

GRAND RAPIDS ADVENTIST ACADEMY

School Board Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2018 7:00 PM

Educating for Life and Eternity

MEMBERS PRESENT

Nereida Martinez, School Board Chair

Charlotte Green, Principal

Scott Evans, Vice-chair of Finances

Jeremy Hall, Mi Conf. Education Department

Cori Hernandez, Recording Secretary

Pastor Eric Del Valle, Pastor Dan Rachor, Altagracia Cruz, Andy Knowlton, Pastor Bob Stewart, Greg

Johnson Pastor Daniel McGrath, Ariana Esquivel, Pastor Leeroy Hernandez, Yvonne Greene, Elyse

Greene, Tabitha Mattzela, Ruth Horton, Jim Slater,

ABSENT MEMBERS

Linda Fuchs, Anny Cuculista,

GUESTS

Graciela Francisco

DEVOTION & PRAYER

Nereida Martinez, School Board Chair

ACCEPT JANUARY BOARD MINUTES 17/18 - 86

MOTION to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2018 Board Meeting,

VOTED to carry the motion.

Graciela Francisco presenting two concerns to the board:

1. Requesting a change to the student handbook on page 21 on music performance absences.
2. Requesting for there to be more individual one-on-one care within grades 3-4.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - CHARLOTTE GREEN

Field Trips:

- K-8 Sledding Day
- K-2, 5-6, 7-8 would like to see the process of sap to syrup at Andrea Walechka's property, Central's bible worker. Located in Door, MI. Date is tentative due to weather.
- Music HS UP tour, March 13-18: Housing in churches. Thursday night is at church in Marquette SDA Church in various rooms. Friday and Saturday will be in the Wilson Church and an empty house. Boys and male chaperones will be staying in the house and the girl's and female chaperones will be staying in the church. Friday recreational activity will be lugging.

General School Updates

- GRAA received old furniture, Michigan Conference opened up the old building for schools to take old furniture.
- We received a donation for the new padding in the gym. Now how
- Yesterday we hosted the ACT testing.
- Our website now has an up to date Google calendar
- This Wednesday is nursing homes and sledding for K-8.
- This Sunday is the High School Banquet.
- NO SCHOOL next Monday, Presidents day.
- Feb. 21 is the Elementary Bible Fair. We also will have registration for next year open for 2018-19 school year.
- Feb 22-25 has Teen bible camp; Grade 8 will attend.
- PSAT testing Feb. 26.
- NHS induction on Feb. 26. Students needed to have 3.5 or higher. 7:00pm in Gym.
- March 6-8 outdoor ed.
- Thursday, March 8 Senior night. Time TBD
- March 10, Trivia Night
- March 11 SAT Testing
- March 11 GRAA Jaime Jorge concert at Rogers Heights
- Monday, March 12, 2018 NO SCHOOL

SAP TO SYRUP FIELD TRIP 17/18 - 87

MOTION to accept the Sap to Syrup field trip for grades K-2, 5-6, 7-8.

VOTED to carry the motion.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC UP TOUR UPDATE 17/18 - 88

MOTION to accept the addition of the luge activity to the high school music tour in the U.P. during March 13-18.

VOTED to carry the motion.

2018-2019 PROPOSED CALENDAR 17/18 - 89

MOTION to approve the proposed 2018-19 calendar as presented.

VOTED to carry the motion.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE - ANDY KNOWLTON

School entrance, for student security. We are going to change the entrance to make it more secure. Currently getting a quote on a wall to put up a glass wall and door at the end of the entrance hallway, to the left of the visitor's office window.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - SCOTT EVANS

Two financial reports presented: December 2017 and January 2018

DECEMBER AND JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORTS 17/18 - 90

MOTION to approve the December 2017 and January 2018 financial reports.

VOTED to carry the motion.

- Financial Committee is now starting to put together a Preliminary Budget for the next school year in order to bring to the May Constituency meeting in request that we bring a budget that does not have a \$50,000 loss.
- Financial Committee decided that they would do two preliminary budgets so if Constituency were to vote down the \$50,000 that they would have another preliminary budget to present with loss of \$100,000.
- To make up the difference to get down to a \$50,000 loss, or even \$100,000, the tuition and church subsidy would increase.
- Leaving everything the same, the loss would be \$169,000. This would be without: cutting a teacher, raising tuition, and increasing church subsidy.
- To get the budget down to \$50,000 or \$100,000 we would have to do one of three things: cut labor expenses, increase tuition, increase church subsidy. Or, do a combination of the previously mentioned.

MARKETING COMMITTEE REPORT - NEREIDA MARTINEZ

- Continue to pray and support the Jaime Jorge concert. Updated fliers have been sent to our local churches and also promotions are on Strong Tower radio and local radio station 91.3.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reminders - Nereida Martinez, School Board Chair

- Next board meeting is March 12, 2018.

ADJOURN 17/18 - 93

MOTION to adjourn.

VOTED to carry the motion.

PRAYER - PR. DAN RACHOR

**Nereida Martinez, School Board Chair
Charlotte Green, Principal**