

Global Community Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 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 October 23rd in the school building at 421 W. 145th St., New York, NY

Call to order

Rachael called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Roll call

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

Via phone: Chad Weber (CW)

Absent: Peter Novak (PN), Peter Prosol (PP)

Staff: Phyllis Siwiec (PS), Marlene Lora (ML), Rachel Riebling, CPA (RR)

Parent Representatives: Cortrell Holt (CW), Melissa Jesurum (MJ)

Public: Shawn Bayer, BOT candidate (SB)

Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Public comment

None

Finance Committee Report

CW reviewed draft Audit materials; we received “a clean opinion.” A few revisions need to be made before the audit is due to the state on November 1, 2013.

CW reported that our financials for September look good.

CW is speaking with T.D. Bank about obtaining a small line of credit.

Minutes

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

Last month's action items

KM sought updates on last month's action items. RB worked with ML to upload all but three operating documents to our Google drive and CW uploaded financial documents. PN (via email) introduced a Columbia Business School intern who will assist in aligning GCCS' needs with resources and opportunities connected to Columbia University.

Parent Representative Report

CH reported that the school year got off to a very well organized start. MJ reported that the first PAPA meeting was well attended (40 new parents). PAPA discussed having a Change the World day in lieu of a Halloween celebration. The next PAPA meeting will take place November 14th; teachers and BOT are welcome to attend. MJ, PS and ML discussed developing the after school program.

Facilities Task Force Report

PS reported on a meeting with Mt. Zion Church on October 16, 2013 regarding the school facility. Mt. Zion will finalize their decision on the 3 year lease extension by 11/15/13. The Facilities Task Force will continue to explore long and short term facility options.

Academic Committee Report

The Education and Accountability Committee will meet before the next meeting.

Executive Committee Report

PS and RB will coordinate a recruitment event for a BOT member in the education sector.

KM has reached out to a few potential Board consultants and will circulate consultant proposals prior to the next meeting.

KM and RB met with BOT members from Family Life Academy Charter School who have offered to serve as a "mentor" Board and have invited us to attend one of their BOT meetings.

Head of School Update

PS spoke about Professional Development to take place around STEM and reviewed the Attendance Report and the F&P Benchmark Assessments.

BOT entered Executive Session at 8:59 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. BOT exited Executive Session at 9:35 p.m.

Adjournment

RB moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35. KM seconded this motion. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned.