

Global Concepts Charter School
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
January 25, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Global Concepts Charter School was held at the Global Concepts Charter School, 1001 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York 14218, and called to order by Dawan Jones at 7:05 p.m.

A quorum was established by roll call:

Present: Dawan Jones, Antonio Estrada, William Kruger

Excused: Suzie Mazella, Anthony DeMarco

Absent:

Other Attendees: Tracy McGee, High School Principal/Interim CEO
David Ehrle, Elementary Principal
Lynda Spahr, Board Clerk

Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

New Business

Principals' Reports

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal, started with open enrollment. Now is the time for siblings of current students to get the paperwork in so they can be enrolled for next year. It's also the time for family, friends or others who are looking for a grade school to enroll here.

Open enrollment goes until March 31st. We are also having an Open House for parents on Thursday, February 16th, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Our goal is to have students give the tours with staff as chaperones. This is for parents who want to see our school before they fill out the enrollment.

Our students teamed with Lynn Dixon's office to do 'Valentines for Vets' again. Students put valentines together. Then they are sent to soldiers overseas who cannot be with their families.

We have three different celebrations for Black History Month in February on the 3rd, 14th, and 28th for our students to have history, culture, and also some fun. There will be storytelling, drums, and a YouTube speaker.

Parent-Teacher conferences are on February 7th. Teachers are in the process now of sending form home to have parents sign up for these conferences.

The week of February 20-24th is President's week. There is no school that week.

80 Minutes Around the World will be Thursday, March 2nd starting at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Tracy McGee, High School Principal/Interim CEO began with taking a group of students to New York City as part of our Theater program to see a play. We wanted to provide them the opportunity to see the different pathways in that industry. We wanted to expose them not only in regards to the academic wise, but to a new career pathway.

On February 2, 3, and 4th we will have our first play held at the Fine Arts building. Please come out and support our young people. It's been three years since the program has really taken root. We have gone through Theater 1, Theater 2, and are now at college level.

We are in the middle of Regent's Week this week. This concludes my report.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the Principals' Reports as presented. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #2 – Secretary's Report

William Kruger presented the Secretary's report referring to various correspondence that all Board members received in their monthly packets for review. Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as presented. Motion seconded by Dawan Jones. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #3 – Treasurer's Report

Dawan Jones made a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #4 –Regular Meeting Minutes for December 28, 2016

William Kruger made a motion to accept the Board minutes for the regular monthly meeting dated December 28, 2016. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to accept the August 16, 2015 Special Meeting Board minutes. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Operations

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve The M&T Securities Investment Proposal and to authorize the purchase of CD's in the amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00. This motion further authorizes the Chairman to execute the above transaction on behalf of the Board of Trustees, per the recommendation of the Finance Committee and Interim CEO. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept and approve Adelman Palmisano Architect's contract, as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to receive and file Mollenberg-Betz K-8 building rooftop unit survey and recommendations, as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve BEAM (Buffalo-area Engineering Awareness for Minorities), a non-profit organization housed in the University of Buffalo School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, to build diversity in STEM fields, with stipends to be determined, as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the following appointments by the Chairman to the “Here We Grow Again Committee,” as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman.

- Patrick Quinn
- Brian Whitley-Grassi
- David Ehrle
- John Turner
- Dawan Jones
- Tracy McGee
- Sara Qureshi

Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Personnel

William Kruger made a motion to accept the following resignations as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman:

- Shaquilla Myles – HS Cleaner – effective January 3, 2017
- Carlos Ossa – HS Spanish Teacher – effective February 5, 2017
- Amy Conley – Grade 8 Math Teacher – effective January 25, 2017

Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes

Mr. Jones Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve the emergency conditional appointment of the following, pending satisfactory background, drug test and fingerprint clearance, as recommended by Interim CEO and Chairman:

- Madison Cole – HS Math Teacher – effective January 17, 2017
- Grace Turner – Grades 5-6 ENL Teacher – effective TDB
- Diane Beechem – HS Cleaner – effective January 30, 2017
- Christian Ambrosioni – HS Spanish Teacher – effective January 30, 2017

Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Vendors

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the following new vendor as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman:

- New York Library Association – SSL Membership
- Carlos Spencer
- Ashley Goodwin

Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Chudy Paper for K-8 janitorial supplies in the amount not to exceed \$3,983.66, as recommended by the Interim CEO and Principal. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Sweet Hospitality Group for a post-show reception in the amount not to exceed \$3,435.00, as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger	Yes
Mr. Estrada	Yes

Mr. Jones Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve the proposal to purchase 30 Chromebook computers for the Special Education Department in the amount not to exceed \$5,700.00 from the Title 1 funds, as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger Yes
Mr. Estrada Yes
Mr. Jones Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Booksource for K-12 books in the amount not to exceed \$2,869.02 from the district's allocation funds for textbooks, as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger Yes
Mr. Estrada Yes
Mr. Jones Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to conduct a book study, K-12, as a follow-up from Brian Mendler's December 14, 2016 staff training, in the amount not to exceed \$5,500.00, as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger Yes
Mr. Estrada Yes
Mr. Jones Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Kirisits and Associates November invoice in the amount not to exceed \$3,555.00, as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger Yes
Mr. Estrada Yes
Mr. Jones Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve application for payment from SLR Contracting as recommended by the Interim CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Kruger Yes

Mr. Estrada Yes
Mr. Jones Yes

Motion passed.

Student of the Month Awards

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal, announced the Student of the Month awards.

Grade K, nominated by Ms. Johnson – Waseem Alomari
Grade 1, nominated by Ms. Prell – Ami Ceesay
Grade 2, nominated by Mrs. Werner – Amitillah Galab
Grade 3, nominated by Ms. Hausberger – Morgan Schultz
Grade 4, nominated by Mrs. Joyce – Aiysha Al-Agi
Grade 5, nominated by Mrs. Mullen – Nadia Al-Bakri
Grade 6, nominated by Mr. Myers – Shianne Sterling-Lentsch
Middle School ELA, nominated by Mrs. Kuras – Autumn Farr
Middle School Social Studies, nominated by Mr. Rupp – Autumn Farr
Library, nominated by Mrs. Unger – Shawn Mesi
Arabic, nominated by Ms. Ali – Ghayda Mohsin
Spanish, nominated by Mrs. Rich – Jackson Gearhart
Home and Careers, nominated by Mrs. Urbank – Hina Fletcher
Physical Ed., nominated by Mr. Agro – Andre Goldsmith
Reading, nominated by Mrs. Hayes – Naseem Saeed
Art, nominated by Ms. Kempf – Mackenzie Daniels
Industrial Technology, nominated by Mr. Reimers – Aiden Jaglowski
Counselor, nominated by Ms. Boals – Katelynn Kruger
Strings, nominated by Mrs. Savka – Aymin Alsadam
Music/Ensemble, nominated by Mr. Pinchoff – Mariah Groomes
Special Ed., nominated by Mrs. Harrell – Andre Goldsmith
Math, nominated by Ms. Toy – Tesneem Alderwish
Health, nominated by Mr. Mondello – Saida Hassan
ENL, nominated by Mrs. Sprowal – AbdulHamid Albaneh

The Board and audience congratulated the winners.

Public Participation

Questions from the public were heard and answered.

Adjourn

Antonio Estrada made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by William Kruger. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by

Lynda Spahr, Clerk for GCCS Board of Trustees

Approved by

William Kruger, Secretary