeting to accept a bid with the maximum cost being no more than \$21, 500.

6.3 Employee Retention Credit Grant Update

- Jackie needs more information and will work with Denise.

6.4 Board Member Recruitment Update

- Advertising but no interest yet. We will continue recruiting. It was suggested that a Remind message be sent to parents to inform them of the open seats.

6.5 2023-2024 School Calendar

- Early release Fridays were removed due to lack of attendance this year. Any Fridays will be limited and will be full days. All breaks are coordinated with La Veta and Walsenburg Schools.

Bench mark dates may change based on the district.

6.6 Best Grant Update

- Jody will meet on the 16th

6.7 Board Retreat/Training Update

- Scheduled June 16th (Social) & 17th (Training) Amanda will find a location and suggested somewhere in Walsenburg to make it easier for everyone.

6.8 Approval of new substitute teacher - Jeffry Jordan

- Jackie asked if a background check was needed.
- Amos moves to approve hiring Jeffry Jordan. Amanda seconds. Unanimous approval.

6.9 Move Head of School Evaluation to May

- Discussed changing the policy to say that the evaluation needs to be done by the end of the school year.
- Amos moves to approve. Amanda seconds. Unanimous approval.

6.10 Huerfano RE-1 board meeting update (if needed)

- MOU was discussed.

6.11 Purchase of GVS swag, (ie: mugs for donors)

- Mugs were discussed. Amanda asked for approval to purchase 72 custom mugs at \$3.25/each from 4imprint.com
- Amanda and Andrea gave an update on Saba's gift.
- Amos made a motion to approve the purchase of promotional materials with a budget of \$600. Ann seconds. Unanimous Approval.

6.12 End of year student gifts

- Discussion included a limit of \$5/student
- Amos made a motion to approve a budget of \$400. Ann seconds. Unanimous approval.

6.13 Food Service recommendation

- Our cook resigned. We have a previous cook who has stepped in to help until the end of the school year. Jody spoke with Tara Burke who recommended hiring our own cook and RE-1 will continue their part. Jody will talk with Tara to try and figure out what the salary costs.

7. Public Comment (Open to all topics)

- Saba's family made it to Montana safely and she is missed!

8. Adjournment

- Amos Mace moved to adjourn at 8:39pm, Amanda Salas seconds. Unanimous approval.