

Global Community Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2014

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for Global Community Charter School (GCCS) held on April 23rd in the school building at 421 W. 145th St., New York, NY

Call to order

Rachael called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Roll call

In attendance: Rachael Beard (RB), Kate McGovern (KM), Robert Moser (RM), Peter Novak (PN), Chad Weber (CW)

Staff: Phyllis Siwec (PS), Steve Williams (SW)

Parent Representatives: Melissa Jesurum (MJ), Cortrell Holt (CH)

Public: Mary Jilek (MJ), Annie Flores (AF), Chris Swinney (CS)

Public comment

None.

Minutes

PN moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting. RM seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Employee Handbook Amendment & Calendar

PN moved to approve the proposed SY 2014-2015 calendar and the proposed amendment to the Employee Handbook concerning Vacation Days pending slight revision to clarify intended meaning. CW seconded. All in favor.

Parent Representative Report

MJ attended the last PAPA meeting where the Spring Fair location was discussed; the location is still to be determined.

Fundraising Task Force Report

PN reported on the task force's proposal that the school hire a fundraiser. PN also reported on the BOT's contributions of raffle prizes for the Spring Fair.

Columbia Internship Report

CS reported on his findings of resources at Columbia University that could support GCCS in fundraising, Board Development/Membership, Facilities, Strategic Planning, tutoring, student development, teacher development, and legal assistance.

Finance Committee Report

CW reported on the current budget and our draft 990 form. KM moved to approve the draft 990 form pending thorough review and sign off from the Finance Committee. RM seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Magi will present to the teachers about 401k retirement investing on April 30th.

Facilities Task Force Report

SW reported on engineers' inspection of the fire escapes. SW reported on discussions with potential facilities and Civic Builders.

Education Accountability Task Force Report

KM reported on Charter School Goals drafting. RB moved to approve the Charter Specific Goals pending Education Accountability Task Force's decision on the % of parents/caregivers who will express satisfaction with the school. PN seconded. All in favor.

Executive Committee Report

In preparation for the annual meeting in June, task forces will review Charter School Performance Framework and identify which items they will take ownership of tracking.

Head of School Report

PS reported on student promotion, proposed supports for 3rd grade (socio-emotional, instrumental music and athletic programs), attendance, and enrollment. BOT discussed retention of registered students.

Governance Report

The BOT undertook a self evaluation, identifying strengths and weaknesses.

BOT entered into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Adjournment

RB moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42. KM seconded this motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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.