

**Global Community Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting
February 15, 2024
Remote
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

Meeting ID: <https://globalcommunitycs-org.zoom.us/j/83372892860>

Call to order/roll call (6:30 PM)
Public comment

Global Community and Education Insights

State of the School

COO Report (6:30 PM - 6:50 PM)

- [Enrollment Update](#) (recruitment tab)
 - SY24-25: 435 applications so far
 - The enrollment max is 645 (excluding pre-K). This is the most FTE we would get reimbursed for
 - March is the big push, 3 tours a month
 - Elementary school tour yesterday
 - Middle School tour last week
 - A new Second grader is joining next semester!
 - Send a thank you message to the person who referred the student
 - ⅔ of applications are coming from District 5
 - Add a new grade & district chart for current enrollees
 - Having this info will benefit recruitment
 - The Tenants Association has requested to host their meetings at the Elementary School – more to come
- [Fundraising Update](#)
 - Big Shout-Out to Ibrahim- He has raised over \$3k, almost all donations from Deloitte employees
 - Bloomberg announced that they will be supporting the Summer Program again!
 - Up to \$2k per student
 - Bill has signed up for the information sessions
 - After-school programming is most likely lowest lowest-hanging fruit to receiving funding
 - Charter Center has asked that they pen an Op-ED (NY Post) about security guard funding.
 - Right now there are funds for private and religious schools but not for charter schools. Charter School advocacy push

- Feb 6th - Assembly members and State Senators introduce legislation for rental assistance policy. "Student should not pay rent"
 - TBD if it makes its's into the state budget
- Talk to the Charter School person about after-school activities. Update on status
- Host another event at the middle school if there is appetite?
 - Global Event - students have a designated country (theme)
- Finance Committee [Minutes](#) (Anna)
 - Three major buckets
 - Enrollment
 - Preliminary Budget
 - Staffing
 - Expenses can't be cut down anymore.
 - How do we get our enrollment as close to charter max as possible?
 - How do we increase revenue without cutting expenses anymore?
 - Possible enrollment/class size changes
 - 2 class model vs 3 class model
 - Model various scenarios
 - Put 5th grade in the middle school - This can help retain students in the middle school
 - How would the parents and students feel about this. Take surveys with parents, etc.
 - Tone & delivery is important
 - (DOE) Enrollment is down but up in charter schools and kindergarten
 - Next Steps:
 - Short-Term and Long-Term Success
 - Identify both plans
 - Procurement process
 - This has improved - much better with approval and tracking of credit card usage

CAO Report (6:50 PM - 7:10 PM)

- Family and Faculty Satisfaction Survey
 - Sending it out after the break
 - Don't have after-school activities so assume negative feedback will come—remove from the survey?
 - Kristan & Director of Talent - She will collect and analyze the data; if there is a clear area of improvement, then those changes will be made. Won't share the raw data with the Principals
 - Principals will get the raw data from the parent surveys
- State Testing

- 8 weeks of test prep because we have time
- Will look at the test prep data
- Mission Hearing - March 5, 2024
 - At 5:30 PM on Zoom
- Multiple Forms of Assessment - ES Student Portfolios
- [EAC Minutes](#) (Martha)
 - Kristen and the Academic team are questioning Iready
 - 1st grade is problematic; plan to enhance their ready level
 - The plan includes Friday afternoon skills development using Lexia (a researched-based online reading program)

Strategy (7:10 PM - 7:40 PM)

- Priorities-driven budget process
- Update on Finance Project Plan (Kristan and Bill)
 - Progress versus outlined plan in [December](#)
 - Regular meetings with Office managers on each campus to review purchase orders, ensuring they are aligned.
 - Should be good for the rest of the year. Now, there are weekly standing meetings to monitor progress
 - Next Step: Finance Project Planning document is updated before each board meeting
- Partnership engagement update (Kristan and Bill)
 - COO partnership update
 - Meetings to schedule with Elected Officials in the Spring
 - Would love a meeting with Yusef Salaam
 - CAO partnership update
 - National Dance Institute (NDI)
 - Want to host our graduation; They also have access to Pinkerton who have \$100K grant
 - Neighborhood Charter
 - Work with children with autism; they can help support us with students with special needs
 - HVA
 - Colleges and Universities
 - Fordam
 - NYU
 - Staff us with special educators for middle school (partnership fee)

Items for Vote (7:40 PM - 8:00 PM)

- Approve minutes from the January BoT meeting
 - Deferred to next meeting

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Other Board Business

Executive Session (8:00 PM - 8:30 PM)

Adjournment (8:30 PM)

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