

GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 18th, 2019

Location: Growing Up Green Charter School (Middle School)

Commencement Time: 7pm

In attendance: Jeff Mueller, Kate Hooker, Kathryn Klingenstein, Anita Amoh, Kate McGrath, Nancy Wong, Steve Viola, Aris Colgan, Matthew Greenberg, Anne Levonen, Nabiha Yusufali, Laura Meyers (video conference)

Jeff Mueller called the Growing Up Green Charter School I Board Meeting to order.

Jeff Mueller and Reid Chase reviewed the summary and financials with Matthew Greenberg and Anita Amoh on Monday, June 17th.

Anita Amoh then went through the Growing Up Green I budget versus the actuals. SpEd revenue was higher than expected. After school payments were higher than expected. Expenses due to compensation were over due to permanent substitute teacher hires. We were under budget on benefits due to the medical and dental plans not going up as expected. Administration costs are over due to team building and copy machine costs. Professional Services were over due to nurse and paraprofessionals costs. We are under budget for professional development, and under budget due to classroom expenses. We are under budget facilities because electric and oil are lower than expected. We are over budget in technology and community due to the implementation cost of Power Schools. We have a net income that was higher than projected.

Anita Amoh and Matthew Greenberg then went over our Budget Summary for 2019-2020. With everything baked into our budget for next year, we are expected to have a bottomline surplus number.

Jeff Mueller made a motion to approve the budget for 2019-2020, it seconded by Kate Hooker, all agreed.

Anita went over our FPP (financial policies and procedures) Addendum - approval is now done electronic, besides that everything is the same.

Jeff made a motion to approve, Kate Hooker seconded and all agreed.

Kate McGrath talked about the change in our medical benefits program. We were looking at something that is more modern. We want to go through ADP because it has the most robust and competitive package through a well known provider. We are also now offering a tiered program. We will also use ADP for candidate tracking and for building out a performance review process, as well as all other HR Management. We are being conservative in the budget and are

assuming that many people will go with the higher cost program. We are hoping some overall cost savings.

Nabiha Yusufali went over the Board Meeting schedule for 2019-2020. Everyone okayed the schedule.

Jeff Mueller introduced Laura Meyers, a candidate for our Parent Representative position. She was very excited and had some thoughtful and helpful ideas for how the board can integrate with the community.

Motion to approve the appointment of Laura Meyers as our Parent Coordinator was made by Kate Hooker, Jeff Mueller seconded, all approved.

Steve Viola spoke about the Middle School. We are closing out our 5th year this year. We are graduating our 3rd graduating class. We have our ceremony on Tuesday at GUG II. Here are some highlights from the year:

Students took interest and learned about:

- Activism
- Race & Gender
- Independent Studies
- Sustainability through activism lense
- Every other friday we did Green Living
- Green lab - kids worked on our rooftop gardens, composting and gardening around the school
- Ultimately we did the climate change walk out - we did it around the community and in manhattan as well
- We had a sustainability night that was very successful

Academically we increased support. We implemented Math 180, all students who need it get extra math. Our baseball team did very well, we had three successful overnights and 4 productions of musical theater plays.

Motion to close Growing Up Green I Board meeting by Kate Hooker, Jeff Muller seconded, all agreed.