

Global Community Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2013

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for Global Community Charter School (GCCS) held on November 20th in the school building at 421 W. 145th St., New York, NY

Call to order

Rachael called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll call

In attendance: Rachael Beard (RB), Kate McGovern (KM), Robert Moser (RM), Chad Weber (CW)

Absent: Peter Novak (PN), Peter Prosol (PP), Melissa Jesurum (MJ)

Staff: Phyllis Siwiec (PS)

Parent Representative: Cortrell Holt (CH)

Public: Chris Sweeney (CS), Columbia Business School non-profit board leadership intern

Public comment

CS introduced himself to the BOT.

Minutes

RM moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. RB seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Prospective BOT member

BOT discussed the candidacy of Shawn Bayer. RB nominated Shawn Bayer to join the BOT. CW seconded this nomination. All in favor.

RB moved for approval of the following resolution:

The GCCS BOT voted to select Shawn Bayer as a candidate to its BoT, with a class 2 membership for a one year term, Nov 2013 - June 2014, with renewal as a 3-year term in July at our June Annual meeting, pending approval by SED. The resolution approving Shawn Bayer is formally adopted upon SED's approval.

KM seconded this motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board Consultant Proposals

BOT reviewed board consultant proposals. BOT will prioritize board recruitment and will then enlist a BOT consultant.

Parent Representative Report

CH reported on the PAPA meeting last Thursday which was conducted in Spanish and English for roughly 40 parents. Topics covered included homework support.

CH is the Parent representative who will serve on the Facilities committee.

CH reported that for Change the World Day students were encouraged to interview community members who are making a change in the community; this was a very successful activity. Community members also came to the school and spoke with the students.

PAPA will meet on the second Thursday of each month.

Finance Committee Report

CW opened an escrow account and is working on opening a line of credit.

CW consulted the employee handbook regarding retirement plans; we are not required to provide this though we may in the future.

CW confirmed that we submitted our audit statements on time. We had a clean opinion.

CW reported on our current balance sheet.

Facilities Task Force Report

RB reported on a Facilities Task Force meeting held on 11/11/2013. Shawn Bayer was appointed to chair the Task Force. The short term goal of this task force is to secure a facility for 75 3rd graders and 50 2nd graders by August 2014. Shawn met with Jeremy on 11/15/2013. Shawn met with PS and CH on 11/19/2013 to discuss next steps. PS located a potential space for 2 years. Shawn will look at space on 11/25/2013.

Mt. Zion unofficially approved a three year lease extension.

Education Accountability Task Force Report

KM reported that the Education Accountability Task Force met and discussed the vision

for the task force which in the short term will involve recruiting new task force members and developing academic goals.

BOT discussed aspirational academic standards.

Executive Committee Report

RB reviewed using Google drive.

Head of School Report

PS reported on student attendance, recruitment, academic progress. PS would like to start the school year in August next year.

On 12/13 GCCS will have Friday the 13th Holiday Party hosted by staff.

Adjournment

RB moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34. KM seconded this motion. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned.

All trustee meetings for the Global Community Charter school are open meetings subject to the NYS open meetings law. While we encourage public participation and provide a designated time for public comment, individuals are limited to two minutes total of public comment each, unless the Board asks for additional feedback. All trustees and members of the public must abide by Global Community Charter School norms around professionalism and civility in their comments, these norms can be found in our school handbook. Complaints against a specific employee or public comments that may reveal confidential information will, consistent with the open meetings law, be handled through our dispute resolution process or may be heard in executive session.