



College Park Academy  
Board Meeting: Public Session  
March 27, 2025  
6:00-8:00 pm

In attendance:

Board Members: Rob Day, Carolyn Bernache, Donna Wiseman, Carlo Colella, Jim Rosapepe, Gary Michael, Hank, Boyd, Gayatri Varma, Erica Estrada-Liou, Bob Catlin (joined at 6:45PM), Kimberly Griffin (Joined at 7PM) Absent - Stephen Thomas

Staff: Stephanie Ban, Duane Arbogast, Sandy Abu-Arja, Nicole Nelson, Academic Dean Aaron Reid, Sean Mugrage, Jamie Haton

PTO: Jordan Patty

Public: Auntris Braxton, Michelle Daniels, Yu wei Wang, Molly, ZQ, Kirsten, Jordan Patty

6:00 PM Call to Order – Public Session – Rob Day

- *Rob thanked parents, students, administration etc. for continued success and accolades of CPA*

Budget & Finance Report – Carlo Colella

1) Q225 Financial report -*Sean reported within .5% of expectation.*

- a) Projected year end results summary-to earn an additional \$57k in revenue as compared to budget*
- b) To incur \$4k more in expenditures as compared to budget*
- c) Earn net income of \$185k for the year, which is \$53k better than budgeted.*

Academic Affairs Report - Carolyn Bernache

- *CPA NEXT -Currently, math is the main focus. Working on finalizing metrics for overall academic rigor and growth. CPA signed agreement w/Thinking Ahead to recruit math teachers. Donna Wiseman alerted the group to pending changes from the state in the sequence of math courses at the high school*

- CPA Arts Exchange Grant -CPA utilized the \$30K grant from CP Arts Exchange during the 2024-2025 school year to expand and enhance arts education programs for 112 middle and high school students, increasing access to performing, visual literary and martial arts.
- AI at CPA - Working w/UMD school of business AI team. Meeting w/Professors. Scheduled to attend AI symposium - Also looking at Third Space for AI initiative /pilot program.
- Clearinghouse Data Dashboard Subscription -Tracks students grad rate, college, workforce entrance.
- Alumni Update- Nicole reported. *The Spring edition of Alumni spotlight will be released on April 1st.*

#### Marketing & Communications Report – Hank Boyd

- New CPA Brochure - was printed
- New CPA Videos - 7 new videos were added to the CPA Youtube channel -Check them out!
- 3/14 UMD Business Signature Program visit with Dr. Boyd on UMD campus as part of student tour -*Positive response from Students.*

#### Organization and Leadership Report - Jim Rosapepe

- Board Appointments -*Jim reported on a new board member.*
  - o - *Gary Michael introduction to board- He will serve on the Budget & Finance Committee & Marketing & Communications Committee.*
  - o *Carolyn Bernache introduced as new board treasurer.*

#### Executive Director's Report – Sandy Abu-Arja reported and thanked everyone who contributed to the Charter Renewal application and site visit.

- Charter Renewal -Written report will follow - To note: *Ten Square impressed. Noted a strong sense of Community and Culture. Positive feedback on PBIS. Specific acknowledgement to several educators.*
  - o *Increase math instruction*
  - o *Improve student engagement and discour*
  - o *Enhance inclusivity.*
- Budget & Advocacy - *Per Pupil allocation expected April 1<sup>st</sup>. Adjusted around April 13<sup>th</sup> possibly a 3<sup>rd</sup> adjustment as well.*
  - o *Special Ed overage being passed on to all schools - cover our own overage instead of district wide. Working with other charter operators. CPA sits in best position due to our fiscal management.*
  - o *Sandy and Duane hosting Charter workshop on April 7<sup>th</sup> - all will get an invitation to that workshop.*

Principals' Report – Sandy introduced Mr. Aaron Reid, Academic Dean, to give updates.

- *Aaron presented the Q2 Highlights*
  - *Celebrations of 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting night, middle school awards, highlight pictures. CPA Plus events, CPA Alumni panel to Seniors, Literacy/AI tools, Signature programs.*
- *SY24/25 Enrollment - 3 students withdrew from the county. Enrollment is 678.*
- *Staffing updates - Vacancies: Signature program, math coach, 10<sup>th</sup> grade English*
- *SY24/25 Targeted tutoring - 71 MS Math Students, 36 MS reading students - Intensive Intervention -RTI Time, Saturday school, Before/After School tutoring, Small Group IXL pullout*
- *MCAP Prep- creating testing day schedules*
- *AP/Dual enrollment -Spring 2025 48 students/77 courses (dual) 1 student/1 course (concurrent)*
- *CPA Summer school 2025 proposal*
- *CPA Plus - 21 programs implemented -408 registrations filled.*
- *Athletics - Phoenix Rising fall-70 students participated - winter -54 students participated. Spring estimate - over 50*
- *UMD Partnership - Students are participating in Signature Program field trips and discussions with guest speakers.*

PTO Report - Jordan Patty, President

- *Restaurant and Ice Skating Fundraisers turnout was successful*
- *Spelling bee support - helps raise money for end of year activities and Teacher appreciation week May 5-9<sup>th</sup>.*
- *MLK Jr. Holiday & Earth Day park clean- up events - encourage public service clean up for HS students.*
- *Earth Day event at Riverdale Park*

*Summer opportunities - The PTO created a shared spreadsheet for families.*

*Announcements – Chair Rob Day thanked Bob Catlin for his service to the Board - presented with parting gifts from CPA Board, staff, students, community. Opened the floor up for members to comment. Jim Rosapepe, Carlo Colella, Donna Wiseman, Gayatri Varma, and Bob spoke as well.*

Public Commentary - Molly asked about what 'new things' meant from Jim Rosapepe's comment. Sandy gave examples of a waiver request that has been made, i.e. flex scheduling and increasing enrollment to match 681.

Mrs. Daniels asked if there was a possibility for CPA to have a gym. Rob answered hopefully next year there will be an update to the board's pursuit of space.

Public Meeting explanation of the Executive Session – by Rob made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:08 pm. - Rob read the closing meeting act. Board vote to close session.

Rob Motioned, Jim seconded. Unanimous.

Public Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

APPROVED