

GROWING UP GREEN I CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 21st, 2020

Location:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71624850404?pwd=Y290V3VuR2xrRjhJZHJTUFNFMFlxZz09>

Commencement Time: 7pm

In attendance: Matthew Greenberg (Founder and Executive Director for Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Erin Acosta (Director of Development at Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Anne Levonen (Board Treasurer), Kate McGrath (General Counsel and Director of Human Resources at Growing Up Green Charter Schools), Anita Amoh (Director of Finance at Growing Up Green Charter School), Marc Greenberg (Board Trustee), Kate Hooker (Board Cochair), Kelly Russotti (Board Secretary), Kathryn Klingenstein (Board Cochair), Nancy Wong (School Leader at Growing Up Green II Elementary Charter School), Shaunte Robinson (Director of Support Services at Growing Up Green II), Andrew Wintner (School Leader at Growing Up Green II Middle Charter School), Laura Meyers (Parent Rep at Growing Up Green I Charter School)

Commencement

Kathryn Klingenstein moved to open the GUG I Board Meeting.

Previous Month's Board Meeting Minutes

Kathryn Klingenstein moved to approve last meeting's minutes, Kate Hooker seconded the motion. All present board members voted in favor.

Executive Session

Kathryn moved to an Executive Session to discuss the employment and compensation history of a particular person. Kate Hooker seconded.

The Board went into an Executive Session.

The Board returned from the Executive Session. Kathryn Klingenstein moved to approve the amended employment contract for Matthew Greenberg. Kate Hooker seconded the motion. All present members voted yes.

Finance Update

Anita updated the Board that the balance in the operating account is \$6.6M.

Anita Amoh provided a brief update on the PPP loan and our efforts to submit forgiveness applications. Anita also updated on the 401K match. Anita announced grants in the amount of \$120K thousand for GUG 1 & \$80K for GUG2.

Kate Hooker asked if these grants would affect our PPP loan forgiveness; Anita said she did not know but would look into it.

Kathryn Klingenstein was asking if we would be taking a Board vote for forgiveness. Anita said that she will bring it to the Board before the application for forgiveness is filed. Kathryn said she wants to make sure that the money is used correctly. Anne Levonen stated that the PPP loan is being used for payroll and continuity of payroll.

Kathryn Klingenstein, Kate Hooker, and Anne Levonen discussed forgiveness of the loan. Kathryn asked the Board to consider whether or not we should file for forgiveness, or treat this as a loan. Kathryn asked that we quantify our expenses from the pandemic and what we are asking forgiveness for. Anne Levonen asked that we quantify all of our expenses relating to the pandemic and reopening. Anita Amoh said she would quantify expenses related to the pandemic and reopening. Laura Meyers asked if there were additional expenses related to facilities funding; Matthew Greenberg said there would be.

Committees

Kathryn Klingenstein asked about the status of committee sign up and asked the Board to sign up for a committee by the next meeting. Everyone agreed to do so.

Parent Rep Share

Laura Meyer asked that the Board consider amending the bylaws to have the parent rep term be a two year term. Kate Hooker asked Kate McGrath how we would do that. Kate McGrath explained that we would amend and restate the bylaws to do so. Kate Hooker asked Kate if she could make those changes.

Laura Meyer asked that the Board revisit the commitment to consider anti-racist work. Dr. Moustapha asked that the parent community be involved in the process so that parent concerns can be fully discussed. Matthew Greenberg stated that the organization is committed to this work as an ongoing basis, not a quick fix, and that this work would go beyond one or two meetings, and would involve both the staff and parent community.

Reopening

Matthew Greenberg shared the communication that had been shared with parents and explained that the School will have to submit our reopening plan to NYS and DOH by July 31.

Matthew explained that the School is looking at either (1) full remote learning or (2) blended learning.

Matthew stated that the School is listening to what the community and what staff are saying, and that it is clear that parents want students back in School. He stated that there would be Town Hall webinars with parents and staff. Matthew stated that all students would be receiving a Chromebook and the School would be working with families to set up hotspots for internet access.

Kathryn Klingenstein moved to adjourn the meeting and open the Growing Up Green II meeting. Kate Hooker seconded, all voted in favor.