

GUGCS Minutes- 9/13/16 – 7:00PM

Attendance:

Matthew	Abby Katsis (PTO)	Preethi
Jenn Slutak	Gabe (PTO)	Kathryn
Kiersten Russell	Miki	Roseanne Baker
Aris Demato	Lauren Barkan	Steve Viola
Nancy Wong	Kate	
Brittany Tuber	Jeff	

GUGCS I

Jeff opens meeting

Gina Palma (phone) updates the board on the financials, explaining that we are \$35,000 ahead of budget due to SPED numbers being better than anticipated. There were a few overages in the budget due to unexpected costs sweaters for middle schoolers, copy machine overages, a new server, and new laptops.

Roseanne Baker then presented the board with an analysis of GUGCS I's performance in the recent round of ELA exams. The overall results were that our students outperformed city and state averages in all grades. How are we doing in relation to charter goals? Overall, the results are really positive: in grades 3-6 math and ELA, our kids surpassed district 30. However, Roseanne reported that we didn't meet our goal with respect to 6th and 7th grade math, and explained that we will be implementing practices to get these up. Another positive metric is that proficiency within GUGCS I is trending up from other years across the board. There was a rise this year in every single demographic group of students except for limited English proficient (but those tested out). One thing that was especially encouraging is the big increase in kids with IEPs achieving proficiency in ELA and Math.

Next, Matthew updated the board on the charter renewal process and indicated that he will send the application around for review in coming weeks.

Next, Brittany and Lauren gave the board an update on the lower school at GUGCS I, with a particular focus on developing the staff's progressive vision of the school in professional development over the summer. Jenn and Steve provided a middle school update, explaining the transition to the first year of having 8th graders in school history.

Jeff moved to close

Kate seconded, all votes aye