

Centennial Academy

Governance Committee Meeting Agenda

January 19, 2024 @ 11:30 AM

Attendance: Rewa Berry (Chair), Julia Denton (Marketing & Communications Manager), Dr. Derrick Gervin, Dr. Howard Grant, Walt Higgins (Vice Chair) and Jessica Olowoyo (Head of Schools); Maurice Baker (excused absence)

Call to order @ 11:34 AM

1. Update from Committee Members

- Is our Charter Board effective? Yes to all questions.
- Maurice- GNG chaperones would have to be fingerprinted. Alliance –only issue is if bus is not available. Have not exhausted the \$10K as of yet. Should be good with transportation.

2. Strategic Plan and Updates on the state of the school from Jessica Olowoyo, Head of School

- Got charter approved from APS with conditions tiered out into 3 tiers. Have not gotten follow up from State. They have received it. Sent the approval of APS to state. Follows up with Mueller. Greg and Christa from GCSA expressed that the state is backed up and may not hear anything until April. They may or may not call for an interview. We will continue to make contact bi-weekly to get status.
- November and December, PTA provided Thanksgiving dinner. Annual Angel tree went very well too. Atlanta Falcons, Calais Campbell \$500.00 checks to all middle school teachers and positive press. He took 50 of our middle school scholars on a shopping spree for \$200.00. Family got invited to Disney World. Got box seats for middle school teachers at a Falcon game
- iCurate showcase was packed and successful! Flow was switched to do it like a museum with exhibits. Had breaks where dance, orchestra and band did performances. Standing room only! Students showcased their projects.
- State release TSI list for this year. We are on the list for the same sub-groups. Some sub-groups have exceeded and met the targets except for this one sub group. What it means for our charter is that we are in the first tier. We have to do a SWAT analysis. We are on the list for 3 years. Silver lining is it provides a buffer to recover. We will have the time to recover. Middle school special needs (15) students did not meet targets. Talk to special education to see what is the best model to use to overcome this successfully. Plan is in place in support.

- Ms. Zachary went to CINS meeting. Connected with new elected Board member and there is a shift in Chair and Vice Chair. Erika Mitchell is the Chair and Jennifer McDonald is Vice Chair. Aretta Baldon is our contact.
- Accreditation is up. Our re-accreditation is March 21, 2024 for site visit. Working with Rep to prepare.
- CA Scholars have been elected to participate to design with the STITCH project in Atlanta.
- Julie Denton- Atlanta Parent Magazine reached out to see about a family that can talk about being at Centennial. Palmer Family satisfied request. They had wonderful things to say. View page 46. Link on article. Dr. Gervin asked about link being spread out

3. Board Training

- Live Webinar will not occur due to staff changes.
- Deadline to be complete with all required is February 28, 2024.

4. Board Engagement

- Update on upcoming events to engage are always located on Newsletetr provided by Jasmine Spencer via email.

5. Board Giving

- Update on resources needed
- Donate funds (monetary). Larger coats needed for upper academy.
- Funds received for Giving Tuesday may can be allocated for coats
- Get size for coats
- Beautification had been the focus for the building.
- Need to get back into garden plots
- 8th graders doing service learning to know how to give back to the community
- Butterfly garden. When they migrate, school is located in the Monarch trail.
- NASA space camp: Gifted students trying to go. Need funding assistance.
- Dr Gervin provided a link for Operation School Bell to assist with uniforms and coats.

6. Open floor discussion/ Q&A

7. Adjourn @ 12:15 PM