

Centennial Academy

Governance Committee Meeting Report

September 16, 2022

Attendees: Maurice Baker, Rewa Berry (Chair), Dr. Howard Grant, Walt Higgins (Vice Chair), Jessica Olowoyo (Head of School)

Meeting Started @ 12:01 PM

1. Review By Laws

- Committee members are reviewing and will make suggestions on revisions/ updates IF needed on Monday, September 19, 2022.

2. Update on Board Self-Assessment forms and Conflict of Interest form

- Forms were sent to Jasmine Spencer for distribution
- Board Job Description will be sent for signatures now while Assessment Form will be sent in January of 2023.

3. Board Training: Continue with GCSA or go another route?

- Will continue with GSCA which cost \$1,000.00 prior to October 1st and \$1,500.00 after October 1st to have access to webinars and live training.
- Reminder will be sent out to all Board Members bi-weekly that will consists of links to complete training
- Encouraging ALL Board Members to complete ALL required training hours NO LATER THAN April 30, 2022.
- Will confirm with Ms. Heather that all who attended Board Retreat will receive 3 hours of credit towards required training.
- Dashboard will be presented at every meeting for everyone to see their progression.

4. Strategic Plan (Jessica Olowoyo, Head of School input needed)- Review goals provided at board retreat and create a schedule to ensure we are meeting goals.

- Creating a landing page (Tablo) that will allow all Board Members to interact and review the data to see how it is aligning with strategic goals
- Academic base line testing is complete
- All assessments for the beginning of the year are complete
- Attendance is a district wide issue
- A plan is rolling out to improve attendance with it being 70-80% students attending school in K-5 and low to mid 90% students attending in grades 6-8
- Currently working on campaigns to influence/encourage attendance with Parents and students
- Discussed having a Resource Officer knock on doors, involving DFCS
- Head of School applied for Redefine Atlanta grant and won \$7,500.00 that wilkl be used towards attendance campaigns/plan.

- Donation from AHA thanks to Dr. Howard Grant, is being used for the STEAM truck that is at the school every Friday.
 - 97% Staff retention (8th grade teacher retired; a re-hired teacher was a no sho in August and has since been terminated as a result; non-institutional individual is included in this number)
 - Community partners is increasing with a donation from Hampton Inn; new initiative with Coca-Cola “Creative Computing” is in the works for 4th & 5th graders; developing a long term partnership with Georgia Tech, “STEAM Experience’ for 6th-8th students.
 - Amazing turnout at “Back to School Bash” with over 300 families attending.
 - First round of community/parent connections is complete with school touching 134 families.
 - Volunteer opportunities on 9/24 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM with a collaboration between Hands on Atlanta and YMCA to paint a mural with students providing their view of what it means to be a Centennial Academy Hero/Legend to the artist that will complete; classroom improvements will also be completed.
 - Dr. Howard Grant has created a Volunteer Core platfrom withn AHA that he is extending to Centennial Academy to receive volunteers when needed.
 - Hands on Atlanta has seventeen (17) volunteers coming to read and donate books, t-shirts to students
 - Head of School wants to offer assistance to families during the holidays that may need it: Maurice Baker will make a connect with WXIA for students to participate in a Can-a-Thon on air and also get families adopted to receive holiday baskets once a list is provided to him; Rewa Berry informed about previous years that centennial Academy PTA would offer Thanksgiving baskets and Angel Tree where families receive donated gifts and choose to be an Angel to sponsor a family; Dr. Howard Grant asked for a list of families from Centennial Place Apartments that would like to participate in the AHA Turkey Drive.
5. **Board Engagement: Make sure everyone received the link at Sign Up Genius created by Jasmine Spencer: Confirmed**
 6. **Board Giving- Create a campaign to get 100% Board participation**
 - Will continue to encourage as we always have for 100% Board participation in financial giving.
 7. **Open floor discussion/ Q&A**
 - Rewa Berry expressed a partnership in the works with the Owner of Underground Atlanta with a tour scheduled with the Head of School in hopes to fulfill Head of School’s initiative to create sustainable.
 8. **Adjourned at 12:52 PM**