

Board Meeting Minutes
Global Community Charter School

1/19/2023

6:52 p.m. – 8:49 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 January 19th, 2023.*

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

Roll Call

BOT in-person: Anna Houseman (AH); Martha Zornow (MZ); Misbah Budhwani (MB); Kate McGovern (KM); Luke Copley (LC); Ibrahim Yusuf (IY); Nick Pozek (NP)

BOT by video-conference: Juanita de Castro (JC),

GCCS Staff by in-person: Bill Holmes (BH); Kristan Norgrove (KN)

Public: Michael Farkosh Soares

Public Comment: None.

State of the School

BH updated BOT on the status of the open role for the Enrollment Coordinator. BH updated BOT on enrollment efforts such as bus ads, in-person referral events, etc. GCCS needs about 450 applications to enroll 50 students next year. BOT discussed potential reasons as to the decrease of applications such as increased competition in charter schools in the district. BH will provide drafts of budgets based off of potential enrollment to understand financial implications by the next board meeting. BH discussed potential signage and/or murals around the building and the neighborhood that could provide more awareness of GCCS's existence. BH also provided an update on leveraging parents to support recruitment in their neighborhoods and having events such as education nights with families in housing communities while providing food and music and providing awareness of GCCS applications. BOT discussed in depth the ratio of number of applications needed to fill a seat at GCCS and brainstormed ideas on ways we can increase the buy-in from parents on GCCS from application to acceptance. BOT will do an enrollment check in on 2/3/23.

MZ and KN provided an update on the EAC including tracking formal and informal teacher observations, upcoming IB evaluation, staffing concerns at the middle school, and test prep. KN discussed areas of growth that were committed to the IB team and how we are performing against them. KN also provided updates on upcoming middle school teacher hiring for the 2023-2024 school year.

BH provided updates on where we stand with CARES Act federal funding, fundraising, and potentially exploring a 3rd party firm to support in applying for available grants. BOT discussed the possibility of students or teachers / school leadership presenting before every BOT meeting.

Items for Vote

Approval for December BOT Minutes: NP moved, and IY seconded, a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 19th 2022 Regular BOT Meeting. The motion passed.

Strategy Mid-Year Check-In

NP covered the strategy priority areas which were identified in the July 2023 strategy retreat and BOT discussed our progress thus far

Adjournment

AH adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.