



Next Meetings:

The next Board meeting is:

- Policy Meeting, Tuesday, 1/5, 6 p.m. Administration Building
- Regular Meeting, Monday, 1/11, 7 p.m. North PAC
- Regular Meeting, Monday, 1/25, 7 p.m. Brownell MPR

You can watch regular board meetings livestreamed or archived at <http://new.livestream.com/accoun/3685210> on Comcast channel 20/902 or AT&T channel 99. The July meeting was not videotaped but audio will be available online.

Mark Your Calendar:

- Winter break begins at the end of the day 12/18
- Welcome back 1/4
- Kindergarten Open House at every elementary, 7 p.m., 1/21
- Multi-Age Open House for grades 1-3, 6 p.m., 1/28

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Board Briefs

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Our Mission: Promote Innovation -> Maximize Potential -> Embrace Community

Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education grants \$69,940!

The Board accepted with gratitude 16 grants from the GPFPE totalling \$69,940:

1. Peer to Peer Program (K-12th) District (\$4,000)
2. Kidblog (3rd-5th) All 9 Elementary Schools (\$2,000)
3. Think Through Math (3rd-5th) Kerby (\$3,315)
4. Lego Kits for Use in Curriculum (2nd) Kerby (\$1,377)
5. Sensory Room Materials (K-5th) Poupard (\$1,603)
6. Projector for Gym (K-5th) Poupard (\$7,530)
7. Hydroponics Station (1st-3rd) Trombly (\$3,000)
8. Broadcast Journalism iPads (7th-8th) Pierce, Parcels, Brownell (\$8,424)
9. First Tech Challenge Team *The Blown Fuses* (6th-8th) Parcels (\$1,200)
10. Freshman Assist Mentoring Program (9th, 11th, 12th) North (\$10,000)
11. Drum Line Instruments for the Pep Band (9th-12th) North (\$3,500)
12. Gearheads Robotics Team (9th-12th) North and South (\$2,000)
13. Enhancing South High Orchestra Inventory (9th-12th) South (\$14,000)
14. Tuba (9th-12th) South (\$5,000)
15. Grosse Pointe South Aerospace Club (9th-12th), South, (\$990)
16. Grosse Pointe South Solar Car Team (9th-12th) South (\$2,000)

Help us thank the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education for their tireless efforts *enriching, engaging, and inspiring our future*. www.gpfpe.org

Strategic Plan approved 7-0

Both trustees Gafa and Valente were able to call in for the vote on the Strategic Plan to pass 7-0. Mike Wilmot of Michigan Leadership Institute and cochairs Karl Kratz and Chace Wakefield provided an overview of the process. The full plan and one page summary are posted on our website.

All action items pass unanimously

The Board approved adding a Young Fives program to our kindergarten offerings, with sites at Defer, Mason and Poupard. They also passed the Human Resources report, noting the retirement of our longest serving teacher Deborah Peck and the hiring of Nicole Pilgrim as Human Resources Director. Minutes passed 6-0. Deputy Superintendent Fenton was approved as Homeless Liaison Officer. The first budget amendment, GAAA #1, passed noting the decrease in Act 18 funding, and how fund equity now reflects the 14/15 audit figures and appears on track to meet the 10% target by 16/17.

Action items for the January annual organizational meeting

In January, board officers are elected, board members declare what they will do with their compensation, the 2016 board meeting calendar is set, representatives to MAISL insurance underwriter are appointed, and a resolution is voted upon regarding continuance of funds and designation of signatories on accounts. All board members present stated they would serve in any capacity. Policies clarifying board email use and professional development will also be voted upon.