

**The Genesee Community Charter School
Board of Trustees
Education Governance Council
Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2019
Held at Eisenhart Ballroom, 657 East Avenue**

Board Members Present: Michelle Burack, Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Kevin Sutherland, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie Wess

Board Members Absent: Nolica Murray-Fields, Mark Schiesser, Allison Shultes

Educational Governance Council Members Present: Christopher Dolgos, Shannon Hillman

Educational Governance Council Members Absent: Jennifer Elahi

Legal Counsel Present: George DesMarteau

Invited Guests Present: Maureen Milke, GCCS Charter renewal team: Jean Hurst, Becki Mason, Lisa O'Malley, Keri Gonzalez, Stacey Cicero

Meeting called to order by Michele Hannagan at 5:36PM

Overview of charter renewal:

Section highlights:

1. Performance benchmarks derived from NYS testing, looking at proficiency as well as movement toward proficiency. Narrative section can include iReady data to make up for missing data from students who opted out.
2. Organizational capacity: Lisa Wing to be involved in drafting this section.
3. Mission (critical thinkers, reflective questioners, problem solvers, articulate communicators)
4. Recruitment, Enrollment, & Retention—highlighting outreach efforts, and very strong retention statistics.
5. Charter revisions: No material changes planned. School leader will inquire with Susan Gibbons whether a formal revision is required to add a succinct vision statement that is easier to recite than the (lengthy) mission statement.

The board engaged in lengthy discussion about Benchmark 9 (Recruitment, enrollment, and retention): Revising charter language around enrollment demographics would necessitate changing the mission statement due to implications for diversity. School leader anticipates that enrollment and lottery data as well as new recruitment efforts (including plan to join E3) should support the “good faith” narrative. We can also highlight how the curriculum builds capacity in *all* kids to be culturally responsive.

The charter renewal document will be uploaded for board review by Monday July 22nd, followed by meeting August 7th for board vote to approve. Counsel will review rules for phone-in attendance for the meeting.

School year calendar

School leader ascertained that November 5th is not a mandated holiday and therefore no revisions to the proposed calendar were required.

Motion 190515.1_BoT

Upon motion of Michelle Burack, and duly seconded by Michele Hannagan, RESOLVED, that the proposed 2019-2020 calendar be approved.

Voting in the affirmative: Michelle Burack, Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Kevin Sutherland, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie Wess

Voting in the negative: None

Abstaining: None

Motion 190515.1_BoT passed 9 to 0

Board meeting dates

Second Wednesday of the month was reviewed as candidate date. Yom Kippur is a conflict for the 2nd Wednesday in October; October 2nd was proposed as the alternative date. April 8th conflict with April break; April 15 proposed as the alternative date.

Final dates chosen:

2019: Sept 11, Oct 2, Nov 13, Dec 11;

2020: Jan 8, Feb 12, March 11, April 15, May 13, June 10.

Staff handbook change

Vote deferred to June meeting due to awaiting additional edits from HR consultant.

Future Agenda Items/Public Comment

No additional items were raised.

Adjournment

Motion 190515.2_BoT

Upon motion of Annemarie Wess, and duly seconded by Michelle Burack, RESOLVED, that the May 15, 2019 meeting be adjourned.

Voting in the affirmative: Michelle Burack, Michele Hannagan, Nathan Hayes, Marcia Joy, Jessica Nordquist, Jack Peltz, Kevin Sutherland, Sherita Traywick, Annemarie Wess

Voting in the negative: None

Abstaining: None

Motion 190515.2_BoT passed 9 to 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Burack
Secretary of GCCS Board of Trustees
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