

Board Planning Meeting Minutes
Global Community Charter School

July 15, 2021

6:32 PM – 8:41 PM (scheduled to convene at 6:30 PM)

Minutes of the planning meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for Global Community Charter School (GCCS) held on July 15, 2021 by videoconference.

JZ noted quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Roll Call

BOT by video conference: James Zika (JZ), Nick Pozek (NP), Priyanka Gandhi (PG), Kate McGovern (KM), Juanita de Castro (JC), Misbah Budhwani (MB), Vidushi Sandhir (VS), Luke Copley (LC), Anna Houseman (AH)

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

BOT Candidates by video conference: Martha Zornow (MZ)

Public: None.

Public Comment

None.

Items for Vote

BOT discussed meeting cadence and established that future meetings beginning in August will be held in person, with a secondary option for joining by video conference. KM moved, and PG seconded, a motion to establish the regular cadence of BOT meetings as the third Wednesday of each month, with the schedule to be duly posted on website to comply with New York open meeting laws. The motion was passed unanimously.

Community Engagement

BOT discussed ways in which the Board and GCCS has engaged with the community, including school families, the broader neighborhood, and elected officials, as well as ways in which engagement can be improved. MZ mentioned the possibility of creating a parent advocate role to engage more deeply with the needs of families. KM noted that this could be a part of the development coordinator's responsibilities. LC brought up the importance of engagement that aligns with broader school strategy around partnerships.

Strategy Discussion

BOT agreed to rekindle the strategy task force, with interest from NP, VS, JC, MB, KM, and MZ in participating. BOT discussed the importance of parent involvement in goal setting and evaluating the community needs that GCCS can meet. Strategy task force will also address refreshing the mission statement.

Academic and Operations

KN provided an update and answered BOT questions around recent teacher recruitment efforts and outstanding personnel gaps. BOT discussed the importance of cultivating talent and retaining academic professionals.

Executive Session

BOT entered into Executive Session at 8:04 PM to discuss personnel issues. BOT exited Executive Session at 8:40 PM.

Adjournment

JZ adjourned the meeting at 8:41 PM.