

Board Meeting Minutes
Global Community Charter School

March 18, 2020

6:37 p.m. – 8:09 p.m. (scheduled to convene at 6:30pm)

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for Global Community Charter School (GCCS) held on March 18, 2020 in the school building at 2350 Fifth Avenue.

JZ noted quorum (JZ, MJ, KM, and RM in attendance) and called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM

Roll Call

BOT by video conference: James Zika (JZ); Mary Jilek (MJ); Kate McGovern (KM); Rob Moser (RM); Peter Kauffman (PK); Ibrahim Yusuf (IY)

BOT Candidate by video conference: Nick Pozek (NP)

GCCS Staff: Bill Holmes (BH); Kristan Norgrove (KN); Jasmin Candelario (JC)

Parent Representation: None

Public: None

Public comment

No public comment

Approval of Minutes

KM moved, and JZ seconded, a motion “to approve Minutes from the February 26 Regular BOT Meeting.” The motion was passed unanimously (KM, JZ, MJ) with RM abstaining.

Middle School Discussion

JZ asked about if and how the construction scenarios might change if school remains closed. BH shared some perspective.

The School Leadership Team (BH, KN and JC) prepared a Middle School 2020-2021 proposal. Questions were discussed concerning the financial analysis of the proposal as well as the student-staff ratio implications and challenges. School Leadership shared additional information and perspective of the analysis and thoughts that went into the proposal (i.e. why we are only considering existing GCCS students as 6th graders in year 1). Additional discussion occurred about the readiness for opening given the COVID-19 issues as well as implications to our Summer programming.

Middle School Next Steps

The BOT discussed what decisions and communications need to occur in moving forward with executing on the Middle School 2020-2021 proposal.

BOT Recruitment Update

BH shared that he received a LinkedIn contact that he will share with the BOT.

Fundraising Task Force

KM discussed the recent activities of the Task Force. KM raised the question of timing of the event given the COVID-19 challenges. General consensus was to delay the Tastes and Toasts until the Fall.

KM introduced the Bridge Philanthropic Consulting report linked to the Task Force minutes. BH discussed a recent call he had with the Walton Foundation.

Finance Committee Update

No update given scheduling challenges due to COVID-19.

Operations Report

BH discussed conversations he is having about a security speaker system installation. More to come at a future BOT meeting.

BH discussed the Red Rabbit food service delivery program. We served 350 or so meals today.

BH shared how staff and operations are progressing in light of the COVID-19 closure.

MJ questioned BH about the HVAC replacement situation.

Academic Report

KN discussed the current remote learning (including non-core / specials classes) we are employing as well as the social and emotional support we are providing. MJ questioned KN about how the teacher collaboration is working, KN discussed. Parent feedback has been plentiful.

KM proposed a possible EAC Check-In prior to the next standing meeting to monitor the academic situation given the COVID-19 challenges and how our academic goals might equate given the new normal (i.e. what the situation will be with state standardized tests).

Other Board Business

BH recommends that we continue interim conversations about the middle school real estate work that is underway. MJ will circulate a Doodle to confirm times for the BOT to participate with BH on these calls.

MJ reiterated the desire to be tighter about the reasons why people would be allowed in the building. BH to follow-up with guidelines that are shared with staff.

JZ thanked the School Leadership Team for their hard work through this challenging time.

Adjournment

JZ adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

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