

## **Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School Board Meeting**

West Columbia, South Carolina

October 23, 2019

~ AGENDA ~

1. Call to Order
2. Public Notice
3. Public Input
4. Mission

Gray Collegiate Academy will serve high school students in a safe, small, family-centered setting who seek the opportunity and challenge of rigorous curriculum, high academic standards, and outstanding athletics while earning up to two years of college credit while in high school.

5. Adoption of Agenda
6. Approval of the Minutes
7. Randi Branham from Elliott Dave- Audit
8. Emily Luther from Parker Poe- Bond Transaction
9. Financial Report-Mike Miller
10. Principal's Report
11. Legislative Updates- Andy Patrick
12. Athletic Report
13. Executive Session-Contracts Discussion
14. Adjournment

### **Public comments:**

The official meeting of the board is by law a public meeting and the board values citizen input; however, in order to protect the integrity of the adopted agenda, public dialogue will be restricted to the 'public comments' section of the agenda or as directed by the board chairman.

Each speaker has two minutes.

Speakers may not ask questions of board members.

Board members may not engage speakers in discussion.

Disruptive behavior is not permitted.

Personal attacks aimed at students or staff are not permitted.

Scurrilous, obscene, or recklessly defamatory language aimed at any board member is not permitted.

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## **Gray Collegiate Academy Charter School Board Meeting**

West Columbia, South Carolina

August 28, 2019

~ Minutes ~

**1. Call to Order**

Teresa Brazell called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Those present included the following:

**Board Members:** Teresa Brazell, Pennie Peagler, Libbi Sheridan, Laura Stevens (phone), Andy Markl, Wayne McKim, Trevor Kinard

**Gray Collegiate Academy Staff:** Dr. Brian Newsome and Coach Adam Holmes

**Pinnacle Staff:** Mike D'Angelo, Todd Helms, and Andy Patrick

Mike Miller and Erik Miller of San Cap CPA joined via WebEx

**BB&T:** Bert Newsome

**2. Public Notice**

Posted

**3. Public Input**

None Requested

**4. Mission**

Teresa Brazzell read the mission:

Gray Collegiate Academy will serve high school students in a safe, small, family-centered setting who seek the opportunity and challenge of rigorous curriculum, high academic standards, and outstanding athletics while earning up to two years of college credit while in high school.

**5. Adoption of Agenda**

Libbi Sheridan pointed out that the agenda needs to state the reason for executive session (personnel or contracts). It was noted that there is no need for an executive session and that item can be deleted from the agenda. Pennie Peagler made a motion to adopt the agenda as posted with the deletion "Executive Session". Wayne McKim seconded the motion and all voted in favor of adopting the agenda as noted.

**6. Approval of the Minutes**

Trevor Kinard made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Wayne McKim seconded the motion and all voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

**7. Bond Update**

Mike Miller introduced Bert Newsome from BB&T. Bert Newsome presented an update on the bond. He described the very complex nature of the Vertex bond transaction and the constraints of the EB5 financing program. Bert believes that after much effort, they have identified reasonable,

viable pathways to get refinancing complete on or before November 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the maturity date of the Vertex bond.

**8. Financial Report**

**Expansion Report:**

Erik Miller provided an update on the studies to determine the feasibility of using the back land for construction. There are concerns with the connector parcel of land and there may be need for mitigation in the future. However, it does appear to be feasible to construct a one story building and parking lot. The next step is to approach an architect for an idea of what type of buildings and fields are possible. Exploring opportunity to work with a developer. Mike D'Angelo discussed financial restraints to building both a building and sports complex. The board discussed the option of a capital gains project and the status of previously paid for plans and feasibility reports for the back land. No action taken. Mike D'Angelo reported that monthly updates would be available in the Board's drive.

**Financial Report:**

Mike Miller provided the financial report. No action needed.

**9. Principal's Report**

Dr. Newsome presented the Principal's report. No action needed.

**10. Legislative Updates**

Andy Patrick presented a Legislative update concerning recent High School League rulings and communications from public high school coaches concerning the classification of charter/private schools. Erskine and Pinnacle are working with other charter schools to support the needs of our students and athletes. No action needed.

**11. Athletic Report**

Coach Adam Holmes presented the athletic report. No action needed. Libbi Sheridan congratulated Coach Holmes on the outstanding summer athletic camp provided for community members. Dr. Newsome presented Pennie Peagler with the signed winning game ball from the first JV volleyball game.

**12. Teresa announced a conference held by the Public Charter School Alliance of SC on November 19-21 in Columbia. The board is to let Brian know if available to attend.**

**13. Adjournment**

Libbi made a motion to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Pennie seconded the motion and all voted in favor to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

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# **GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY**

## ***SEPTEMBER 2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY***

- 1. Revenue totaled \$415,000 for the month of September. This compares to budgeted revenue of \$435,000 or \$20,000 under budget. Our budgeted revenue is based on enrollment of 500 students. We will be short of budget during the first half of the school year until our revenue is adjusted in January 2020 for our new student count. The amounts received for the first half of the school year are based on enrollment from last spring when our enrollment was approximately 475 students. Year to date our revenues are \$98,000 under budget with the shortfall in State funding offset by higher than budgeted user fee income.**
- 2. Expenses for September totaled \$407,000. This compares to total budgeted expenses of \$406,000 or \$1,500 over budget. On a year-to-date basis we are \$29,000 under budget on expenses. Larger expenses in the month included approximately \$18,000 for textbooks and \$13,000 in costs associated with site testing related to the school expansion project. Year-to-date we have not had any large or unexpected expenses which has kept us under budget,**
- 3. The school had a profit for the month of \$8,000. This is \$21,000 under our budgeted profit of \$29,000. Through September, our profit is \$19,000 compared to a budgeted profit of \$87,000. School profit will continue to trend lower than budget for the first semester due to our revenue shortfall.**
- 4. Operating cash balances decreased by \$5,000 since last month due to the timing of cash payments. The operating cash balance was \$832,000 as of October 15, 2019. This represents 69 days of cash on hand. Our cash balance is significantly higher than the same period last year due to payments on large capital improvement projects in 2018.**

**Cash Summary Report**  
**Balances through October 15, 2019**  
**Gray Collegiate Academy**

	<u>May 14 2019</u>	<u>June 17 2019</u>	<u>July 15 2019</u>	<u>August 15 2019</u>	<u>September 13 2019</u>	<u>October 15 2019</u>
<b>CASH IN BANK</b>	<u>1,059,689</u>	<u>1,049,350</u>	<u>977,327</u>	<u>980,406</u>	<u>1,005,105</u>	<u>999,572</u>
<b>Bank Account Details:</b>						
Operating account *1756	902,412	927,023	841,878	825,099	837,635	831,996
Payroll account *4232	47,540	6,788	14,555	43,684	55,542	56,342
Principal account *4240	9,442	15,244	20,599	11,318	11,623	10,927
Savings (Wells Fargo)	100,295	100,295	100,295	100,305	100,305	100,307
<b>TOTAL CASH IN BANK</b>	<u>1,059,689</u>	<u>1,049,350</u>	<u>977,327</u>	<u>980,406</u>	<u>1,005,105</u>	<u>999,572</u>
Days Cash on Hand	75	77	70	69	70	69
Cash on Hand Last Year	<u>909,545</u>	<u>934,371</u>	<u>834,445</u>	<u>759,899</u>	<u>609,432</u>	<u>648,145</u>
Increase(decrease) from Prior Year	150,144	114,979	142,882	220,507	395,673	351,427

**Gray Collegiate Academy**  
**Revenues and Expenses - Budget to Actual**  
**Management Use Only**  
**For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2019**

	Month of September 2019					YTD		Remaining Budget
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Annual	
<b>Number of Students</b>		500			500		500	
Basic per student revenue	791				2,353		10,388	
Weighted total: all students	385,368	432,814	(37,446)	1,176,408	1,298,443	(122,035)	5,193,771	4,017,363
<b>Total LEFA Revenue:</b>	<b>395,368</b>	<b>432,814</b>	<b>(37,446)</b>	<b>1,176,408</b>	<b>1,298,443</b>	<b>(122,035)</b>	<b>5,193,771</b>	<b>4,017,363</b>
2% to District	(8,185)	(8,856)	471	(24,428)	(25,969)	1,541	(183,875)	(79,447)
<b>Net EFA Revenue</b>	<b>387,183</b>	<b>424,158</b>	<b>(36,975)</b>	<b>1,151,980</b>	<b>1,272,474</b>	<b>(120,494)</b>	<b>5,089,896</b>	<b>3,937,916</b>
Student and Athletics User Fees	28,242	10,825	17,417	55,128	32,475	22,653	129,900	74,772
Interest on Investments	8	8	(0)	25	25	0	100	75
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>415,433</b>	<b>434,991</b>	<b>(19,558)</b>	<b>1,207,134</b>	<b>1,304,974</b>	<b>(97,840)</b>	<b>5,219,896</b>	<b>4,012,762</b>
<b>Classroom Instruction</b>								
<b>Salaries</b>								
Classroom Teachers	52,975	53,250	(275)	144,504	159,750	(15,246)	639,000	494,496
LD teachers	6,000	3,333	2,667	13,083	10,000	3,083	40,000	26,917
<b>Total Salaries of Full Time Personnel</b>	<b>58,975</b>	<b>56,583</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>157,587</b>	<b>169,750</b>	<b>(12,163)</b>	<b>679,000</b>	<b>521,413</b>
Adjunct teachers								
<b>Total Instructional Personnel</b>	<b>58,975</b>	<b>56,583</b>	<b>2,392</b>	<b>157,587</b>	<b>169,750</b>	<b>(12,163)</b>	<b>679,000</b>	<b>521,413</b>
Retirement-Classroom Teachers	574	1,963	(1,389)	2,019	5,888	(3,869)	23,550	21,531
Retirement-LD Teacher	-	100	(100)	-	300	(300)	1,200	1,200
Social Security-Classroom Teachers	4,236	5,004	(768)	11,996	15,013	(3,018)	60,053	48,057
Social Security-LD Teachers	551	255	296	1,230	765	465	3,060	1,830
Health Insurance (includes dental, etc.)-Classroom Teachers	9,000	10,869	(1,869)	25,500	32,606	(7,106)	130,424	104,924
Health Insurance (includes dental, etc.)-LD Teachers	1,200	600	600	3,000	1,800	1,200	7,200	4,200
Workers' Compensation-Classroom Teachers	187	196	(10)	589	589	1	2,355	1,766
Workers' Compensation-LD Teachers	24	10	14	84	30	54	120	36
Unemployment Compensation-Classroom Teachers	434	327	107	664	981	(298)	3,925	3,241
Unemployment Compensation-LD Teachers	169	17	152	320	50	270	200	(120)
Teacher bonuses	-	16,667	(16,667)	-	50,000	(50,000)	200,000	200,000
Classroom and Instructional Supplies	398	2,250	(1,852)	8,998	6,750	2,248	27,000	18,002

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Month of September 2019 YTD

	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Annual	Remaining Budget
Exceptional Supplies	-	167	(167)	-	500	(500)	2,000	2,000
Textbooks	18,089	4,167	13,922	20,696	12,500	8,196	50,000	29,304
Classroom Equipment (desks, chairs, etc.)	-	375	(375)	-	1,125	(1,125)	4,500	4,500
Classroom Equipment (desks, chairs, etc.) LD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment	-	4,583	(4,583)	4,652	13,750	(9,098)	55,000	50,348
Computer Equipment-LD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Technology assisted courseware	5,883	6,417	(534)	46,038	19,250	26,788	77,000	30,962
Curriculum Development	-	83	(83)	-	250	(250)	1,000	1,000
Substitute Teachers	1,650	1,375	275	3,325	4,125	(800)	16,500	13,175
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>101,369</b>	<b>112,007</b>	<b>(10,638)</b>	<b>286,718</b>	<b>338,022</b>	<b>(49,304)</b>	<b>1,344,087</b>	<b>1,087,369</b>
<b>Instructional Support Services</b>								
<b>Pupil Personnel Services</b>								
Salaries								
Student Support	10,341	10,500	(159)	31,023	31,500	(477)	126,000	94,977
PowerSchool Coordinator	2,917	2,917	(0)	8,750	8,750	(0)	35,000	28,250
<b>Total Pupil Personnel Staff</b>	<b>13,258</b>	<b>13,417</b>	<b>(159)</b>	<b>39,773</b>	<b>40,250</b>	<b>(477)</b>	<b>161,000</b>	<b>121,227</b>
Retirement	398	403	(5)	1,193	1,208	(14)	4,830	3,637
Bonuses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Social Security	1,198	1,026	171	3,593	3,079	514	12,317	8,724
Health Insurance (includes dental, life, etc.)	2,400	2,400	-	7,200	7,200	-	28,800	21,600
Workers' Compensation	62	40	22	192	121	71	483	291
Unemployment Compensation	-	67	(67)	-	201	(201)	805	805
<b>Total Pupil Personnel Services</b>	<b>17,316</b>	<b>17,553</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>51,952</b>	<b>52,059</b>	<b>(107)</b>	<b>208,235</b>	<b>156,283</b>
<b>Staff Development</b>								
Workshop Stipends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Consulting Services - Exceptional	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Travel (workshop registration, lodging, etc.)	-	58	(58)	-	175	(175)	700	700
<b>Total Staff Development</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>(58)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>General Support Services</b>								
<b>Board</b>								
Professional Services	5,854	3,917	1,937	14,604	11,750	2,854	47,000	32,396
Insurance - General Liability	2,144	1,917	227	6,432	5,750	682	23,000	16,568
Audit	5,000	1,833	3,167	15,575	5,500	10,075	22,000	6,426
Governance Training	-	333	(333)	-	1,000	(1,000)	4,000	4,000
<b>Total Board</b>	<b>12,998</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>4,998</b>	<b>36,610</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>12,610</b>	<b>96,000</b>	<b>59,390</b>
<b>General Administration</b>								
Pinnacle EMO Services per contract	55,568	56,250	(682)	166,704	168,750	(2,046)	675,000	508,296

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**Month of September 2019**

YTD

Month of September 2019

	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Annual	Remaining Budget
<b>School Administration</b>								
Salaries	30,083	30,167	(83)	86,500	90,500	(4,000)	362,000	275,500
Administrative Personnel								
<b>Total Office Personnel</b>	<b>30,083</b>	<b>30,167</b>	<b>(83)</b>	<b>86,500</b>	<b>90,500</b>	<b>(4,000)</b>	<b>362,000</b>	<b>275,500</b>
Retirement	688	905	(218)	2,060	2,715	(655)	10,860	8,800
Social Security	2,592	2,308	284	7,489	6,923	566	27,693	20,204
Health Insurance (includes dental, life, etc.)	3,800	4,800	(1,000)	11,400	14,400	(3,000)	57,600	46,200
Workers' Compensation	129	91	39	388	272	116	1,086	698
Unemployment Compensation	-	151	(151)	-	453	(453)	1,810	1,810
Bonuses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Office Equipment	-	625	(625)	-	1,875	(1,875)	7,500	7,500
Printing/Advertising	1,116	4,583	(3,467)	10,404	13,750	(3,346)	55,000	44,596
Printing and Binding	-	167	(167)	-	500	(500)	2,000	2,000
Membership Dues and Fees	5,374	-	5,374	8,080	-	8,080	-	(8,080)
Office Services and Supplies	10,652	7,000	3,652	21,228	21,000	228	84,000	62,772
Computer Equipment	-	83	(83)	-	250	(250)	1,000	1,000
Dues and Fees	529	3,442	(2,913)	1,670	10,325	(8,655)	41,300	39,630
Travel (workshop registration, lodging, etc.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total School Administration</b>	<b>54,963</b>	<b>54,321</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>149,219</b>	<b>162,962</b>	<b>(13,743)</b>	<b>651,849</b>	<b>502,630</b>
<b>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</b>								
Building Lease	60,321	20,102	40,219	180,963	60,305	120,658	241,220	60,257
Land	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Facilities Acquisition and Construction</b>	<b>60,321</b>	<b>20,102</b>	<b>40,219</b>	<b>180,963</b>	<b>60,305</b>	<b>120,658</b>	<b>241,220</b>	<b>60,257</b>
<b>Fiscal/HR Services</b>								
Contracted Finance	5,500	5,593	(93)	16,500	16,750	(250)	67,000	50,500
Contracted Human Resources and Payroll	3,167	3,167	(0)	9,500	9,500	(0)	38,000	38,000
Bank Fees/ Processing Fees	116	1,667	(1,551)	1,333	5,000	(3,668)	20,000	18,668
<b>Total Fiscal/HR Services</b>	<b>8,782</b>	<b>10,417</b>	<b>(1,635)</b>	<b>27,332</b>	<b>31,250</b>	<b>(3,918)</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>97,668</b>
<b>Central Services</b>								
Dues and Fees	-	333	(333)	800	1,000	(200)	4,000	3,200
<b>Total Central Services</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>18,750</b>
<b>Operation of Plant</b>								
Salaries	2,083	2,083	0	6,250	6,250	0	25,000	18,750
Custodians	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Plant Personnel</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>2,083</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>18,750</b>
Retirement	63	63	-	188	188	-	750	563
Social Security	205	159	46	616	478	138	1,913	1,297
Health Insurance (includes dental, life, etc.)	600	642	(42)	1,800	1,925	(125)	7,700	5,900
Workers' Compensation	10	6	3	35	19	16	75	40
Unemployment Compensation	-	10	(10)	-	31	(31)	125	125



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	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Annual	Remaining Budget
Communication	2,787	3,000	(213)	9,271	9,000	271	36,000	26,729
Water and Sewage	5,969	2,333	3,636	9,700	7,000	2,700	28,000	18,300
Garbage	517	500	17	1,449	1,500	(51)	6,000	4,551
Other Purchased Services								
Custodial Services (contracted)	4,200	3,333	867	11,375	10,000	1,375	40,000	28,625
Fire/Security Alarm Monitoring	1,845	208	1,637	1,980	625	1,355	2,500	520
Property Insurance	-	417	(417)	-	1,250	(1,250)	5,000	5,000
Electricity	5,621	4,583	1,037	16,885	13,750	3,135	55,000	38,115
Equipment	-	-	-	16,850	-	16,850	-	(16,850)
School Expansion Project	13,300	6,250	7,050	13,300	18,750	(5,450)	75,000	61,700
Capital Outlay	-	3,583	(3,583)	3,780	10,750	(6,970)	43,000	39,220
<b>Total Operation of Plant</b>	<b>37,199</b>	<b>27,172</b>	<b>10,027</b>	<b>93,479</b>	<b>81,516</b>	<b>11,963</b>	<b>328,063</b>	<b>232,684</b>
Maintenance of Plant								
Repair and Maintenance	7,795	8,333	(539)	39,275	25,000	14,275	100,000	60,725
Supplies	2,155	1,667	488	4,371	5,000	(629)	20,000	15,629
<b>Total Maintenance of Plant</b>	<b>9,948</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>(51)</b>	<b>43,646</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>13,646</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>76,354</b>
Food Service								
Food Services Contractor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Food Services</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Administrative Technology Services								
Supplies	-	417	(417)	-	1,250	(1,250)	5,000	5,000
Office Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Computer Equipment/Servers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Software Licenses	-	667	(667)	-	2,000	(2,000)	8,000	8,000
<b>Total Administrative Technology Services</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>(1,083)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>(3,250)</b>	<b>13,000</b>	<b>13,000</b>
Debt Service								
Redemption of Principal	2,408	2,500	(92)	7,198	7,500	(302)	30,000	22,802
Interest	2,273	35,417	(33,144)	6,843	106,250	(99,407)	425,000	418,157
Fees	-	1,667	(1,667)	865	5,000	(4,135)	20,000	19,135
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>4,681</b>	<b>39,583</b>	<b>(34,903)</b>	<b>14,907</b>	<b>118,750</b>	<b>(103,843)</b>	<b>475,000</b>	<b>460,093</b>
Student Transportation Services								
Vehicle Liability	274	167	107	4,314	500	3,814	2,000	(2,314)
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>4,314</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>3,814</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>(2,314)</b>
Athletics								
Salary	28,111	20,601	7,509	60,910	61,803	(893)	247,213	186,303
Bonuses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies & Equipment	14,933	22,958	(8,025)	67,814	68,875	(1,061)	275,498	207,684
Transportation	675	2,875	(2,200)	2,456	8,625	(6,169)	34,500	32,044
Practice Fields - Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Facility	265	2,583	(2,318)	405	7,750	(7,345)	31,000	30,595
<b>Total Athletics</b>	<b>43,983</b>	<b>49,018</b>	<b>(5,035)</b>	<b>131,585</b>	<b>147,053</b>	<b>(15,468)</b>	<b>580,211</b>	<b>456,628</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>407,402</b>	<b>405,864</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,168,228</b>	<b>1,217,581</b>	<b>(29,353)</b>	<b>4,870,365</b>	<b>3,892,137</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>8,031</b>	<b>29,128</b>	<b>(21,097)</b>	<b>18,906</b>	<b>87,383</b>	<b>(68,477)</b>	<b>349,831</b>	<b>330,675</b>



**School Board Meeting  
October 23, 2019  
Principal Report**

**Academic Update**

**\*We are an EXCELLENT school. What a great reward for our faculty & staff to celebrate their wonderful work with our students. To move from an unsatisfactory school to excellent is truly amazing. We are planning a fun celebration for our students soon.**

**\*I serve as a member of the competitive balance committee to decide if there is an unfair advantage for charter and private schools that compete in the SCHSL. The meetings are going well, and we met for a third time yesterday.**

**\*We had a Principals meeting with Mike last month and I was able to discuss the middle school. I know we have discussed this topic many times, however I think we have a good plan in place. My goal at this point is to research adding 8<sup>th</sup> grade to our charter for the 2021-2022 school year. We can use our existing portables to house the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and utilize our current café for them. We would build a new gym with a full-size weight room and café for high school students. I met with Steve Hubrich yesterday and he is pricing the job at this time. This is the early stages of the project; however I am excited about the future with the addition of 8<sup>th</sup> grade.**

**\*Peer Tutoring**

**Still going well. We had over 60 students receive tutoring this month, with appx. 30 tutors.**

**\*PSAT Workshop**

**We hosted it here last week. It went very well. We had 125 students participate.**

**\*Homecoming Week**

**We had a very successful Homecoming last week and Senior Night next week. Coach Holmes will speak more about both events.**

**\*Principal Advisory Council**

**We have our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on Friday, and this is a wonderful group. These students help provide feedback to me with school questions, concerns, etc. Please notice the board outside this room to see the positive notes, "Give what you can, take what you want". It provides further motivation and encouragement for our students.**

**\*Parent/Teacher Conferences**

**We hosted many parents last week on Thursday from 5:00-7:00 and continued Friday 8:00-12:00.**

**School PR Update**

**\*Fall Carnival**

**Went very well last night. Had a big crowd and all teams supported the event.**

**\*Parent Forums started last month, and we had over 42 people attend. This was our first for the year, and we already have 15 new applications for next year and enrollment just started October 1.**

## Athletics

Our Fall season has been nothing but amazing as well. Our Volleyball team is hosting the first round of the playoffs tonight at 6 p.m. They are the #1 seed and won their third consecutive Region Title. Coach Wrighter was named Region Coach of the Year also with Aamini Jones being named Region Player of the Year. Caylen Samuel, Demi Buff, Elizabeth Sligh, and Za'Niya Boyles were also named to the All-Region Team. They play Greer Middle College tonight at 6 p.m. Come out and support our Lady War Eagles!

Our Football team is having one of its best years to date. We are currently ranked 7th in the State and are 2-0 in the Region. We have several players leading the State in many categories and some ranked Nationally. We play Eau Claire this Friday night at the Richland One Stadium located at Keenan High School. Last Friday night we had Homecoming out at the Midland Sports Complex and I thought it was a huge success. I got a lot of positive feedback from our game out there and we are looking to have Senior night next Friday night out there as well. We won the homecoming game 58-20 and Charlotte Teeter was named Homecoming Queen.

Our Boys and Girls Cross Country teams have been doing great this year. Two runners that stood out this year are on the boys' side Senior Nate Lett; and on the Girls side, Freshman Hope Green. Both Nate and Hope have set several school records this year in some of their individual times in these meets. Our Region meet will be next Tuesday at Owens Field and both teams look to bring home a Region Title. Qualifiers for the State Tournament will be the first weekend in November. Time for that event is yet to be determined.

Our Competitive Cheer team has been having a lot of success as well. Their best showing was at the Battle of the Bluff Classic where they took home 1st place. They have two 2nd place showings at the Tomahawk Cheer Classic and the Lexington Wildcat Invitational. They also have a third place showing at the Spring Valley Viking Invitational. Their next meet, which is next Saturday, November 2nd is the Debbie Rodgers Invitational. This is held at the Colonial Life Arena and this is all Class 2A cheer teams competing. The 3A state qualifier will be November 13th at Irmo and if they qualify the State Championship is November 23rd at the Colonial Life Arena as well. We wish the ladies the best of luck.

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