

Global Community Charter School
Board Meeting Agenda

November 16, 2016

6:32 p.m. – 9:25 p.m. (scheduled 6:30-8:30pm)

Minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for Global Community Charter School (GCCS) held on November 16, 2016 in the school building at 2350 Fifth Avenue

Call to order at 6:32pm

Roll Call

In attendance: Mary Jilek (MK); Rob Moser (RM); Annie Flores-Nunez (AF); Ibrahim Yusuf (IY); Peter Kauffman (PK). By Skype: Tope Yusuf (TY); Aditya Jeet, non-voting at this meeting (AJ)

Staff: Bill Holmes (BH); Phyllis Siwiec (PS)

Public: Chris Buffum (CB); James Zika (JZ) (by Skype); Kenita Lloyd (KL) (by teleconference)

Parent representatives: Yokasta Abru; Nelly Rossie

Public comment: N/a

Minutes for the October 19, 2016 meeting approved as distributed.

Strategy & Governance

Strategy and Governance (6:40) - MJ

Board Recruitment Update

AF provided update on recruitment, noting that with two applicants today and a third with almost all paperwork ready, BOT is on track to meet recruitment goal.

Vote on New Members

Vote and adopt resolution for Chris Buffum joining the board. AF moved, IY seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Strategic Planning

MJ and BH presented proposal for three-months of work with consultants to develop GCCS strategic plan. MJ will explore scheduling day retreat for BOT to build strategic plan.

6th grade expansion proposal

PS and BH withdrew proposal for request to add sixth grade for the following school year, so as to focus on strengthening K-5 program this year. GCCS staff is supporting 5th grade families find suitable school placements for 6th grade.

Academics

Education and Accountability Committee Report (7:20) – PK

Data

PK summarized efforts of EAC to develop system to assess, analyze and distribute data that is CCLS-aligned, time effective, and meaningful. GCCS academic leaders preparing data for first report to state due November 29, 2016. PS presented update on roll-out of i-Ready.

Library/Media Center

PK summarized progress of library task force (led by Kate McGovern, who could not attend meeting), including (a) results of survey distributed to parents, teachers, and students that collected data on the ideal GCCS school library/media center; and (b) development of holiday season “ask” for library/media center.

Head of School Report (7:30) – PS

- PS provided highlights of the hugely-successful Harvest Festival and GCCS's first Book Fair, where GCCS raised money which will be invested in new books for the library. Far more interest in Book Fair than expected, will take that into account in future Book Fair planning.
 - IB PYP researchers have been in touch about an initial visit in spring 2017.
 - GGCS currently administering Mock State Test, PS explained the results of which last year were predictive of final state test scores.
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School Operations & Finance

Finance Committee Report (7:40) - Rob

Corrective Action Plan

RM presented summary of finance committee meeting. Will draft argument for why Corrective Action Plan finance items should be closed, as they have been resolved.

FY 2016 IRS Form 990

RM made motion to approve FY 2016 IRS Form 990. AF seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chief Operating Officer Report (7:50) - Bill

- Fire suppression system repaired, but further work needed to get up-to-code.
- GCCS will apply for Laura Bush Foundation library grant.
- GCCS will pair with Corbin Hill Food Project to provide healthy food deliverables to the students and GCCS community members.
- Collecting proposals to replace hot water heater.
- Wilson training rescheduled after first trainer terminated.

Other Board Business

Executive Session (8:00)

BOT entered Executive Session at 8:42pm to discuss personnel issue. BOT exited Executive Session at 9:25pm.

Adjournment (9:25PM)