




Greer Middle College
MINUTES
October 30, 2007
Greenville Tech, Greer Campus





Terrell Tracy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members attending were Julie Gianelloni, Sandra Hudson, Keith Jones, Karen Kennedy, Mikelle Porter, Jill Rose, Terrell Tracy and Donna Yarborough. Absent were Darryl Cowan, Fred Crawford, and Jean Greer. Wanda Clark was also present.

The Minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting were approved as written.


Old Business:

-  Terrell Tracy reported that Greer Middle College has completed the application for non-profit status.
-  Jill Rose presented the new website created by the ITT students. The committee congratulated her on the project. Mrs. Rose will send the new website to Melissa Harmon who will make a few minor adjustments and post it on <http://www.greermiddlecollege.org>.
-  Donna Yarborough reported that the ad for principal was purchased and is to run Sunday and Wednesday in the *Greenville News*. However, the ad states the position is for the 2007-2008 school year and must be changed. Mrs. Rose will work through her staffing firm to correct the date as well as extend the deadline to November 28, 2007. Also, the applications will go to her office where the planning committee will meet on December 3, 2007 to review the applications and choose the finalists to interview. The committee discussed whether to put the ad in *The State* paper, but acknowledged that it would be picked up by Career Builder (online). Karen Kennedy will include it in the Middle College network and will make sure the post office box is checked regularly.


New Business:


-  Wanda Clark reported to the committee about the Task Force and its work. The committee authorized Mrs. Tracy to write a letter on our behalf to the legislative delegation similar to other letters from the charter schools in Greenville County requesting an investigation into funding of charter schools.
-  Mrs. Yarborough reported that Lissa Cady, GMC's contact person, has received requests for information and student applications. Mrs. Yarborough gave Tech a packet to be duplicated and available at the Greer campus for walk-ins and those who do not have Internet access to download the application. Julie Gianelloni will make sure that receptionists know that there may be inquiries about GMC. Mrs. Clark suggested that Greenville Tech's marketing department make a sign "Future Home of Greer Middle College" to be displayed in the lobby.
-  Mrs. Yarborough will also revise the brochure and have it printed. Keith Jones will make some contacts about the most economical method.
-  The committee voiced concerns about the current recruitment for GTCHS, Brashier, and GMC. The representatives, especially in the Simpsonville/Fountain Inn area, focus more on the college aspect and less on the small schools, personalization, and project-based curriculum. Since we are not yet part of the Middle College network, that would not necessarily be our emphasis. The recruiters also told the parents at Camperdown Academy that the students could apply to all three charter schools and then "trade out slots" with

others if they didn't get the school they wanted. Both Mrs. Clark and Ms. Kennedy stated that this practice would need to be clarified; it may not meet charter school law as it applies to the lottery. Ms. Kennedy stated that most middle schools in the Greer/Taylors area do not have opportunities for the charter schools to present, but she will check the guidance schedule. A representative from GMC may accompany the recruiters.

 GTCHS will be hosting a meeting of Representatives from Greenville County Charter Schools on November 7. They would like for two people from each school to attend. Mrs. Yarborough and Ms. Kennedy will be our representatives. Also, Mrs. Gianelloni and Mrs. Yarborough will attend a meeting in Columbia on November 16.

 Mrs. Clark gave an update about the Brashier facility and how it may impact our facility. The committee created a Facility sub-committee (Keith Jones, Fred Crawford, and Jean Greer) to begin planning for our opening in August 2008.

 Next meeting will be Monday, December 3, 2007 at 2:30 in the conference room at Mrs. Rose's office to review the principal applications.

 Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.