

NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

December 6th, 2023, at 5:00 PM

Governing Board

Glen Canyon Outdoor Academy

GCOA Mission: GCOA is committed to providing an active student-centered environment through outdoor expeditionary learning, collaborative teachers, and family and community engagement that will develop inquisitive explorers, cultivate creative thinkers and empower resilient learners.

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Board of Directors of Glen Canyon Outdoor Academy and to the general public that the board will hold a meeting, open to the public as specified below. The Board of Directors reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda, with the exception of public hearings set for a specified time.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-431.03.A.1-A.7, the Board of Directors may go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, concerning any item on the agenda for discussion, consideration or consultations: (1) of employment issues related to a public officer, appointee or employee; (2) of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law; (3) for legal advice with attorneys; (4) with attorneys regarding contract negotiations, pending or contemplated litigation or settlement discussions; (5) regarding negotiations with employee organizations; (6) regarding international, interstate or tribal negotiations; or (7) regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property.

Date/Time: December 6th, 2023, 5:00 PM MST

Agenda Available: GCOA Elementary School at 835 Newburn Road and at www.gcoacademy.org

Physical Meeting to be held at 835 Newburn Road in General Purpose Room

Virtual Meeting Access: Meeting ID: 987 5794 5061 Passcode: 024020

ALL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ARE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

MEETING AGENDA

I. Opening of Meeting

A. Call to Order

- I. Meeting called to order at 5:10 pm

B. Roll Call - Determine Quorum/ Present

- Susan Pilkington
- Justine Carryer
- Gwen Lasslo
- Mary Francis
- Jennie Lassen

I. Others in Attendance

- a) Nikki Jaborski

b) Shadoe Schoppmann

C. Approval of Agenda

- I. Gwen motions to approve the agenda. Jennie seconds the motion. All in favor.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- A. Gwen motions to approve the minutes from November 1st, 2023. Susan seconds the motion. All in favor.

III. Announcements and Comments

- A. Statements Concerning Call to the Public
- B. Call to the Public

IV. Reports:

- A. School Director Report
 1. Monthly Updates (Finances/Facilities/Enrollment/Staffing/Academic)
 - a. Raini, out sick
 - b. Susan: GCOA approved for a school credit card.
 - c. Shadoe: Leaves were brought in for the Greenhouse this past week.
 - d. Nikki: Teacher Observations took place this week
- B. School Board Member Reports

V. Business:

1. Discussion regarding the development of a green space on campus. -Jennie Lassen
 - a. Gwen motions to discuss the development of a green space on campus. Jennie seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. Jennie: We are in need of a green space for students, more trees, possibly in the NE corner of the playground.
 - i. Fundraiser- raise funds to purchase a tree for each classroom to plant.
 - ii. Outdoor classroom: paint murals on the wall.
 - iii. Evergreen trees is an option
 - c. Susan:
 - i. Ryan Tracey is working on a portable orchard with his class.
 1. We are working with Terra Birds, JT, in forming a committee.
 - ii. Debbie will be planting things in the plantars, islands between buildings.
 1. This is provided through a Grant, AZ Community Grant.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve first semester stipends (\$1500 each) for 9 teachers from Classroom Site Funds- Susan Pilkington
 - a. Motion to discuss the first semester stipends for 9 teachers from Classroom Site Funds. Gwen seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. Each teacher, delivering instructions, will receive \$1500 now and \$1500 in the spring.
 - c. Gwen motions to approve first semester stipends for 9 teachers from Classroom Site Funds. Jennie seconds the motion. All in favor.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve Independent Auditor’s Report to the Board and supporting documents- Susan Pilkington
 - a. Gwen motions to discuss the Independent Auditor’s Report to the Board and supporting documents. Jennie seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. Audit is complete, it will now go to the State Board.
 - c. Audit looks at 3 areas:
 - i. Legal Compliance: We have 2 areas to fix/work on, attendance communicating to the state and the system is not properly communicating.
 - ii. Report to Board of Directors
 - iii. Audited FS FY23-Finances
 1. Financials have been looked at.
 - d. Mary: How much does the Audit cost? Susan: Audit cost \$8k-\$9k, we pay for it, the state will pay us back at a later date.

Roll Call Vote:

Susan Pilkington	Approve
Jennie Lassen	Approve
Justine Carryer	Absent
Gwen Lasslo	Approve
Mary Francis	Approve

- e. Gwen motions to approve the Independent Auditor’s Report to the Board and supporting documents. Jennie seconds the motion. All in favor

4. Discussion and possible action to approve stipends for additional work for Nicolette Tso as academic intervention paraprofessional and Ben Jensen as behavior intervention paraprofessional for \$500 per semester, prorated for long term absence for Ben. - Susan Pilkington
 - a. Mary motions to discuss stipends for additional work for Nicolette Tso as academic intervention paraprofessional and Ben Jensen as behavior intervention paraprofessional for \$500 per semester, prorated for long term absence for Ben. Gwen seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. Both Nicolette and Ben will be taking on additional duties.
 - c. Jennie motions to approve the stipends for additional work for Nicolette Tso as academic intervention paraprofessional and Ben Jensen as behavior intervention paraprofessional for \$500 per semester, prorated for long term absence for Ben. Mary seconds the motion. All in favor.

5. Discussion regarding the Compliance Statement of Assurance for the 23-24 SY. - Susan Pilkington
 - a. Gwen motions to discuss the Compliance Statement of Assurance for the 23-24 SY. Mary seconds the motions. All in favor.
 - b. The Compliance Statement of Assurance has been placed in the Governing Board File
 - i. You'll notice there are specific sections assigned to Justine, Raini, and I.
 - c. Will each need to sign this document for the State Board.

6. Discussion and possible action to approve contracts for specials teachers- Raini Goatson
 - a. Gwen motions to discuss the contracts for specials teachers. Jennie seconds the motion. All in favor.

Name(s)	Activity	Expedition
Tomas Hunt/ Michael Bennett	Frisbee Golf	2
Kristie Allen	substitute for Greenhouse,	3
Kristie Allen	Concepts of Health	4
Beth Henshaw	Outdoor Education	5
Becky Miller	Theater	3

- b. We are looking for someone for the 6th Expedition
- c. Specials teachers are paid \$1200 for 8 hours/week for 6 weeks.

- d. Jennie motions to approve contracts for specials teachers. Gwen seconds the motion. All in favor.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve the Identification Procedures for Homeless Students and the Student Residency Questionnaire to be added to the registration packet.- Susan Pilkington
- a. Gwen motions to discuss the Identification Procedures for Homeless Students and the Student Residency Questionnaire to be added to the registration packet. Jennie seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. Shadoe is our Homeless Liaison
 - c. Impacts our Title 1 funds
 - d. The Residency Questionnaire will be added into the Registration Packet.
 - e. Gwen motions to approve the Identification Procedures for Homeless Students and the Student Residency Questionnaire to be added to the registration packet. Mary seconds the motion. All in favor.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve \$500 stipends for paraprofessionals and support staff as a winter bonus, prorated based on hire date and full/ part time status. - Susan Pilkington
- a. Mary motions to discuss the \$500 stipends for paraprofessionals and support staff as a winter bonus, prorated based on hire date and full/part time status. Gwen seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. The stipends will come from the Equalization Fund.
 - c. Jennie motions to approve the \$500 stipends for paraprofessionals and support staff as a winter bonus, prorated based on hire date and full/part time status. Gwen seconds the motion. All in favor.
9. Discussion and possible action to approve Beth Henshaw as a Substitute Aide and Substitute pending certification - Susan Pilkington
- a. Mary motions to discuss Beth Henshaw as a Substitute Aide and Substitute pending certification. Gwen seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. Beth is able to substitute and is working on getting her substitute certificate.
 - c. Mary motions to approve Beth Henshaw as a substitute Aide and Substitute pending certification. Gwen seconds the motion. All in favor.

VI. Closing of Meeting

A. Next meeting - on January 10, 2024

- i. Mary motions to adjourn the meeting at 5:44 pm. Jennie seconds the motion. All in favor.

