

Board Meeting Minutes
Global Community Charter School

November 17, 2021

6:34 p.m. – 9:13 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 November 17, 2021 in the school building at 218 W 147th and by videoconference.

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

Roll Call

BOT in attendance: Luke Copley (LC); Martha Zornow (MZ); Kate McGovern (KM); Misbah Budhwani (MB)

BOT by video conference: Priyanka Gandhi (PG); Juanita De Castro (JC); Mary Jilek (MJ); Anna Houseman (AH); Nick Pozek (NP); Vidushi Sandhir (VS); Ibrahim Yusuf (IY)

GCCS Staff in attendance: Bill Holmes (BH)

GCCS Staff by video conference: Kristan Norgrove (KN)

Public: Rob Moser (RM); Denise Amberts

Public Comment

None.

Items for Vote

KN provided an overview of the proposed COVID Leave Benefit for GCCS staff. KN and BH answered questions from the BOT around logistics. BOT requested updates to include an end date and requirement for proper documentation of quarantine requirements as acceptable to GCCS staff. PG moved, and MZ seconded, a motion to approve the COVID Leave Benefit policy with the changes requested. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

KM moved, and PG seconded, a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 20 Regular BOT Meeting. The motion passed (LC, MZ, KM, PG, JC, AH, NP, IY).

KM moved, and MZ seconded, a motion to approve the Minutes from the October 26 Special BOT Meeting. The motion passed.

Brief Committee Updates

LC discussed the October Audit Review meeting, and LC and BH answered questions around the Audit. LC updated the BOT on discussions held during the November Finance Committee meeting, including the process for acquisition of the middle school real estate property.

NP provided an update to the BOT on conversations held by the Strategy Task Force, including objectives of the strategic plan and key owners of the different workflows.

KM discussed the EAC's update on student performance and family engagement and KN offered greater detail on state test results as well as a walkthrough of the Class Dojo system, including staff posts of student activity, and its intended effect of keeping parents updated and involved

with ongoings in the classroom. KN walked through the ways in which engagement is tracked and insights are gleaned. KM called out the departure of the interventionist and EAC focus on arts integration. KN explained the formats in which the intervention gap is being filled by third parties.

JC updated the BOT on the latest development activity and status of funds raised versus annual budget. JC discussed potential events being planned for the GCCS 10 year anniversary.

Academic and Operations

BH discussed openings on the operations side of the org chart, including the operations manager which is a key area of focus, as well as a facilities manager which is not mentioned on the org chart. BOT provided support for BH to explore potential job descriptions and postings to fill in needs on the operations side.

KN discussed openings on the academic side, including on the special education and dance side, and workarounds that have been put in place to meet needs where required. There is also an opening for a permanent sub, which the BOT is supportive of filling.

BH provided an update on contract work being done on the middle school facilities. MZ pointed out steps needed to ensure the safety of students.

BH notified the BOT of the status of the Sony grant, and the BOT discussed including a BOT sponsor for each large grant in order to drive support.

MZ inquired into the status of the two-teacher staffing model, and KN confirmed this is still the case for lower grade levels.

Other

BH explained timing and logistics regarding the SED renewal site visit and expectations around BOT attendance.

BOT entered into executive session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss real estate and personnel matters. BOT exited executive session at 9:13 p.m.

Adjournment

LC adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.