

GRAND RAPIDS ADVENTIST ACADEMY

School Board Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2017 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

Andy Knowlton, Pastor Leeroy Hernandez, Pastor Dan Rachor, Pastor Bob Stewart, Yvonne Greene,
Pastor Eric Del Valle, Kelsey Duthil

ABSENT MEMBERS

Ariana Esquivel, Linda Fuchs, Ruth Horton, Iris Ford, Roger Miller, Jim Slater, Anny Cuculista

GUESTS PRESENT

Eric Umali, Lynn Snelling, Altagracia Cruz

DEVOTION & PRAYER

Eric Umali - Mark 12

KENYA MISSION TRIP 2018

Eric Umali - Partnering with Maranatha Spanish International. Main outreach is centered around construction for the Gatari SDA school located in Kisii, Kenya.

Project Objectives:

1. Construct a school building
2. Medical/Dental Clinics
3. Evangelism/VBS
4. Unknown additional projects; possibly painting, maintenance etc.

In order for students to take part in the mission trip: their school tuition must be up to date. Must have current passport and visa. Flight tickets to Kenya are around \$650 - \$800 currently; apt to change. Trip Itinerary and daily schedule was given to board members.

AUGUST 14, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES 17/18 - 25

MOTION to approve minutes for the August 14, 2017 board meeting.

VOTED to carry the motion.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Phones have been ordered and should be in this week. Total of 19 phones needed.

Lynn Snelling has set up a function to accept payments through www.graa.com such as donations and hot lunch orders.

Friday was grandparents' day, about 30 "Grandparents" came to support the elementary students.

Last Sabbath Micah Aldridge one of our students was baptized.

Four new students have enrolled.

Andrea W. has now been coming in on Tuesdays to give an open bible study to High School students.

Field Trip Requests listed calendar.

Elementary enrollment is 55 and High School 43. Total 98.

ACCEPT NEW STUDENTS 17/18 - 26

MOTION to approve the following new students: Katie Lwin, Alliyara Pietrak, Thang Lang, Eliel Silvestre.

VOTED to carry the motion.

ACCEPT ENROLLMENT BY CHURCH LIST 17/18 - 27

MOTION to approve the full student roster as presented, along with church they attend.

VOTED to carry the motion.

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS LISTED CALENDAR 17/18 - 28

MOTION to approve the field trips as presented.

VOTED to carry the motion.

EMERGENCY DRILL SCHEDULE 17/18 - 29

MOTION to approve the emergency drill schedule for 2017-2018 school year.

VOTED to carry the motion.

HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS GUEST LIST 17/18 - 30

Students that are not enrolled at GRAA but have paid student insurance can join students on class field trips and events.

MOTION to approve the list of home school students who can join us for field trips and events.

VOTED to carry the motion.

REVISION TO SCHOOL CALENDAR 17/18 - 31

School Calendar change: September 1 was a half day, not full day, and this Thursday and Friday will be full days of school instead of no school.

MOTION to approve the School Calendar 2017-2018 changes.

VOTED to carry the motion.

PREPARATORY STAGES OF KENYA MISSION TRIP 17/18 - 32

MOTION to approve the Kenya Mission Trip and its preparatory stages.

VOTED to carry the motion.

A+ WINTER STUDENT VISITS 17/18 - 33

Nereida Martinez and Charlotte Green will be looking for up to 6 potential A+ exchange students to visit GRAA this winter.

MOTION to approve the participation in the A+ program.

VOTED to carry the motion.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Monday will start the installation of the blinds in the school. Teachers are aware.

FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENT 17/18 - 34

MOTION to approve giving \$650.00 of financial aid to 1 family.

VOTED to carry the motion.

JUNE 2017 FINANCIAL REPORT 17/18 - 35

MOTION to approve the end of school year June 2017 Financial Report.

VOTED to carry the motion.

BUDGET

Enrollment now is 98; Elementary enrollment 55 and High School 43. Tuition rate has been the same from last year to this year. We budgeted for 105 students, but we did not reach our goal.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET TO CONSTITUENCY 17/18 - 36

MOTION to approve and recommend preliminary budget as final budget 2017-2018 to the constituency.

VOTED to carry the motion.

MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION 17/18 - 37

MOTION to move into executive session.

VOTED to carry the motion.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION 17/18 - 42

MOTION to move out of executive session.

VOTED to carry the motion.

BYLAWS CHANGE 17/18 - 43

MOTION to recommend to the Constituency that our bylaws be changed in order to be in line and comply with the requirements of The NAD and The Lake Union thus making Ex-Official members voting members.

VOTED to carry the motion.

BYLAWS CHANGE 17/18 - 44

MOTION to recommend to the Constituency that the bylaws be changed from including the "head elders" to "a church appointed delegate" to service on the nominating committee.

VOTED to carry the motion.

ADJOURN 17/18 - 45

MOTION to adjourn

VOTED to carry the motion

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Stewart

Nereida Martinez, School Board Chair

Charlotte Green, Principal