

Global Community Charter School
Board Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2014

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Minutes of a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) for Global Community Charter School (GCCS) held on May 21st in the school building at 421 W. 145th St., New York, NY

Call to order

Rachael called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

Roll call

In attendance: Rachael Beard (RB), Mary Jilek (MJ), Kate McGovern (KM), Peter Novak (PN), Chad Weber (CW)

Via Skype: Robert Moser (RM)

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

Absent: Melissa Jesurum (MJ), Cortrell Holt (CH)

Public: Annie Flores (AF)

Public comment

None.

Minutes

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

Board Candidate

The GCCS BOT voted to select Annie Flores as a candidate to its BoT, with a class 1 membership for a term from May 2014-June 2016. The resolution approving Annie Flores is formally adopted upon SED's approval.

Fundraising Task Force Report

PN reported on developments in planning the Spring Fair to be held June 6, 2014 from 3:00-7:30 p.m. at GCCS. The fair will feature activities, games, food, students' goods for sale, a raffle, and student performances. Going forward, PN and MJ will co-chair the Fundraising Task Force and will present a strategic fundraising plan at our annual BOT meeting.

Parent Representative Report

None.

Governance Report

RB reported on the draft agenda for our annual BOT meeting. BOT discussed whether to split the meeting into two sessions.

Finance Committee Report

CW reviewed our budget. CW and SW are working on the SY 2014-2015 budget.

Facilities Task Force Report

RB provided updates on potential facilities.

Education Accountability Task Force Report

KM reported on the parent satisfaction survey to be administered before year end. The task force is also working on drafting Arts goals and a new anti-bullying policy and developing a system to track the IB application process.

Head of School Report

PS reported on attendance. BOT discussed strategies for communicating the importance of attendance to parents. PS reported on Harvard Graduate School of Education Think Tank on Global Education where, among other valuable takeaways, she developed partnerships with elementary schools in Australia, India, and China. PN led discussion around potential projects for a Columbia Business School student collaborator for the upcoming year. BOT reviewed and approved agreement letters for teachers and behavior specialists.

Adjournment

RB moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47. 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.