



FGCS Board of Directors
April 22, 2024 Meeting
Minutes

Board Members Present

Robbie Pock, Chair
Mackenzie Carey, Vice Chair
Maria Aguilar, Secretary
Marissa Salgado, Member
Morgan Knapp, Treasurer

Board Members Absent

Keri Johnson, Member

Staff Members Present

Vanessa Gray, Principal
Karen Torry, Director of Operations

Others Present

Haley Pock, AmeriCorps Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Haley introduced herself to Board members and shared that she is attending the meeting as part of her AmeriCorps service.

Discussion Items

- **Student Cell Phone Practices:** Vanessa reported that she and Karen Torry are initiating a review of student cell phone/personal device rules. Karen shared that FGCS practices are more relaxed than other District schools in that we allow middle school students to use phones during lunch/recess. Parent, student and staff input will be sought to determine whether practices need to be adjusted. Karen will be sending out a parent email with links to articles and scholarly studies on the topic.
- **[2024-25 Budget](#):** Vanessa reviewed the budget process that will take place over the next several months. Salaries, as always, represent the largest portion of the budget. Revenue primarily comes from the State School Fund; FGCS receives

88 percent of the per-pupil funding rate with some adjustments for special education and other categories of students. Vanessa will share updated budgets in May and June.

Voting Items

- January 2024 Minutes: Approved by unanimous consent.
- 24-25 School Calendar: This calendar is nearly the same as prior years with a couple of exceptions: the Friday before Spring Break will be a no-school day. This decision was made based on very low attendance that day. Because Labor Day is earlier in 2024, making the change does not reduce total instructional hours. One other change relates to spring conferences, which will take place one week later than usual, based on teacher requests to have more time between Spring Break and conferences. Unanimously approved.
- Policies/Instruction: Tabled until May meeting to respond to Board questions.

Administrator Reports

The next Board meeting will be Mon., May 20, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.