

Board Meeting Minutes
Global Community Charter School

October 21, 2020

6:31 p.m. – 9:06 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 October 21, 2020 in the school building at 2350 Fifth Avenue and by videoconference.

JZ noted quorum (JZ, MJ, KM, PG 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, Anna Houseman and Damaris Herron-Watkins

Public: None

Public comment

No public comment.

Approval of September Minutes

Noting no discussion. MJ moved, and PGseconded, a motion “to approve Minutes from the September 16 Regular BOT Meeting.” The motion was passed unanimously (JZ, MJ, KM, RM, PG).

Introduction of Potential Board Member

JZ introduced Luke Copley and Anna Houseman as potential BOT Members. The BOT and School Leadership, as well as the BOT Candidates, introduce themselves.

Proposed Changes to GCCS Organizational Chart

JZ introduced the proposal and BH discussed in more detail the rationale for the changes. Questions were discussed about titles and the placement of some teacher groups on the organizational chart. The BOT decided to table further discussion on this proposal until the November BOT meeting.

Education and Accountability Committee (EAC) Update

KM introduced and discussed the recent meetings of the EAC Committee and the data that they reviewed. This included the very positive assessment results of our PreK cohort who are now in our K program.

Chief Academic Officer (CAO) Report

KN discussed the current academic activities underway to maintain student engagement and appropriate assessments within our remote programs. KN highlighted how our programs are

maintaining and honoring the GCCS key design elements. MJ asked about the teachers and if they feel supported and how we are handling chronic absenteeism. KN discussed how the academic leadership team is supporting the teachers and addressing chronic absenteeism.

Middle School Build Out

BH discussed the transition of PM responsibilities to DBI and the recent activities around the 147th Street space. BH reviewed the “Middle School Space Considerations” Powerpoint that was attached to the Agenda. Five (5) contractor vendors did walkthroughs and provided bids based on the Pell Overton architectural drawings. BH indicated that in recent weeks, two other sites have come to our attention for consideration. BH presented various financial models based on the estimated construction costs of \$4.5MM as well as the next step he will be working on. MJ shared that she is going to convene more frequent Middle School Task Force meetings.

Fundraising Task Force Update

BH shared that GCCS will be receiving a grant for \$325,000 over three years from the Walton Family Foundation to support our expansion of a Middle School. KM shared that Deloitte donated \$1,600 using the Connecting our Kids campaign and thanked IY for his work to make this happen.

Finance Committee Update

BH provided an update to the BOT on our current operational financials. BH shared that we are slightly under-enrolled versus our budget but are operating at a surplus to the budget. BH shared that we have received a “clean audit” and that the Committee reviewed the initial audit documentation with the Auditors.

Chief Operating Officer Report

BH discussed our student retention data and how our attrition compares to prior years.

Executive Session

JZ moved to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 8:14 PM.

JZ moved to exit the Executive Session at 9:06 PM.

Adjournment

JZ adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.

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.