



College Park Academy
Board Meeting: Public Session
December 5, 2024
6:00-8:00 pm

In attendance:

Board Members: Rob Day, Carolyn Bernache, Donna Wiseman, Carlo Colella, Jim Rosapepe, Bob Catlin, Hank, Boyd, Erica Estrada-Liou, Kimberly Griffin

Staff: Stephanie Ban, Duane Arbogast, Sandy Abu-Arja, Nicole Nelson, Steve Baker, Sean Mugrage, Jamie Haton

PTO: Jordan Patty (joined for a short time)

Public: Yu-Wei Wang, Antoinette, Courtney Wilson, Pamela Moore, ZQ

6:02 PM Call to Order – Public Session – Rob Day

- Rob thanked parents, students, staff etc. for continued success of CPA

Marketing & Communications Report – Hank Boyd thanked the team for their hard work.

1. Marketing Collateral

- CPA Brochure- *Finalizing wording*
- Website – *a lot of interview video footage captured with students, parent, teachers, leadership and board members posing in front of newly installed Signature Program career pathways murals*
- Monument Sign – *Project complete*

2. Teacher Recruitment – *ongoing project*

- *CPA is a member of Search Associates*
- *Dan Kuhar, recruitment specialist, has submitted a proposal for the CPA Board to consider*

Budget & Finance Report -Carlo Colella

- EOY SYQ4 Financial Report - *No major changes for assets or liability for Q4 – Net Assets: \$6.8M. Cashflow stayed the same. Per pupil rate higher than originally budgeted so gave \$300k in surplus, and expenditures were less than expected. County covered mental health services.*
- SY25Q1 Financials Report – BOD Financial Reports Q125'.pdf – *Net assets increasing – cash decreasing going into investments instead. Technology expenses approved by the board for infrastructure upgrade by \$22k.*
- Draft Financial Statements & Auditor's Report June 30, 2024 & 2023 - *Board action needed – Sean highlighted. Clean audit per Carlo – Only required to do financial audit this year per Sean – No ESSER grant compliance audit needed this year. Motion to accept – Rob moved. Donna seconded. None opposed. Unanimous.*
- Draft CPA 990 Form -*Board Action needed. Motion to accept draft for submission – Rob moved. Bob seconded. None opposed – Unanimous.*

Academic Affairs Report – Carolyn Bernache Reported.

Carolyn praised Erica for her dashboard – and the Committee's good work.

1. CPA NEXT -*Setting up goals to be measured. Dual enrollment, AP courses and standardized testing – support for students and teachers – development, coaching, tutoring, etc. Specific to math and literacy.*
2. Math Support -*Ms. Chittim consultant working with math teachers in middle school for increased proficiency.*
3. Art Initiative – *Survey of student interest. Offerings will be updated and aligned with student interest. Opportunities with UMD or outside providers to meet students' needs.*

Executive Director's Report – Sandy Abu-Arja

Charter Renewal -Application was submitted in November and getting ready to host on site visits with evaluators hopefully in January. Turnaround time will be short – putting together focus groups: board members, leadership, high school students, middle school students, staff and faculty. Slide deck will be provided with talking points.

Update on State Board Decisions on Charter school Funding – *Duane reported*

MD charter law allows a withhold of 2% for admin fee. Blueprint allows a 25% withhold – Maryland State Board of Education board ruled in favor of the

charters to withhold 2% for administrative fee, but districts could withhold for special ed overage.

Can impact CPA per pupil – Duane is working on numbers. Could decrease as high as 13% from the current per pupil- define what a special ed overage is

Districts can't impose the purchase of services on charters unless price is negotiated. May have a positive impact on CPA. Rules will go into effect for next school year.at

Principals' Report – Steve Baker gave updates.

- *Steve presented the PowerPoint of first quarter events – Fall enrollment for SY24-25 at 681. – Fall testing results assessments – given in reading and math. Major focus on math to improve scores - Reading scores much higher. (above grade level). PSAT data presented. Math data lags Reading data. High intensity tutoring being offered for math to meet proficiency. 72 students in Saturday morning math tutoring. IXL program. Evaluations of Sat. tutoring will come after NWEA winter assessments.*
- *Athletics, Girls varsity volleyball – first time they have a 10 game winning season. Lost in regional finals. Varsity soccer, cross country, jv volleyball all doing well. Middle and varsity basketball teams are doing well*
- *UMD partnerships – interviewing program coordinators for new job posting to work with university. Working to increase the number of student teachers from UMD to help with CPA programs. Working on a day for CPA UMD grads to speak to current students. - Need judges for the 8th grade science fair. Nicole will invite board and advisory council members to be science fair judges.*
- *CPA Plus – club programs enrollments*
- *AP enrollment -Starting this school year, PGCPs will pay for all AP exams. This is the 4th year that all students take the AP exams.*

7:19 PM PTO Report - Jordan Patty, President

Acknowledged meeting via email. Confirmation that he joined the meeting at 6PM but logged off soon after. Did not attend the meeting. Steve will circulate the PTO Report to the board upon approval.

Teacher and Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Morning of Friday, December 13

Sign up [here](#) to donate and volunteer.

Franklins Fundraiser

Monday, December 16, all day

Purchase anything at the restaurant or store and be sure to mention that you are participating in the CPA fundraiser.

Slim Chickens Fundraiser

Thursday, February 13, 2025, 4:00 to 9:00 pm

(more information to come)

Announcements –

two fundraisers sent by Jamie via email to board members.

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Public Commentary -

Mrs. Wilson asked about new basketball uniforms. – Rob will investigate and give updates at the next board meeting.

Basketball gym asked by Mrs. Wilson – Blueprint funding can dramatically affect the school, so we are being cautious of spending pending the outcome.

Public Meeting explanation of the Executive Session – by Rob

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:08 pm. - **Carlo read the closing meeting act.**

Board vote to close session.

Consider acquisition of real estate property.

Discuss performance of employees.

Motion to close meeting by Jim R. Carlo seconded. Unanimous.

