

Board Meeting Minutes
Global Community Charter School

July 20, 2022

6:34 p.m. – 8:37 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 July, 2022 by video conference.

AH noted quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Roll Call

BOT by video conference: Ibrahim Yusuf (IY); Anna Houseman (AH); Nick Pozek (NP); Misbah Budhwani (MB); Martha Zornow (MZ); Kate McGovern (KM); Juanita de Castro (JC)

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

Public: None

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

MZ moved, and NP seconded, a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 15th Regular BOT Meeting. The motion passed.

MB moved, and AH seconded, a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 15th Special Meeting. The motion passed.

Items for Vote

BH provided details on determining criterias for a BOT member for not being in person for a given meeting. This language will be reviewed by legal. BH will draft the language to be voted on for the next meeting.

KN provided details on updates made to the School Year 2022-2023 calendar to meet the required 190 days and answered BOT questions around what students would work on virtually on Indigenous People's Day, the variation on if other school take that day off or not, orientation and opportunities for new students to see and get to know the school. JC moved, and MB seconded, a motion to approve the calendar for the School Year 2022-2023, once updated to observe New Year's as a day off for GCCS staff on January 2nd, 2023 and for Indigenous People Day to be a remote learning day. The motion passed.

Academic and Operations Update

KN highlighted the project that students at GCCS completed with Dress for Success around women's equality, and the CEO's LinkedIn Post that featured GCCS. KN and JC discussed potential partnership with Dress for Success through the CEO as well as featuring this for our community building. BOT brainstormed potential ideas.

KN reviewed academic progress over the course of the school year including moving students who were not on grade level to on grade level, specifically students who were severely below grade level had improvements along all assessments due to interventions. The data shows that academic interventions were successful based on local assessments.

BH provided updates on the bond transaction with the hopes to close on 8/18. There are capital projects happening to both schools on time and on budget. Elementary classrooms should be prepared by next week. The Middle School projects will be completed by the end of August and not disrupt the start of school.

BH provided updates on recruiting. Our family coordinator is now a consultant for recruiting. We have ~33 families registered for Pre-K and for K we have 65 new families for Kindergarten with ~16 repeating families from Pre-K.

BH provided updates on healthcare carriers for GCCS. Rates are going up 54% with our current vendor, and BH is looking into other vendors and a vote will be required for the next meeting. BH answered questions around potential reasons for the increase in cost with our current vendor and if GCCS can communicate with current employees regarding the upcoming change. BH forewarned potential risks to changes or interruption in plans for current employees. BOT discussed how to highlight personnel updates in the COO Report.

Committee Updates

MZ walked the BOT through changes made to EAC as well as highlights and lowlights from the monthly EAC committee meetings. Some of these topics included middle school schedule, high school awareness. NP offered an update on the last Strategy Task Force meeting. NP walked through the upcoming agenda for BOT strategy retreat on July 3 including restatement of the mission statement, planning for the upcoming 5 and 10 years. JC provided an update from their last Development Task Force and provided highlights including exceeding the development goal for this school year. JC suggested tracking smaller goals including number of grants applied to, number of returning donors to have more data on areas of focus, and potentially exploring other CMS tools that could be more useful and help track our goals better. JC indicated that by the next BOT meeting that she will provide us an update regarding communication thanking donors for their support in their upcoming school year and how this should become an annual cadence. JC suggested inviting community members and donors to be invited to the upcoming block party on 8/26.

Other

The BOT entered into executive session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss personnel items. The BOT exited executive session at 8:37 p.m.

Adjournment

AH adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.