

Growing up Green Charter School Board of Trustees

Minutes from September 10, 2013 Meeting

- Motion to approve board minutes from last quarter – approved.
- Financials
 - Gina and Reid go through budget summary page.
 - How we are doing financially from July 13th-August 31st.
 - Numbers are looking great – we’re doing better than we should.
 - Projecting to be high in per pupil – received an additional amount for SPED students since we have more than we originally anticipated, we will actually be higher than we expected
 - Title I and Title II will also be higher than expected by almost \$7000
 - Over budget by about \$4000 on special services because of architectural consultant for additional school building
 - Over budget in Tech & Communications because of OnCourse and new website
- Real Estate Update
 - Negotiations are on temporary hold until architects meet with commissioner who needs to give approval to change zoning.
 - Once we get that approval, we will move forward with build out.
 - 12,000 square foot building on 29th street
 - Building will house lower grades with gym, science lab, offices for admin, offices for departments
 - Promise to parents with an update on middle school space in the next 45 days
- State Test Scores
 - Scores went down but we are prepared. We added staff, CTT teams, added LS, assessment department expanded.
 - Goal is to use data in a thoughtful way.
 - Comprehensive reports will come out and tell us how students did on different standards.
 - The important number for us is our two-year cohort.
 - Common core is much more difficult, benchmarks are higher.
 - We will not compromise who we are as a school and teach to the test.
 - Looked at strengths and weaknesses of math program and looked at other programs including Go Math (city is using).
 - We are staying with TERC and supplementing with other programs.
 - We have MiTC PD 3 days per month and an in house math coordinator.
 - Decided it was not the curriculum we were using but the PD of teachers – so we are supporting teachers more

- Have we thought about time on task with math? We reworked the schedule so there is more time spent on math.
- Does TERC line up with Common Core methods? The test prep book (Ready NY) is aligned to how questions are phrased.
- SPED team is meeting biweekly with math coordinator and attending all professional development
- Increased bandwidth of math programs used in specialized instruction
- We will be offering math workshops for parents
- Brian went through state test score data from slides
- City does not post science scores – we did to celebrate them
- How are we thinking about correlation between math and science?
- Where does the difference come from between boys and girls in science?
- NYSES LAT - 23% passed, 80% increased proficiency level from the year before
- Added a second ELL teacher and embed language acquisition skills in classrooms and science lab
- Sent five teachers including ELL staff to PD over the summer- now one teacher on every level received training
- Mollie walked through cohort analysis
- Charter Renewal Update
 - DOE walkthrough is Thursday, September 19th
 - We expect it will be the same as last time
 - We submitted clarification questions and they seem pretty satisfied with the information
 - We expect a 5 year renewal without conditions
 - Public Charter Renewal hearing will take place on October 8th
- New Business
 - Mollie and LaShelle announced the parent workshop on October 21st at LIC Library
 - Matthew announced the Greenhouse – hope it will be completed by Friday, September 20th
 - We are working with the Diocese to use the rectory basement for gym and recess space
 - Set date for fall's fundraising event – 12/12/13
- Employment terms for school leader
 - Using an approval matrix
 - Metrics will be in use for next board meeting and then present at public meeting
 - Board approved compensation for school leader for SY 2013-2014
- Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.