

Global Community Charter School
Board Meeting Agenda

December 21, 2016

6:34pm – 9:20pm (Scheduled 6:30 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.)

GCCS: 2350 Fifth Avenue NY, NY

Minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for Global Community Charter School (GCCS) held on December 21, 2016 in the school building at 2350 Fifth Avenue

Call to order at 6:34pm

Roll Call

In attendance: Mary Jilek (MJ), Rob Moser (RM), Annie Flores-Nunez (AF), Ibrahim Yusuf (IY), James Zika (JZ)

By Skype: Kate McGovern (KM), Peter Kauffman (PK), Chris Buffum (CB), Tope Yusuf (TY) – non voting

Staff: Phyllis Siwec (PS), Bill Holmes (BH)

Parent representatives: Yokasta Abru, Nelly Rossie

Public comment: N/a

Minutes for the November 16 meeting and December 13 special meeting approved as distributed.

Strategy & Governance

Strategy & Governance (6:35pm) - MJ

Board Recruitment Update

MJ provided recruitment update and that state approved CB and JZ as BOT members.

Reminder of next steps for strategic planning

BOT will make further comments to mission statement/vision statement.

Corrections to SED site visit report

BOT members and school leaders will add edits and comments, compile in time for submission.

Discussion on further engagement with Paseks

MJ presented possibility of engaging the Paseks again for strategic planning and other initiatives.

Discussion of GCCS Complaint Policy – Parent Concern Form and Parent Handbook

MJ led discussion of updates to GCCS Complaint Policy. RM made motion to add BOT contact information to Parent Concern form. JZ seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Academics

Education and Accountability Committee Report (7:05) – PK

PK summarized academic portion of Nov. 30 call with state and December 13 EAC meeting. PS will ask state during January call about not assessing kindergarten on GMADE and GRADE, as those tests are being eliminated for 2017-2018.

Library Task Force Report (7:30) – KM

KM summarized fundraising campaign, \$6k raised so far. GCCS has applied for Laura Bush Foundation library grant. KM will coordinate with librarian friend of Jillian Cantor's in January to create formal plan for how to build library. BH and CB will coordinate plan for soliciting further library donations.

Head of School Report (7:45) – PS

PS discussed reflection on strategic planning meeting. Discussed goal to increase PD time for teachers.

School Operations & Finance

Finance Committee Report (7:55) – RM

RM summarized Finance Committee meeting.

- For hot water system, BH has a few quotes, but the scope of the work is projected to take longer than one week, so postponed until the summer as cannot risk having hot water disruption while school in session.
- GCCS in last year of initial lease term. By end of January would need to decide if exercise option to extend lease. Task force convened to discuss possible lease renegotiation asks before Jan. 31, BH will reach out to volunteers.
- Additional Chromebooks on order to support well-received iReady assessment system.

Chief Operating Officer Report (8:05) - BH

- FDNY approved all systems in kitchen, GCCS expected to start preparing its own meals in January. Milton should received tremendous praise for his support in this endeavor.
- Recruitment efforts returning strong results less than one month into process. BH will explore possibility of partnering with Community Links for recruitment efforts.
- DOT will install traffic light at 125th St., has repainted crosswalks and installed new signage, largely due to GCCS efforts after parent and child-student were hit by car on “uptown racetrack” by the school.

Other Board Business

Executive Session

BOT entered Executive Session at 8:51pm to discuss personnel issue. BOT exited Executive Session at 9:20pm.

Adjournment (9:20pm).

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