



Meeting Minutes: CPA Board Of Directors Meeting 03/07/2024

Date and Time	03/07/2024 06:00 pm
Attendees	Sandy Abu-Arja, Duane Arbogast, Carolyn Bernache, Bob Catlin, Carlo Colella, Donna Wiseman, Erica Estrada-Liou, Gayatri Varma, Gordon Libby, Hank Boyd, Kimberly Griffin, Sean Mugrage, Nicole Nelson, Robert Day, Jim Rosapepe, Dr. Stephen B. Thomas, Stephanie Ban, Steven Baker, Chris Irwin, Charlene Telemaque and Vania McBean
Special Attendees	Jordan Patty (PTO), Fountain Taylor (CPA Parent), Jessica O’Roark (CPA Parent)
Agenda	1.) Call to Order, 2.) Opening Statement, 3.) Review and Approval of minutes from the 12/7/23 meeting, 4.) B&F Committee Report, 5.) Academic Affairs Committee Report, 6.) Arts Subcommittee Report, 7.) M&C Committee Report, 8.) Org & Ldr. Committee Report, 9.) Principal’s Report, 10.) PTO Report, 11.) Announcements, 12.) Public Comments and end of meeting for the Executive Session.

Motions

- 1.) The Board Chair called for approval of the minutes, due to lack of quorum it was moved to an email vote and the minutes were approved.
- 2.) Nomination to approve Donna Wiseman as CPA Board Vice Chair. Brought forth by Senator Rosapepe, Dr. Stephen Thomas seconded, and the nomination was approved by all.
- 3.) Approval of the audit, Motion brought forth by Sen. Jim Rosapepe, Board Chair Robert Day (seconded), and all approved.
- 4.) Approval of 990, Motion brought forth by Board Chair Robert Day, (no second) taken to email vote, and was approved by all.
- 5.) 8:01 Request to end the public session and proceed to executive sessions brought forth by Mr. Collela. The motion was brought forth by Mr. Day, Second: Dr. Bernache. All in favor.

Acknowledged Points

- Nicole Nelson reported on the Parent Ambassadors program and the Alumni Association. Nicole provided a link in the chat to the parent engagement form.
- Carolyn then reported on the activities planned for the Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Dr. Stephen Thomas reported on the Arts and Music Committee, including the level of parent/student involvement/survey results and the next steps.

Meeting Highlights

- The meeting was opened by the Board Chair, Mr. Robert Day.
- Mr. Day called the meeting to order, made an opening statement, and called for a vote on the meeting minutes.
- Sean Murgage provided a financial update for the Budget and Finance Committee and it was agreed that CPA's financial picture and outlook are great. The discussion of property and real estate investments was relegated to the Executive Session. After a discussion about the audits, the board approved the Financial Report and audit. The Tax 990 form was approved via an email vote.
- Duane Arbogast reported on Blueprint Money and per-pupil revenue requirements.
- Carolyn Bernache reported on the Art Mural project which is in the fourth and final stage. The mural should be installed by late summer, followed by an open house and ribbon cutting. She also stated that CPA is looking to expand its world language offerings and is seeking to hire teachers from overseas.

Meeting Highlights

- Duane Arbogast explained the process of hiring teachers from overseas.
- Hank Boyd reported for the Marketing and Communications Committee. He discussed the upcoming video that will highlight the best of CPA, the new CPA sign for the outside grounds, and the branding initiatives that are in the works.
- Mr. Steven Baker provided the principal's report on behalf of himself and Mr. Gordon Libby. Mr. Patty gave the PTO report which included information on the GoFundMe, spelling bee, volunteers needed for movie night, the Wells Ice Rink activity, the Jersey Mike's fundraiser, and the Teacher Appreciation Week activity.

Public/Parent Contributions

- Mr. Fountain Taylor (Parent of CPA student Victoria Taylor) expressed an interest in bringing a tennis program to CPA.
- And a proposal will be provided. In response, the Board Chair, Robert Day asked that it be considered for next year's budget.
- Ms. Jessica O' Roark (Parent of CPA 7th grader) Applauded the Arts program and expressed that her child is not being challenged and asked for a more robust experience in reading.

Acknowledged Points

- Chris Irwin confirmed that all Maryland residents have access to the UMD physical library.
- CPA Executive Director Sandy Abu Arja thanked everyone for their hard work and for all they do every day to make CPA a success.