

Minutes of Grand Concourse Academy
Board Meeting , Zoom, Tuesday, June 13, 2023

Board in Attendance: Arlene Hall, Richard Conley, Walder Thame-Turner, Valarie Cesca and Felix Moquete

Staff: Michael Simonetti, Ira Victor, Martin McDowell

Meeting #11-6:00PM

Valarie Cesca moved for approval of the minutes of the 5/16/2023 Meeting. Felix Moquete seconded the motion which was approved by the Board.

Financial Report

Martin McDowell presented the financial report. He reported that revenue was in line with projections. We are projected to meet our budget.

Items Discussed and/or Approved by the Board-

Budget: Martin McDowell presented the FY 24 Budget. The board discussed and Richard Conley moved to accept the draft of annual budget. Valarie Cesca seconded the motion and the board approved.

Board of Trustee Meeting Calendar for 2023 – 2024: Valarie Cesca moved to accept calendar, Felix Moquete seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Board of Trustee's Disclosure Forms: All members were informed to complete a disclosure of financial interest. That can be found in the following link.

http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/charter-schools/financialdisclosure2020_0.docx

Board of Trustee's Contact List: Mr. Victor expressed that he needed everyone contact information updated on his list in order to remain updated with the Board of Trustee's

Mr. Ira Victor's Contract: The board discussed privately before informing Mr. Victor that his contract was approved. Arlene Hall moved to approve Mr. Victor's contract as principal of Grand Concourse Academy. Felix Moquete seconded the motion and the Board approved

Mr. Ira Victor's Evaluation: The board discussed Mr. Victor's evaluation and stated...

School Safety Plan: While discussing the school safety plan the idea of metal detectors was brought up to discussion. The board does not believe metal detectors are fair for the school environment. The safety plan was approved by the board

Parent / Student Manual: Valerie Cesca moved to accept the parent/ student manual. Arlene Hall seconded the motion

Employee Manual: Valerie Cesca moved to accept parent/ student manual. Arlene Hall seconded the motion

Expansion Update

Reduced pricing: ...

Letter of Intent : The board will like to write a letter of intent in order to open pre-school classes in GCA.

Principal Report

Enrollment Projection 2023 - 2024 SY: Mr. Simonetti expressed to the board that enrollment for next year is looking well. It is projected to be the largest intake of students which is good news.

Draft Table of Organization 2023 – 2024 SY:

Promotion: The Staff at GCA have the opportunity to receive higher education. A few teachers such as Mr. Simonetti will be receiving training in an administrative role.

Teacher Evaluations/ Raises up to 5% Bonus up \$7,000 teachers—up \$10,000 AP: Teachers will receive a bonus based on their performance.

Project BOOST Summer Program – Received Grant:

Summer Childcare Program for Grades Kgn through 8: Summer program will run from 8am to 3pm for working parents only.

Instructional & Operational Update:

Staff Luncheon TBD : A staff luncheon is being discussed for the near future.