

Board Meeting Minutes
Global Community Charter School

March 17, 2021

6:31 p.m. – 8:36 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 March 17, 2021 by videoconference.

JZ noted quorum (JZ, MJ, KM, NP, PG and RM in attendance) and called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

Roll Call

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

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

Parent Representation: None

BOT Candidates by video conference: Juanita De Castro, Melissa Bramowitz, Anna Houseman and Luke Copley

Public: Nora Clancy and Dan Pasek (Pasek Consulting)

Public comment

No public comment.

Approval of February Minutes

KM asked a question about the procedures for posting BOT Agenda and Minutes. BH discussed the procedures. Noting no discussion. MJ moved, and RM seconded, a motion “to approve Minutes from the February 10 Regular BOT Meeting.” The motion was passed unanimously (JZ, MJ, KM, NP, PG, IY, RM).

Charter Renewal Discussion

Nora Clancy introduced Pasek Consulting and the role they are playing for the GCCS BOT. Nora continued with a presentation providing an overview of the charter renewal process and the next steps. BOT questions were raised and addressed by Nora and Dan about the likely term of our renewal, the data that will be use in the renewal application (i.e. benchmark data, test results, etc.), how potential site visitations might work and what the BOT might be doing outside of the formal process being coordinated by Pasek Consulting.

BOT Recruitment Updated

JZ shared that Vidushi Sandhir has been approved by SED. JZ introduced Juanita De Castro and Melissa Bramowitz as new potential BOT members. The BOT and School Leadership, as well as the BOT Candidates, introduce themselves.

Middle School Expansion

KM shared her experience and observations from making a site visit to the new Middle School facility. BH shared an overview of the current activities around the middle school expansion including the lease negotiations, financing options, building and contracting updates, potential budget impacts and the likely schedule of some important upcoming dates. MJ asked KN about how the academic team is feeling about the design decisions being made for the Middle School.

IY asked BH about the second round of PPP funding and any opportunities that might offer GCCS. KM asked BH about the status of the Friends of GCCS organization. IY initiated a discussion about the financial relationship between GCCS and the Friends of GCCS organization.

Fundraising Task Force Update

KM introduced the Task Force minutes attached to the Agenda. KM focused BOT attention to a discussion the Task Force had about potentially moving forward with Harvest LLC in line with a proposal they previously provided to GCCS. The Task Force will be bringing a formal recommendation and updated contract from Harvest LLC to the BOT for a vote.

Chief Academic Officer Report

KN highlighted that, based on the low positivity rates, that the school will be opening for in-person instruction. The school is expected to welcome approximately 200 in-person students.

Education and Accountability Committee (EAC) Update

KM recommended that the BOT consider switching the order of future Agendas to move the Academic areas forward in the Agenda. KM also pointed the BOT's attention to a number of valuable items in the EAC Minutes that were attached to the Agenda.

Other Business

JZ asked BH to discuss the status of the lottery and student recruitment.

JZ thanked the prospective BOT candidates for attending and participating in the meeting.

Adjournment

JZ adjourned the meeting at 8:36 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.