

**GRAND RAPIDS ADVENTIST ACADEMY**

**School Board Meeting Minutes**

**October 23, 2017 7:00 PM**

**Educating for Life and Eternity**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nereida Martinez, School Board Chair

Scott Evans, Vice-chair of Finances

Jeremy Hall, Mi Conf. Education Department

Cori Hernandez, Recording Secretary

Pastor Leeroy Hernandez, Pastor Eric Del Valle, Jim Slater, Anny Cuculista, Iris Ford

**ABSENT MEMBERS**

Ariana Esquivel, Linda Fuchs, Ruth Horton, Roger Miller, Andy Knowlton, Pastor Dan Rachor, Pastor Bob Stewart, Yvonne Greene, Kelsey Duthil

**GUESTS**

Eric Velez, Vice Principal

**DEVOTION & PRAYER**

Eric Velez

**ADDITION TO AGENDA 17/18 - 47**

**MOTION** to to add Bylaws Committee report to the agenda.

**VOTED** to carry the motion.

**SEPTEMBER 11 & 20 BOARD MEETING MINUTES 17/18 - 48**

**MOTION** to accept the board meeting minutes from September 11 and the email vote on September 20.

**VOTED** to carry the motion.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**NEW SUBSTITUTE TEACHER 17/18 - 49**

**MOTION** to accept Isai McGrath as a new substitute teacher.

**VOTED** to carry the motion.

- Need to make sure she does background check and fingerprinting.

**UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS 17/18 - 50**

**MOTION** to accept the following two field trips: History club, 11/8/2017, to GVSU Historical Archives & K-8 singing at two nursing homes, 11/21/2017.

**VOTED** to carry the motion.

- Need to make sure we fill out the proper field trip request form. List with details included with filed board meeting minutes.

**VOLUNTEER & DRIVERS LIST 17/18 - 60**

**MOTION** to accept the list of school volunteers and drivers.

**VOTED** to carry the motion.

- Additional notes from Principal's Report: Mrs. Orosco and Mrs. Butchma chaperoned trip to Andrews University for Senior Career Day. - was very beneficial. Trip to Nairobi, Kenya were brought to the Michigan Conference for approval. Process for this trip will continue to secure safety and details. Family Fall fest and Alumni Sabbath was a success.

**MARKETING COMMITTEE**

Prospective project: concert by Jamie George who agreed to come in March and do a fundraiser for GRAA. Funds from concert will go towards the worthy student fund. Other projects still in process.

**BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Vern Alger is now a part of this committee. Reviews to the bylaws and are currently happening: comparing them to the Union and other academies. Will have revisions to the by laws finished by the next constituency meeting in May for presenting. Suggestions are as follows:

Page 4: suggestion to add "be" between second number three point between "will" and "eligible."

Page 7: suggestion to add detail to "church" to become "church board."

Page 9: suggestion to take out "class trips."

Page 10: these changes have already approved by committee

**BYLAWS CHANGES 17/18 - 61**

**MOTION** to accept the changes and suggested changes to the GRAA school board bylaws.

**VOTED** to carry the motion.

**FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Blinds have finished being installed.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**DONATIONS 17/18 - 62**

**MOTION** to allow donations being given to GRAA without a specific location to be given and without having to be brought to the board.

**VOTED** to carry the motion.

**AUGUST & SEPTEMBER BALANCE REPORTS 17/18 - 63**

**MOTION** to accept the August and September finance reports.

**VOTED** to carry the motion.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS TO CONSTITUENCY 17/18 -64**

**MOTION** that a request be made to constituency that the Finance Committee will only bring to constituency a 2018-2019 preliminary budget with only a \$50,000 or less loss.

**VOTED** to carry the motion.

**MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION 17/18 - 65**

**MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION 17/18 - 67**

**CLOSING PRAYER - JEREMY HALL**

**ADJOURN 17/18 - 68**

**MOTION** to adjourn.

**VOTED** to carry the motion.

**Nereida Martinez, School Board Chair**

**Charlotte Green, Principal**

