

GROWING UP GREEN II CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 17th, 2020

Location: <https://zoom.us/j/273191334>

Commencement Time: 7:30pm

In attendance: Matthew Greenberg (Founder and Executive Director for Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Erin Acosta (Director of Development at Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Nabiha Yusufali (Executive Assistant to Matthew Greenberg and Special Projects Coordinator at Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Anne Levonen (Board Trustee), Kate McGrath (General Counsel and Director of Human Resources at Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Anita Amoh (Director of Finance at Growing Up Green Charter School), Marc Greenberg (Board Trustee), Kate Hooker (Board Secretary), Kelly Russotti (Board Trustee), Reid Chase (Board Trustee), Kathryn Klingenstein (Board Vicechair), Jeff Mueller (Board Chair), Aris Colgan (School Leader at Growing Up Green I Charter School), Jenn Slutak (School Leader at Growing Up Green I Middle School), Steve Viola (Assistant School Leader at Growing Up Green I Middle School), Nancy Wong (School Leader at Growing Up Green II), Lauren Balterman (Director of Counseling Services at Growing Up Green Charter School)

Commencement

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

Previous Month's Board Meeting Minutes

Jeff Mueller motioned to approve the March Board Minutes, Kate Hooker seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Financials

Anita Amoh went through the financials for Growing Up Green II. For overall revenue for Growing Up Green II we're expecting to be over, this is due to the higher SpEd population than originally budgeted for. For instructional staff we are looking to be under budget based on actual salaries paid. For benefits we are projecting to be under due to the introduction of low cost benefits plans for staff this year. For professional services we are looking to be over due mainly to the high cost of CSBM services than we had budgeted for and high payroll service as well as substitute teaching services that are higher than we had anticipated. For professional development, we are looking to have savings. For curriculum and classroom expenses we are looking to have savings. For facilities we are looking to have savings because we hired an in-house security guard and also less repairs than we had originally anticipated in the budget.

COVID-19 - Growing Up Green's Response

Nancy Wong spoke about her plan for remote learning at Growing Up Green II Elementary School. Much of the challenge for Growing Up Green II is students having access to technology and the internet. Right now we are leading a three week kind of schedule. The first week is transitioning to remote learning: We have kids working on like journal prompts that touch upon each of the academic areas, reading, writing, mathematics, mathematics ED Time, all of the specials, they have been instructed to respond to journal prompts in their journals. We are developing our solid plan for moving into a kind of a friendly platform that could be easily accessible by many of our kids. By the week of March 30th, we are going to move towards using Edmodo as our platform for remote learning because it is easier for some of our kids that can only access remote learning through a tablet or a phone.

Middle School Expansion

Matthew Greenberg then spoke about middle school expansion for Growing Up Green II. Next year, kindergarten through second grade will be moving into the new building. This is due to the fact that the new building still has tenants, a Pre-K called Catholic Charities. Next year, kindergarten through 4th grade will move into the new building, and then fifth, sixth and seventh grade will be in the old St. Demetrius building, and will eventually hold fifth through eight grades.

Kate McGrath will probably have an amendment to the lease for the Board by the next Board meeting.