

**The Genesee Community Charter School
Board of Trustees
Education Governance Council
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2020
Held at Strassenburgh Planetarium, 663 East Avenue**

Board Members Present: Michelle Burack, Michele Hannagan, Marcia Joy, Nolica Murray-Fields, Jessica Nordquist, Ryan O'Malley, **Elizabeth Pietrzykowski**, Mark Schiesser, Allison Shultes, Kevin Sutherland, Annemarie Wess
(Bold: BOT non-voting)

Board Members Absent: Rebecca Boyle, Cheryl Moeller, Traci Terrance

Educational Governance Council Members Present: Becki Mason, Maggie Deutschbein, Shannon Hillman

Legal Counsel Present: not present

Invited Guests Present: Maureen Milke, Robin Blew, Deb Hanmer and Steve Hanmer (Breakthrough Leadership consulting)

Meeting called to order by Michele Hannagan at 8:32AM

Corrective Action Plan for Safety Audit

Many elements of the Corrective Action Plan submitted for Board review today have already been implemented. After Board approval, it will be submitted to the State Comptroller as well as NYSED. The Board discussed how we will handle other audit feedback going forward, including the need to clarify reporting requirements.

Motion 011120.1

Upon motion of Michele Hannagan, and duly seconded by Michelle Burack, RESOLVED, that the Corrective Action Plan response to safety audit be approved.

Voting in the affirmative: Michelle Burack, Michele Hannagan, Marcia Joy, Nolica Murray-Fields, Jessica Nordquist, Ryan O'Malley, Mark Schiesser, Allison Shultes, Kevin Sutherland, Annemarie Wess

Voting in the negative: None

Abstaining: None

Motion 011120.1 passed 10 to 0

School Leader Update

GCCS is hosting Site Seminar on January 22-23. There are ~40 people attending, from all over the US including Denver, Indiana, and North Carolina, as well as Canadian educators. Source schools are mostly EL schools, and mostly newer schools learning how to implement multi-disciplinary curriculum with emphasis on literacy and arts integration. Attendees are mostly teachers but there is a leadership arm as well. Steven Levy, Lisa Wing and Staci Intrilligator will also be there. Board members are requested to participate in discussion with attendees; designated times are Tuesday 4-6PM (reception at Radio Social); Wednesday morning 8-8:30AM (welcome time) and Wednesday 11:45 (transitioning from workshop to community circle).

Breakthrough Leadership Board retreat

Governance

As Board members, we are public officials with legal responsibilities. Language from NYS Charter Schools Act of 1998 was reviewed. Charter school board should be representing the public's interest, making sure public dollars are being used in the public's interest. We are a governing body (oversight) not a management body (day to day).

Breakout groups discussed Strategic Planning and the process for onboarding of new Board members. Photos of notes from working groups are saved in Google Drive.

Financial review was conducted in conjunction with a facilitated exercise with questions about the financial documents. Board members contributed feedback regarding formatting tweaks that could be helpful for clarity and easier navigation.

Discussion about possible Expansion focused on reasons *why*, which illuminated how these motives would impact the details of *how* (e.g. replication vs. expansion to upper grades). Board members reflected on how its own diversity impacts implementation of the mission, and shared perspectives on what the word "diversity" means for each member.

Adjournment

Motion 011120.2

Upon motion of Annemarie Wess, and duly seconded by Marcia Joy, RESOLVED, that the January 11, 2020 meeting be adjourned.

Voting in the affirmative: Michelle Burack, Michele Hannagan, Marcia Joy, Nolica Murray-Fields, Jessica Nordquist, Ryan O'Malley, Mark Schiesser, Allison Shultes, Kevin Sutherland, Annemarie Wess

Voting in the negative: None

Abstaining: None

Motion 011120.2 passed 10 to 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Burack
Secretary of GCCS Board of Trustees
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