# Great Expectations School
### Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time
**Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School**
**Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2017    4:00-6:00 p.m.**

1.  Call to Order at 4:15 p.m. by Alyssa Hedstrom, following public comment period.
    1.1  Attendance
        Board Members present: Linda Garrity, Carolyn Fritz, Mike Carlson, Anna
        Brown, Suzy Schweig, Dylan Dragswiek, Alyssa Hedstrom
        Others present: Anne Mundell, Peter James, Clara Weitz, Beth Ferry, Kathryn
        Nelson-Pedersen
    1.2  Check-In

2.  Reading of the Mission:  The mission of the school is to develop in each child:  a
    love of learning; critical and creative thinking skills; mastery of the academic
    building blocks; the ability to nurture family, friends and self; a strong commitment
    to being a contributing member of a community; open-heartedness toward others;
    and a passion for lifelong learning.

3.  Approval of Agenda
**Motion** by Suzy, seconded by Mike, to approve the agenda. All in favor – motion
passed. Move enrollment up to #7 on the agenda.

4.  Consent Agenda
    4.1 Approve Minutes
    4.2 Approve Expenditures, Deposits and Fund Transfer
**Motion** by Carolyn, seconded by Dylan, to approve the consent agenda. All in favor –
motion passed.

5.  Sign Board Assurances

6.  Treasurer's Report

7.  Enrollment
    7.1 Report and discussion from Monday's meeting with teachers
        Alyssa recapped the discussion from Monday's meeting. Teacher concerns
        include lack of space, need to clarify long term vision, need to support
        teachers as enrollment increases, how to preserve "feel" of GES and
        important school traditions.
        Discussion about students re-enrolling after having been gone for a period
        of time. A policy for this will be developed at a later time.
        Each board member expressed their opinions about the pros and cons of
        increasing the kindergarten enrollment cap. Lengthy discussion about the
        reasons for moving in one direction versus the other, the consequences of
        the decision, and how to reconfigure the kindergarten room and other
        spaces to accommodate more students. A suggestion was made, and

rejected, to wait a year. The goal is to eventually have smaller class sizes overall, and a reconfigured middle school program with more academic specialists. Beth clarified that the new addition to the facility will be built in the summer of 2018.

      7.2 Approval of Enrollment Caps for FY 2018

**Motion** by Mike, seconded by Alyssa, to set the kindergarten enrollment cap at 16 for FY18. All in favor – motion passed.

**Motion** by Linda, seconded by Suzy, to set the enrollment cap for FY 18 first grade class at 22. All in favor – motion passed.

**Motion** by Dylan, seconded by Carolyn, to set the enrollment cap at 11 students for grades 2-8 for FY18, with the exception of currently enrolled students. All in favor – motion passed.

Discussion about making exceptions for siblings on the waiting list. The topic was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

Alyssa will email the school staff with today's enrollment decisions.

8. Director's Report
    8.1 Approve Calendar

**Motion** by Anna, seconded by Suzy, to approve the 2017-18 school calendar as presented. There are 162 student contact days, including 2 early release days; 180 contract days for teachers; 170 days for paraprofessionals. All in favor – motion passed.

The remaining agenda items were not discussed due to time constraints, except for 9.4.1 training date set.

9. Committee Reports
    9.1 Facilities Update
    9.2 Policy Update
        9.2.1 Set time for Beth, Alyssa, and Anna to meet.
    9.3 Personnel Update
        9.3.1  Sub License discussion
        9.3.2  Discussion of communication route between board and teachers..
    9.4 Board Training
        9.4.1  Date for MAC training is March 18th.
10. New Business
11. Upcoming Actions
12. Check-out

13. Adjournment at 6:35 p.m.