

## **GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Location: Growing Up Green Charter School (Elementary School)**

**Commencement Time: 7pm**

**In attendance:** Matthew Greenberg, Gina Palma, Nancy Wong, Aris Colgan, Kate McGrath, Nabiha Yusufali, Anne Levonen, Kate Hooker, Kathryn Klingenstein, Anita Amoh and Aramis Grant

### **GUG I**

#### **Financials**

Gina Palma presented GUG I Financials. There is not much of a change since our last meeting. Our numbers are looking good. We have a good amount of savings, which is mostly because we underestimated the SPED per pupil ratio and have received extra funding because of it. As far as expenses, we have some ups and downs. We are over budget because of some positions that we have had to fill, but we had saving on benefits. We are also slightly over budget on professional services because of nurses we have had to hire, and some substitute teachers and paraprofessional roles we had to fill.

#### **GUG I ES Lease**

Matthew spoke about renewing the GUG I Elementary Lease. We are in negotiations with Archdiocese of Brooklyn for a ten year lease. The number that they gave us is higher than we want and they are giving us a fixed increase every year. The number is a large jump in what we are paying now. Matthew Greenberg spoke to Colleen Sorillo, Chief Counsel for Archdiocese, and we countered their offer. We also reminded them that we do not receive facilities funding from the government because of the year we received our charter. Kate McGrath, our general counsel, is the main contact for the negotiations

#### **School News**

Matthew spoke on school news. We are in the throws of a 'Recess Reboot' at GUG I Elementary School. We are making some major changes and things are coming together in positive way. Children and adults are much happier since the reboot. We are also making some changes to how we do lunch and will soon have a 'Lunch Reboot.'

The Fundraising Committee met last Monday. They are our first Fundraising Committee are a dedicated group of parents and faculty.

We are looking to have a fundraising event in May, but can table to discussion until our March Board Meeting. We thinking of having a small cocktail party. We ask each Board Member to bring three to five friends and ask for them to donate some sort of contribution for our overnight trips, sports teams and general school funding.

Matthew ended the meeting by reminding the board about newsletters that are coming within the next couple of weeks that talk about school events. He should have an update about the lease with the Archdiocese by the next Board Meeting.