

Board Meeting Minutes
Global Community Charter School

November 18, 2020

6:31 p.m. – 8:51 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 November 18, 2020 in the school building at 2350 Fifth Avenue and by videoconference.

JZ noted quorum (JZ, MJ, KM, PG, NP and RM in attendance) and called the meeting to order at 6:31PM

Roll Call

BOT by video conference: James Zika (JZ); Mary Jilek (MJ); Kate McGovern (KM); Rob Moser (RM); Ibrahim Yusuf (IY); Nick Pozek (NP); Priyanka Gandhi (PG)

GCCS Staff: Bill Holmes (BH)

GCCS Staff by video conference: Kristan Norgrove (KN)

Parent Representation: None

BOT Candidates by video conference: Luke Copley

Public: Kara Berlin (Harvest)

Public comment

No public comment.

Approval of October Minutes

Noting no discussion. PK moved, and MJ seconded, a motion “to approve Minutes from the October 21 Regular BOT Meeting.” The motion was passed unanimously (JZ, MJ, KM, NP, RM, PG).

Organizational Chart Changes

BH introduced a discussion of proposed changes to the GCCS Organization Chart. MJ asked about the PYP Coordinator roll and our IB requirements which was addressed by KN. PG questioned a number of other positions and changes that appear between V1 and V2. JZ and RM asked about a number of other roles and how they are placed on the organization chart.

Noting no further discussion, RM moved, and IY seconded, a motion “to approve the revised Organizational Chart presented to be effective immediately with the revision of the last bullet as discussed.” The motion was passed unanimously (JZ, MJ, KM, NP, PG, IY, RM).

Fundraising Task Force Update

KM discussed the recent activities and discussions that have taken place during the Task Force meeting as an introduction to the upcoming conversation with Harvest. BH discussed how the Harvest proposal differs from the prior fundraising engagement we recently terminated. The BOT had questions about past performance and if Harvest had a preference for hiring a Development Coordinator before or after engaging with Harvest. BH addressed the questions and shared that The Walton Foundation check is in for the full \$325,000. BH shared that he is working on pursuing a grant from T Mobile.

BH introduced Kara Berlin from Harvest to discuss the Harvest proposal and address BOT questions. Kara walked through the proposal and addressed questions from the BOT about BOT commitment and fundraising given the issues of the world today. KM posed the question to KN to validate her understanding of the commitment of the CAO. Kara thanked the BOT for considering the Harvest proposal.

The BOT continued to discuss various aspects of the Harvest proposal and ideas around the approach for fundraising and the hiring of a development coordinator. BH posed the question that we ultimately need to consider as a BOT, “do we believe that now is the time to invest in a fundraiser program that will bear fruit in the future”. Each member of the BOT was asked about their current position on the proposal and approach to determine how we might want to proceed and guide the Fundraising Task Force.

Middle School Broker Proposal

BH introduced the rationale for soliciting proposals and the proposal that we have received from various brokers. The COO is recommending the Transwestern proposal. No issues were raised by the BOT with the COO pursuing this proposal.

BOT Recruitment Update

JZ shared the current status of various candidates and their application process.

Strategy Task Force Update

JZ shared that there is a Strategy Session scheduled for December 8 at 6:30pm with Dan Passek. JZ will be sharing some pre-read materials.

Finance Committee Update

BH shared that we have been asked to scale up our current food service program with Red Rabbit to help address additional food insecurities in the community. There were no other highlights from the Finance Committee to be discussed.

Academic / Education and Accountability Committee (EAC) Update

KN and KM recommended that the BOT review the materials attached to the Agenda.

Executive Session

JZ moved to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:31 PM.

JZ moved to exit the Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

Adjournment

JZ adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.

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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.