

GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 21st, 2020

Location: Growing Up Green Middle Charter School Long Island City

Commencement Time: 7pm

In person: Kate Hooker (Board Secretary) Pastor Corwin Mason (Board Trustee), Kelly Rusotti (Board Trustee in process), Jenn Slutak (School Leader at Growing Up Green Middle School), Matthew Greenberg (Founder and Executive Director for Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Laura Meyers (Board Parent Representative for Growing Up Green I), Nabiha Yusufali (Executive Assistant to Matthew Greenberg and Special Project Coordinator at Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Erin Acosta (Director of Development at Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Stephanie Meyer (Growing Up Green I PTO Co-President)

Video Conference: Adnan Vadyk (Finance Manager for Charter School Business Management Inc), Jeff Mueller (Board Chair), Kathryn Klingenstein (Board Vicechair), Anne Levonen (Board Trustee), Marc Greenberg (Board Trustee)

Commencement

Jeff Mueller voted to open the meeting, Anne Levonen seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Previous Month's Board Meeting Minutes

Kate Hooker motioned to approve the January Board Minutes, Kathryn seconded the motion, all in favor.

Kate Hooker motioned to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes, Kathryn seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Financials

Adnan Vadyk 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. We are holding enrollment at a lower number than budgeted. 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, and technologies costs came in higher due to implementation of Power School.

Department Of Education Succession Plan

Matthew Greenberg spoke about the Succession Plan that was sent to the Board Members earlier this week. This is an ask from the Department of Education. Kate Hooker motioned to approve the Succession Plan that was presented, Marc Greenberg seconded the motion. all approved.

School Leader Update

Jenn Slutak, School Leader at Growing Up Green Middle School, gave an update. This is her 11th year with Growing Up Green. She helped Matthew start the school. Erin Acosta and Jenn Slutak hosted an event last week where they invited alumni families back to speak to current families. Current families had opportunities to ask about the experiences they all had. For Regents week the middle school had 20 9th graders visit us. The middle school is doing a production of Aladdin the Musical. The production will be in the first few weeks of June. National History Day is on Friday, January 24th from 9am - 11am. Students will be judged and go to the city-wide competition. Usually one student goes to state. The Readathon is around the corner, we are trying to have 100% participation in the school and have every student raise \$5. We also have an after school club with Brooklyn Boat Works where students are building a boat that will set sail in Spring.

Fundraising Update

Erin Acosta gave an update on Fundraising. We are thinking of doing a second Board-sponsored fundraising event sometime in May.

Angel Sponsors

- <https://friendsofgugcs.networkforgood.com/projects/90554-angel-sponsors-for-2020-read-a-thon>
- Please share the link with family and friends
- Read-a-thon supports “Active Learning”: field trips & overnights
- Support students who are unable to find sponsors on their own
- School’s goal is 100% participation
- At least \$25K at GUG I; \$5K at GUG II (first Read-a-thon)
- Literacy Month events to support the Read-a-thon:
 - Book Drive
 - MS Book Fair
 - 1/24 Family Literacy Night - GUG I ES
 - 1/25 Winter Family Game Day - GUG II
 - Readers Make Leaders events
 - MS “drop everything & read” day

Giving Tuesday & End of Year Campaign

- Giving Tuesday Facebook Total: \$7,205
 - GUG I families: \$4,875
 - GUG II families: \$50
 - Friends of GUG (School Board)
 - Credited to the Board: \$575
 - Anonymous: \$95
- End of Year donations
 - Tom Selby

Family Contributions Update

- [GUG I Family Contribution](#) Update
 - Whole school: \$44,207
 - 215 students (27%)
 - Giving Tuesday going to GUG I: \$4,875 (Added to total above)
- [GUG II Family Contribution](#) Update
 - Whole School: \$4,830
 - 82 students

GROWING UP GREEN II CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 21st, 2020

Location: Growing Up Green Middle Charter School Long Island City

Commencement Time: 7:30pm

In person: Kate Hooker (Board Secretary) Pastor Corwin Mason (Board Trustee), Kelly Rusotti (Board Trustee in process), Jenn Slutak (School Leader at Growing Up Green Middle School), Matthew Greenberg (Founder and Executive Director for Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Laura Meyers (Board Parent Representative for Growing Up Green I), Nabiha Yusufali (Executive Assistant to Matthew Greenberg and Special Project Coordinator at Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Erin Acosta (Director of Development at Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Stephanie Meyer (Growing Up Green I PTO Co-President)

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Financials

Adnan Vadyk went through the financials for Growing Up Green II. We are in a healthy position for the year to date. We have savings due to implementation of a new benefits plan and savings in compensation. We have received more money than budgeted due to Special Education. We also have a number of teachers on Maternity leave and have made savings there. Teachers get paid through disability and paid family leave. They are being paid, but not through our payroll.

Department of Education Hearing for Middle School Expansion

There will be a DFull presentation of our school, try to have as many parents there as possible
Quick meetings, DOE usually just checks off boxes and then they're done
All documentation goes over to the Board of Regents where they will vote on it on 2/11/20

Erin and I are exploring the possibility of bringing in a Healthy Food Program.
The current food from the Department of Health is very unsustainable, all in plastic, and highly processed. We are able to use our kitchens, Chef Bennet has done that in the past.

Kate Hooker motioned to close the Growing Up Green II meeting. Anne seconded, all were in favor