

GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 19th, 2019

Location: Growing Up Green Elementary Charter School Long Island City

Commencement Time: 7pm

In person: Aris Colgan (School Leader at GUGCS I), Laura Meyers (Growing Up Green I Board Parent Representative), Ann Levonen (Board Trustee), Nabiha Yusufali (Executive Assistant & Special Project Coordinator at GUGCS), Matthew Greenberg (Founder & Executive Director at GUGCS), Erin Acosta (Director of Engagement at GUGCS), Kathryn Klingenstein (Board Vicechair),

Video Conference: Marc Greenberg (Board Trustee in process), Shadiatu Moustapha (GUG II Parent Rep), Adnan Vadyk (Finance Manager for Charter School Business Management Inc), Jeff Mueller (Board Chair), Kate McGrath (General Counsel and HR Director for GUGCS)

Commencement

Jeff Mueller motioned to commence the Board of Trustees meeting for Growing Up Green I Charter School, Ann Levonen seconded the motion, and all agreed.

Previous Month's Board Meeting Minutes

Anne Levonen asked that the Board receive meeting minutes and bank reconciliations a week before the Board meeting, which the school agreed to do for future meetings.

Kathryn Klingenstein motioned to approve October's Board Minutes with a few edits, Ann Levonen seconded the motion, and all agreed.

Financials

Adnan went through the financials for Growing Up Green I. The Special Education per pupil funding we received was higher than anticipated, our Title 2 funding came in lower due to adjustments, IDA revenue was better than expected, and family contributions were better than expected. Benefit costs were lower than expected, and 401K costs were lower than anticipated. We were over budget on team building and professional services, classroom expenditure, facilities, technologies costs came in higher due to implementation of Power School.

Additional Board Members

Kelly Rusotti and Peter Davis are two prospective Board Members. Kelly visited last week. She is a lawyer by trade. She worked at Success Academy with Kate McGrath for a few years. She is very excited in helping out in any way she can, especially with advocacy.

Peter Davis was here at the last Board Meeting. He works for Ernst and Young. He has a great deal of experience in government, business and finance. Peter will help in many different ways, including raising money.

Kathryn Klingenstein moved to nominate Kelly Rusotti to the Growing Up Green Board of Trustees, Anne Levonen seconded, and all were in favor.

Anne Levonen nominated Peter Davis to the Growing Up Green Board of Trustees, Kathryn Klingenstein seconded, and all were in favor.

Fundraiser

Erin Acosta spoke about our fundraiser on October 23rd, 2019, our first of many Board fundraisers. There are quite a few other fundraising campaigns coming up: Read-a-Thon, Giving Tuesday and the end of year giving campaign.

Ann Levonen asked how we are working to engage alumni.

Erin spoke about how we had a very successful homecoming at the Middle School and are looking to have a "Springcoming" as well. We are hoping to be able to reach out to alumni that way. We are also having a Parent-to-Parent event and will be inviting alumni parents to come back for that. We are hoping to cultivate that alumni relationship with the whole family. We can also think about having a "Junior Board" of alumni in 2020-2021. We have a fundraising committee of PTO leadership and school leadership that meets and discusses our fundraising plans.