

**Minutes for June 18<sup>th</sup> 2019**  
**Board of Trustee of Grand Concourse Academy**  
**Session 2**

Board members in attendance: Arlene Hall, Howard Banker, Veronica De Jesus

Jaye Fox, Richard Conley, Lucia Mariani

GCA staff in attendance: Ira Victor, Martin McDowell.

The Board Chair opened the meeting at 7.35pm and there were no minutes to review.

Mr. Victor informed the Board of the tragic loss of a student along with her mother this past weekend. GCA has started a Go Fund Me memorial for the surviving siblings, one of which still attends GCA. The Guidance Counselor has been made available for the staff, students, and families.

**Principal's Report**

Several items were reviewed and approved by the board:

- The Board of Trustees calendar. A motion was made by Veronica De Jesus to approve with corrections & seconded by Lucia Mariani.
- A draft budget was reviewed, and a motion was made by Howard Banker to approve and seconded by Ricard Conley.
- The school has hired several workers to help move furniture from the current site to the new location.
- There are still issues in obtaining school lunch for the upcoming school year, due in part to the enrollment of 600 plus students. Staff will need to take additional test for service certification by the school food authority.
- Several staff will be attending the Charter School Conference; Executive Director, Senior Director of Business, and Direct of Operations..

**Financials**

Mr. McDowell reviewed the budget for 2019 -2020, with the Board.

The NYS Legislature agreement is to increase the per student reimbursement which will go a long way to re-establishing 2020/21's projected net income for the school.

There has been a state increase of 20% from \$14,000 per student to \$21,000.00 for students in grades 6-8.

The school is considering several companies for phone & internet services.

**Executive session**

Mr. Victor recused himself so the board can discuss his evaluation as part of his yearly contract. Due to his high job performance the board agreed to sign a new contract for 1 year.

Our Evaluation provided nothing but Highly Effective and effusive praise for our Executive Director.

Meeting adjourned 8.45pm with a motion by Jaye Fox and seconded by Howard Banker.

Respectfully submitted by AHW