

Greer Middle College Planning Committee  
**MINUTES**  
**June 10, 2008**  
GTC Greer Campus  
Building 302, Room 108

Donna Yarborough called the meeting to order at 5:35. The following members of the Board were present: Darryl Cowan, Fred Crawford, Jean Greer, Karen Kennedy, Keith Jones, Mikelle Porter, Jill Rose, and Donna Yarborough. Absent were Julie Gianelloni, Sandra Hudson, and Terrell Tracy. Also present was Skip Snow, GMC business manager.

The Board accepted with regret Terrell Tracy's resignation as Planning Committee chairperson. Keith Jones was elected chairman.

The Minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting were approved as written.

#### Principal's Report

Mrs. Yarborough presented the Principal's report in Jean Williams' absence.

- Ms. Williams' permanent arrival will be June 19, 2008.
- Ms. Williams was very pleased with the turnout for the Open House. Joanna Jones' article summarizing the event was posted on the egroup, and the *Greer Citizen* ran an article. Mrs. Rose stated that Mrs. Jones' articles are very well-written.
- Lorri Payne will set up the lunch program for GMC. In planning, she has scheduled a meeting and tour at GTCHS for June 12 at 6:30.
- Mrs. Wright sent our student enrollment of 89 students to the Greenville School District office this week.
- Ms. Williams hired Leeann Lewis as our math teacher so that the faculty and staff are now complete.
- The Yahoo egroup – GMCParentPartners – now has over 100 members and is the main parent/school communication tool. Meetings have been posted and questions, such as the required summer reading list, have been answered.
- The address for Greer Middle College will be PO Box 5616, Mail Stop 3012, Greenville, SC 29606-5616.
- GMC received a letter that non-profit status was approved.

#### Charter Boards Meeting

Dr. Bob Nash (GTCHS), Stuart McAlister (Brashier), Lisa Stevens (Langston), and Donna Yarborough (GMC) met to discuss two upcoming meetings:

- Charter School Board Members Reception to provide a time for members to meet and discuss common interests was tentatively set for Sept. 4, 2008 at Lisa Stevens' house.
- Legislative Reception to provide a time for Charter School Boards to meet with the Greenville County Legislative Delegation and update the members on the charter schools was tentatively set for October 16, 2008 at Langston Charter School.

Another meeting for firming the plans is set for July 21.

The Charter Task Force will remain intact at the suggestion of Superintendent Jim Rex as a model for the rest of the state.

H. Bill 4980 (Charter School Bill) was passed last week and includes the following:

- Per pupil funding will follow the student;
- After the charter's first renewal, it may ask for a 10-year renewal,
- A charter school may give enrollment priority to a sibling of a pupil already enrolled or previously enrolled, children of a charter school employee, and children of the charter committee, if such priority enrollment does not constitute more than twenty percent of the enrollment of the charter school.

Mrs. Yarborough commended Dr. Bob Nash on all he has accomplished for charter schools, not only at GTCHS, but in Greenville County, the upstate region, and the entire state.

#### The Greenville School District

- Will revise the *Greenville Charter School Handbook* for 08-09. The handbook, located online, is used as a framework to organize the work of the charter schools in getting district reports in for accountability purposes.
- Will require us to file an addendum to request a temporary location change if we are not located on the Greer campus. Once we have a lease in place, we will file the request.

#### Old Business

- Mr. Crawford gave the committee an update on facilities.
  - We have a verbal agreement with the leadership of First Baptist Church of Taylors and should have a contract signed by the first of next week.
  - Darryl Cowan will work with contractors and inspectors to secure a Certificate of Occupancy.
  - The facilities committee has a meeting June 24<sup>th</sup> to meet with the YMCA to negotiate a contract for students to use the YMCA for P.E. and after school.
- Jill Rose reported that she and Sandra Hudson attended the Greenville School District May meeting and spoke on behalf of GMC. She felt the reception was good.

#### New Business

- Textbooks have been ordered.
- Schedules should be mailed to parents by the third week of July.
- Skip Snow presented the budget, which was accepted as submitted.
- Karen Kennedy reported that Ms. Williams and two of her teachers will attend a conference in Portland with Ms. Kennedy and two teachers from GTCHS in July. GTCHS will be mentoring GMC through the Small Schools Initiative with the Coalition of Essential Schools. This will be an opportunity for the teams to begin to work together.
- The staff emails are being set up on the web page ([GreerMiddleCollege.org](http://GreerMiddleCollege.org)). Currently, only Lorri Payne and Jean Williams can *answer* their email.
- Some hardware (computers) has been ordered for teachers so that they can begin their work.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.