

Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2024

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: September 9th, 2024, 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: 954 1721 1816 Passcode: 203580

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

MEETING AGENDA

I. Opening of Meeting

- A. Call to Order: 5:02pm
- B. Roll Call - Determine Quorum/ Present
 - Gwen Lasslo
 - Rochelle Russell
 - Nancy Walker
 - Erik Stanfield
 - Jennie Lassen

Other Staff in Attendance:

- Susan Pilkington
- Raini Goatson

Nikki Jaborski

C. Approval of Agenda

- Erik motions to approve today's meeting agenda. Jennie seconds the motion. All in favor.

II. Approval of the Minutes

- Nancy motions to approve the last meeting minutes. Erik 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 Leadership Updates

1. Monthly Updates (Finances/Facilities/Enrollment/Staffing/Academic)

a. Raini:

- i. Academics- walk to reading target practice has started, Dibels (reading) testing will be complete tomorrow.
- ii. Infinite campus- academic records system is very impressive
- iii. Teacher coaching has started
- iv. Update from Alicia, regarding animals on campus- students are responding, their calm, incorporating journaling, and handling with care. The animals on campus are baby chickens and baby turkeys.

b. Susan:

- i. Facility updates- The permit from the city for the additional trailer/offices has been received
- ii. Architect is starting on the design of buildings for the expansion
- iii. Playground is on hold, due to the expansion and potential piping that would need to reach the new buildings.

c. Nikki:

- i. Student Technology Form sent to parents this week
- ii. Attendance Policy sent out this week
- iii. Summer BBQ was a success

d. Shannon shared positive feedback from the classroom perspective, with students visiting with the farm animals being a huge success.

B. School Board Member Reports

V. Business:

1. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve a stipend of \$30/ hour for meeting times for Dana Law to participate in School Impact Team as teacher representative- Susan Pilkington
 - a. Erik motions to discuss, consider, and take possible action to approve the stipend of \$30/hour for meeting times for Dana Law to participate in School Impact Team as teacher representative. Nancy seconds the motion. All in favor.

- b. Meetings are held every 6 weeks for 3 hours. Dana is the teacher representative and will provide feedback to all GCOA teachers.
 - c. Nancy motions to approve the stipend of \$30/hour for meeting times for Dana Law to participate in the School Impact Team as teacher representative. Erik seconds the motion. All in favor.
2. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the following new hires for special education paraprofessional- Nikki Jaborski
- a. Erik motions to discuss, consider, and take possible action to approve the following new hires for special education paraprofessional. Rochelle seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. Both employees will be working with students with higher needs
 - c. Erik motions to approve the following new hires for special education paraprofessional. Nancy seconds the motion. All in favor.

Name	Position	Date of Hire
Tara Badoni	Special Education Paraprofessional	August 26, 2024
Amber Banfill	Special Education Paraprofessional	September 16, 2024 (may be earlier if she is able to be released from her current position)

3. Discussion and consideration of Conflict of Interest Policy to be signed by Governing Board Members- Susan Pilkington
- a. Nancy motions to discuss and consider the Conflict of Interest Policy to be signed by Governing Board Members. Erik seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. This is the understanding that you will recuse yourself from voting if there's a conflict of interest.
 - c. No action taken.
4. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve the purchase of 2 buses from RWC group- Susan Pilkington
- a. Rochelle motions to discuss, consider, and take possible action to approve the purchase of 2 buses from RWC group. Nancy seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. 1 new bus and 1 used bus
 - i. New bus is being built and projected date of arrival is December
 - ii. Used bus will arrive in the next few weeks

- c. Attempted quotes for 14 passenger vehicles:
 - i. Canyon State Bus Sales- none in stock,
 - ii. AZ Bus Center: none in stock,
 - iii. Model 1 Commercial: only had an activity bus and we needed a bus to provide transportation to and from school.
 - iv. attempted used bus sale from a closing school in Phoenix.
 - d. Nancy motions to approve the purchase of 2 buses from RWC group. Erik seconds the motion. All in favor.
5. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to approve joining NAIC to participate in soccer for the 24-25 school year- Susan Pilkington
- a. Erik motion to discuss, consider, and take possible action to approve the joining NAIC to participate in soccer for the 24-25 school year. Nancy seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. We have a paraprofessional interested in coaching with additional support.
 - c. An interest form was sent out to parents. We have 5 parents interested in supporting soccer as an assistant coach and about 17 students interested in joining the team.
 - d. Nancy motions to approve the joining NAIC to participate in soccer for the 24-25 school year. Rochelle seconds the motion. All in favor.
6. Discussion and consideration regarding school lunches- Erik Stanfield
- a. Rochelle motions to discuss and consider school lunches. Jennie seconds the motion. All in favor.
 - b. Parents are inquiring about school lunches and if we can go in another direction. Are there options to do something more substantial for a healthier lunch?
 - i. Create a proposal, with suggestions.
 - ii. Ideas: Reaching out to local businesses/restaurants for donations and/or information.
 - 1. Aramark
 - 2. Amangiri
 - 3. Page Hospital
 - c. No action taken.

VI. Closing of Meeting

A. Next meeting - on October 2, 2024 at 5pm

- Erik motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:43pm. Nancy seconds the motion. All in favor.

