

GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 11th 2018

Location: Growing Up Green Charter School (Elementary School)

Commencement Time: 7pm

In person attendance: Matthew Greenberg

Via phone: Gina Palma, Marc Greenberg, Kathryn Klingenstein, Anne Levonen, Kate Hooker, Nabiha Yusufali

GUGI

New staff

Matthew introduced Nabiha Yusufali as his new Executive Administrative Assistant. Nabiha has been a part of the GUGI Operations team the past 8 months. Nabiha is an experienced Executive Administrative Assistant who has worked in the medical, government and finance fields. She is a 2012 graduate of the University of Minnesota with her Bachelor's Degree in Communication.

Matthew also introduced Kate McGrath who will be apart of next month's board meeting. Kate will be the school's General Counsel and Director of Personnel effective January 7th, 2019. In this role, Kate will manage and set the strategic direction for human resources at the school which supports over 190 employees across our three campuses. She will also serve as legal counsel to the Executive Director and school leadership.

Kate brings several years of legal experience and team leadership skills in education to this role. She was Education Counsel at WEWORK, Kate was part of the five-member launch team for WeGrow, a K-4 non-public school. Prior to her time at WEWORK, Kate served as Senior Legal Counsel and Head of the School Advisory Legal Counsel at Success Academy Charter Schools in New York.

Kate's in-depth knowledge of charter school operations and legal expertise will be a valuable addition to our leadership team. Kate holds a J.D., cum laude with Honors from St. John's University School of Law, Jamaica, NY J.D. and received a B.A. with Honors in Political Science from Fordham University.

Financials

Gina went through Financials for GUGI. We don't have much of a change from last month. We are on budget and under budget for a number of items. The SPED per pupil revenue was projected to be higher than originally anticipated in the budget due to a higher number of SPED students. Title II funding allocations approved by NYS were lower

than anticipated in the budget due to NYS adjustments.

General School News

Matthew spoke about general school news. Last week we had Looking Forward Looking Back (LFLB) Testing. Students are doing well overall. At GUGI MS, the high school application process is nearly complete. We are hoping that the schools the students get into are as good as they have been the past few years.

Our 10th annual Winter Carnival next Friday, 12/21 if anyone from the Board would like to join.

Additional Board Members

Matthew spoke about how when we get back from the holidays, we should talk about bringing on additional board members. Marc Greenberg will be joining us as a new Board Member brought on by Matthew, but if anyone has ideas for additional board members, please bring them forward. We need at least two or three more board members. Some good qualities of a candidate would be someone in education, someone who has lots of experience and someone who understands the ethos of the school.

Thank you to all of our board members, we have Kate who has been on the Board for 10 years! We should celebrate. The Board is an important part of the school.

Have a Happy Holidays and a New Year everyone! We will see everyone next year.