

Board Meeting Minutes
Global Community Charter School

December 16, 2020

6:35 p.m. – 8:32 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 December 16, 2020 by videoconference.

MJ noted quorum (JZ, MJ, KM, PG and RM in attendance) and called the meeting to order at 6:35PM

Roll Call

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

GCCS Staff by video conference: Bill Holmes (BH); Kristan Norgrove (KN)

Parent Representation: None

BOT Candidates by video conference: Luke Copley, Anna Houseman, Vidushi Sandhir, Ernie Sander, Kallie Aultman and Damaris Herron-Watkins

Public: None

Public comment

MJ welcomed the BOT Candidates in attendance. No public comment.

Approval of November Minutes

Noting no discussion. JZ moved, and PG seconded, a motion “to approve Minutes from the November 18 Regular BOT Meeting.” The motion was passed unanimously (JZ, MJ, KM, NP, RM, PG).

Introduction of Potential Board Member

MJ introduced Luke Copley, Anna Houseman, Vidushi Sandhir and Ernie Sander as potential BOT Members. The BOT and School Leadership each introduced themselves. Each of the potential BOT candidates introduced themselves. MJ spoke about some of the upcoming initiatives the BOT is working on.

Middle School Build-Out Update

BH discussed the current status of the work with DBI and the information we will be receiving concerning the 147th Street option from them in the coming weeks. The Task Force will convene to deep dive into the report after it is received in preparation for an update at the January BOT meeting.

Strategy Task Force Update

MJ introduced and discussed the recent conversations and activities of the Strategy Task Force around branding, obstacles and how the current political landscape might impact enrollment, per-pupil funding, etc. that are all key aspects of expansion. The BOT discussed some of the ideas concerning expansion that were raised by Dan Pasek and what they might mean to GCCS and the strategic vision we are developing for the school. There are a number of concerns and unknowns that were discussed during the conversation, items that need to continue to be discussed in the Strategy Task Force, including enrollment projections, per pupil funding,

impact to school culture, etc. The discussion moved into a conversation about an Academy Model and the pros and cons of that approach.

Fundraising Task Force Update

KM discussed the recent activities and discussions that have taken place during the Task Force meeting. KM discussed that the Task Force has gathered responses from Harvest to prior BOT questions and currently recommends pausing our pursuit of engaging with Harvest at this time.

KM updated the BOT on the “Connecting our Kids” campaigns (Giving Tuesday and Year End Giving).

Finance Committee Update

BH discussed the highlights of the school's financial reports highlighting the strength of our current balance sheet given the PPE funds and Walton Grant funds. A question was raised concerning the usage of Walton Grant funds.

Academic / Education and Accountability Committee (EAC) Update

KM pointed the BOT to the attachments in the Agenda and a number of the Family Engagement events being undertaken by KN and Jasmin. An issue with contact with the IB folks was highlighted and discussed.

CAO Update

KN presented and discussed the 2020-2021 Academic Goals and where GCCS stands against these goals. In addition to walking the BOT through various data points, KN discussed how these goals and measures of success have been impacted by the COVID model we are working within. Using the Dashboard (attached to the Agenda), KN discussed the attendance results. KN discussed the desire to have some form of in-person instruction when and if we can do it safely. PG raised a question about how the Red Rabbit program would work in a hybrid (remote and on-site) model if we moved into that model in January.

COO Update

BH provided an update on the school facility and readiness for in-person instruction. BH further discussed the status of our student recruitment activities and application status. BH highlighted many of the materials on the GCCS website that have been created to help with student recruitment. MJ asked about how the GCCS trends in applications relate to the sector of other charter schools. BH shared what he had learned during a recent Charter Center meeting.

Upcoming GCCS Events

MJ discussed a number of upcoming BOT events and meetings and invited participation of any BOT candidates who are interested.

Adjournment

MJ adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM.

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