

# The Commonwealth Governor's School

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## February 3, 2022 Governing Board Meeting Minutes

### In Attendance:

- Superintendents - none
- Board Members - Mr. John Copeland (CCPS), Dr. Sarah Chase (Stafford County PS), Mr. Matthew Roles (KGCS), Dr. Lorita C. Daniels (Spotsylvania County PS)
- Central Office Staff - Mrs. Kristine Lentz-Johnston (Spotsylvania County PS), Dr. Tom Nichols (Stafford County PS), Dr. Craig Reed (CCPS), Mrs. Kristine Hill (KGCS), Dr. Stephanie Fellerger (Stafford County PS)
- Regional Office Staff - Mrs. Jen Grigsby and Mrs. Maggie Morganti
- Absent - Dr. Sarah Calveric, Dr. Robert Benson, Dr. Carol Flenard, Dr. Thomas Taylor

**Call to order** - Occurred at 4:00 pm

**Roll Call** - 4:00pm - Quorum with 4 present board members

- Introduction of those in attendance

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Citizen Comments

- none

### Approval of February 3, 2022 Agenda *(page 1)*

- Dr. Chase motioned to approve agenda with removal of Monthly Financial report, seconded by Dr. Daniels, motion carries 4-0

### Board Members' Comments

- Mr. Copeland thanking board members and Regional office staff (Jen and Maggie)

### Superintendents' Comments

- Dr. Reed - thank you for opportunity to serve and learn

### CGS Program Counselor Report *(page 2)*

- Site visits
  - King George sites 21%
  - Spotsylvania sites 52%
  - Stafford sites 27%
- Classroom visits/lesson
  - NSHS Site 9th grade - Collaboration with North Stafford Counselor on graduation requirements and strengths; students explored using Naviance.
- Program recruitment
  - Middle School presentations
  - Holy Cross Academy
  - Spotsylvania County - Advanced Programs Night @RHS and SHS
- Probation meetings - at end of 1st semester
  - 50% of probation students improved GPA above 2.5
  - 20% of probation students were just below the 2.5 but made improvements

- 20% were removed (Caroline and Stafford)
- 10% medically withdrew (SSHS)
- Division-wide meetings and professional development
  - December 2 & 3, 2021 ASCA Virtual conference focused on SEL
  - January 13, 2022 Spotsylvania County Gifted Advisory committee meeting: Co-presented on social emotional health of gifted students.
    - Dr. Daniels ask about follow up with parents, good response to information presented
  - 2/2 “Learn it today, use it tomorrow” focus on interventions and strategies for improving executive functioning skills in students.
- Upcoming
  - Spring 2022 - speak to group of women (Spotsy UKnighted) from Spotsylvania HS to speak on mental health
    - Dr. Daniel asked about the time of the meetings
    - Mr. Roles asked about CGS Counselor
      - Dr. Chase brought up that as the program gets evaluated every 6 years, it has been recommended that CGS have a dedicated counselor.
    - Dr. Daniels - asking about location of students on probations in our sites, Ms. Grigsby explained how the process for those students that are on probation

### **CGS Regional Director Report (pages 3-7)**

- CGS Events - past & upcoming
  - Field Experiences
    - 8/26,2021 Colonial Williamsburg Comparison Experience
    - various dates - Water Quality & Canoeing Ecology Experience
    - 9/15/2021 Honors Algebra II Problem-Solving workshop
    - Sept & Oct - Water Quality & Canoeing Ecology Exp
    - 10/27/2021 Orienteering 12th grade students
    - 11/11 or 11/17 Enrichment Day - grades 9-12
    - 12/1 Pamplin Park Experience - Grade 11
    - 12/15 A Christmas Carol - 9-10
    - 1/26 Dr. Atalay Guest Speaker (math)
    - 2/2 Film Workshop (English) - grade 11- Germanna Campus - Locust Grove
  - Upcoming
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    - 2/6 Library of Congress (SS) - grade 10
    - 2/16 Physics Workshop
    - 3/2 National Gallery of Art (SS) - grade 9
    - 3/2022 Cat on a Hot Tin Roof - Wells Theater - Grade 11-12
    - Chincoteague Bay - Field research station has been approved. Students are not required to attend, there is an optional engaging assignment to do. Two day trip (grade 10-11). Students cost \$35, CGS will cover the rest of the funds. Students are required to provide vaccination records or negative test results. CGS purchased tests for students.
  - Postponed/Canceled
    - CGS SnowBall Semi-Formal Dance will be replaced with Spring Fling dance at Fred Stadium. Outdoor venue (dance). April 8th.
    - CGS Model UN at John Hopkins University - student will be refunded
- Teacher Observations- should concluded by end of March, documentation provided to site admin
- Site Visits
  - 9/30 Keith Wolfe observed CGS RHS site and walk-through observation of program
  - 10/28 Dr. Stan Jones and Dr. Tom Nichols observed CGHS and walk-through of program
  - Thank you for coming to visit - students were excited
- Administrative Shadow Experience
  - Heidi Sloan - admin program - Shadowed CGS Director, Jen Grigsby

- Pinning Ceremonies - grades 11 & 12 grade students get to wear pins as part of their graduation regalia
- Virginia History Day Program - conference, extra curricular presentation of research and opportunity for students to win scholarship money. Annual theme to compete
- AYGS Directors' Meeting - Dec 1, 2021, focus on upcoming changes in the leadership (governor, etc).
  - Bills:
    - SB30 - Governor's school funding new formula based on SOQs, all 19 governor schools would have an increase in funding with this formula.
    - HB127 - (passed the VA House) practices for accepting schools into Governor schools. Concern that changes could decrease diversity in our program and increase cost (due to transportation being needed if geographical delineation is not used).
      - Mr. Copeland - is there a way to quantify the change? Mrs. Grigsby will need to come up with a plan for how this will look.
      - Dr. Daniels - asking for clarification on how this will work. Discussion on what this could look like.
    - Governor Youngkin's Executive Order 1 - subsection 10 talks about Governor schools and divisive practice being talked about in schools
      - Dr. Chase asked about debate, Mrs. Grigsby stated, "We will look at our curriculum." Waiting for more guidance from the state superintendent.
      - 11d - more Governor's schools should be opened, does not mention funding
    - Dr. Daniels - asked about curriculum, Mrs. Grigsby will be waiting for guidance from VDOE as to what is "divisive practice". Dr. Daniels is concerned about the "hotline" and how this will affect our staff. What protocols do we have in place? There are always alternate texts available in English. AP courses follow the College Board curriculum. Our students and stakeholders are asking for more diversity of content, which we are working on implementing.
- Evaluation Committee Invitation - Mrs. Grigsby has been invited to sit on the evaluation committee for Chesapeake Bay Governor's School. March 20-22, 2022.
- Probationary Students- already discussed
- CGS Application Process -
  - Mrs. Grigsby visited all 17 middle schools and spoke to all 8th graders in Algebra I and Geometry.
  - All four counties had family nights.
  - Discussed the number of students that applied
    - Stafford 195 applicants for 90 seats, King George 33 applicants for 20 seats, Caroline 6 applicants for 5 seats, and Spotsy 130 applicants for 60 seats.
    - Numbers were lower this year, schools are pulling back on pushing students into Algebra due to COVID gaps. They are not wanting to set students up for failure.
- CGS Senior Symposium (April 13, 6-8pm)
  - Visit Expo center and trying to make contact with UMW
  - Dr. Daniels - UMW is not booking events
  - Those in attendance at the board meeting are invited to attend
- New:
  - Senior Recognition ceremony - Fred Expo, Sunday, May 15, 2022, 3.-6pm. Those on the board at the meeting are invited to attend. Jen is to send out a calendar invite.
  - Fredericksburg City schools would like to join our CGS program. Right now they are interested in seats.
  - Dr. Chase asked how this would work with the potential HB127. Jen - since tuition is being paid it would have no effect.
  - Dr. Chase and Mr. Copeland discussed the issue of less seats available to Stafford students. Dr. Chase felt that it needed to be discussed with the board. Just in the inquiry stage. Discussion of what county would take these students.
- Presented at the Caroline Gifted advisory meeting about CGS
  - Discussed outreach to get students identified, diversity, STEM day, etc.

- Presentation in Stafford and Spotsy with high school counselors to go over curriculum changes in CGS. KG and Caroline in the future.

### Approval of Consent Agenda

- Dr. Chase motioned to approve agenda second by Dr. Daniels, motion carries 4-0

### Informational Items

- Update to CGS 2021-2022 Budget (*page 19-21*) - adjustment by the state due to decimals increased funding \$183.78. Added funds into Materials and Supplies.
- CGS 2022-2023 Proposed Budget (First Reading) - (*page 22-23*) - all salaries stayed the same and will most likely change. Second reading in March, May vote on budget, and finalized in October.
  - Dr. Daniels - does not include 5% increase
  - Mr. Copeland had questions about the FICA number and wanted a phone call from Heidi.
  - Mr. Copeland asking if we have any COVID funds left? Mrs. Grigsby stated that CGS never received any COVID funding. Funds went directly to each of the counties. Increased cost to field experiences due to COVID mitigation protocols, but have lost some field experiences.
  - Computer Grant - \$26,000
  - Vehicle - CGS has one vehicle (K. Ramsey) we pay maintenance and gas. Drives to multiple sites daily. Mr. Copeland asked about mileage for Mrs. Grigsby and a second vehicle.
  - Dr. Daniels - Field experience and COVID supplies from the counties have been easy and accessible
  - Dr. Daniels - Budget line: Printing and Binding - decreased to \$250.
  - Tuition Assistance - \$2,300 to \$16,000. \$2,300 was to cover an exceptional student that transferred from Spotsylvania to Caroline.  $\$75 \times 171 = \$12,825$  for DE Chemistry for each Junior.
  - Mr. Roles - Where do our resources go? Mrs. Grigsby stated that a large portion of our funding goes to technology, field experiences, staff (described each Regional Office personnel job), professional development.
    - Dr. Chase explains how the funds come from the state to fund CGS.
    - Mr. Roles - why called Governor School? Governor started it and got the funding. Also explained how KG got started in CGS.

### Action Items

- CGS Governing Board Election for 2022
  - Clerk of the Board - Heidi Robison - Mr. Copeland motioned to approve Heidi Robison as Clerk of the Board, motion second by Dr. Chase, motion carries 4-0.
  - Chairperson & Executive Superintendent
    - Mr. Copeland, Chairperson
      - Dr. Calveric is automatically Executive Superintendent based on bylaws
    - Vice-Chairperson - Mr. Copeland nominated Dr. Chase to be Vice Chair.
    - Dr. Chase nominates Mr. Copeland for Chairperson
    - Dr. Daniels would like to stay Vice Chair
    - Dr. Chase moved to nominate Mr. Copeland as Chair and Dr. Daniels as Vice Chair, second by Mr. Roles, motion carries 4-0.
- We need official representatives and alternates for the CGS Governing Board. Those should be determined prior to the January meeting each year by each of the participating school boards.
- Next meeting will be March 24, 2022 at Caroline High School Library

### Adjournment (5:14 pm)

- Mr. Copeland motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Roles, motion carried 4-0