

GROWING UP GREEN CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19th, 2019

Location: Growing Up Green Charter School (Elementary School)

Commencement Time: 7pm

In attendance: Jeff Mueller, Ann Levonen, Matthew Greenberg

Via phone: Gina Palma, Nabihya Yusufali, Kate McGrath, Kathryn Klingenstein

GUG I

Financials

Gina Palma went over Financials for GUG I. There isn't much of a change since last month. Due to an increase in our state grant because of our SpEd per pupil number being higher than anticipated this year we have received more money than budgeted. We also received some less money this year from the state for Title 1 because they overpaid us last year. We also have a good amount of savings in benefits. Professional expenses have been higher than budgeted, the biggest expenses being for nurses in the beginning on the year when we were not provided one from the D.O.H. and had to pay for a nurse out of pocket through an outside agency. We have also had to pay for paraprofessionals and substitute teachers. We are under budget for facilities because electric and oil have been lower than budgeted this year.

Old Business

Real Estate

Matthew Greenberg spoke on Real Estate. We can table our Real Estate discussion for a time next week when more members are present. Jeff and Gina are currently working on a budget that speaks for the next 10 years at GUG I. It'll probably be more relevant for 5 years, but it'll still be good to have so we can get a feel on our numbers. I am hoping to have a conference call with you all about this for beginning of next week. If we are all okay with our finalized number we can move forward with our lease. During this phone call we can also talk about our Annual PTO Fundraiser on April 12th, as well as have a discussion on a Board Fundraiser that we have.

New Business

ELA State Testing (April 2 - April 4)

Matthew spoke about ELA State Testing that is happening next month from April 2 - April 4. In May we have Math Testing on May 1st and May 2nd as well.

D.O.E. 'Pop In' Visits In April

Matthew spoke on D.O.E. Pop in Visits in April. We have new D.O.E. representatives that we are going to meet soon. They are coming to visit us on April 18th.

Peter Davis is going to start in the board. Finance person worked for EY. Also in the white house under clinton. He is connected and can help us out.