

Global Concepts Charter School
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
February 28, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Global Concepts Charter School was held at Global Concepts Charter School, 1001 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, New York 14218, and called to order by Dawan Jones at 7:03 p.m.

A quorum was established by roll call:

Present: Dawan Jones, Antonio Estrada, Suzie Mazella, Anthony DeMarco, William Kruger

Excused:

Absent:

Other Attendees: Tracy McGee, CEO
Jack Turner, K-8 Principal
Liz Mastromatteo, High School Principal
Lynda Spahr, Board Clerk

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

New Business

Principals' Report

Liz Mastromatteo, High School Principal – The high school completed all mid-terms and regents exams in January. It was a successful event.

The High School Safe and Civil Team has been meeting to develop a mission, vision, and to start looking at student support teams to help us develop more student voice. Students started, developed, and completely run the Gator News which is a student news that airs on Friday mornings. The response from students and faculty has been extremely positive.

The honors students had their quarterly Honors Breakfast on Friday, February 16. We had 134 students make the honor roll and merit roll.

We had our annual Sweetheart/Valentine's Day Dance on Friday, February 9. Around 70 students attended. Very positive feedback.

We are planning for the Taste of Global which will take place on March 28, 2018. We have 15 tables from different countries and hope to see everyone there.

We are planning the Master Schedule for next year.

This concludes my report.

Jack Turner, K-8 Principal, started with the NSY ELA Assessments, reduced to two days, will be administered on Wednesday, April 11 and Thursday, April 12 with make ups on Monday April 16 and Tuesday April 17. The ELA assessments will be scored on Wednesday, April 18.

The NYS Math Assessments will be administered on Tuesday, May 1 and Wednesday, May 2 with make ups on Friday, May 4 and Monday, May 7. These exams will be scored in-house on Tuesday, May 8.

Safe and Civil Schools – the Foundations team is meeting and addressing three common areas this year: auditorium at dismissal with Lackawanna buses, hallways during the day, and cafeteria in morning and during lunches. We are increasing supervision and safety for our students.

New Middle School structures include co-teaching in grades 7 and 8 ELA and Math. All staff are onboard and in positions. Co-teaching began February 12. Professional development plan was created and underway. The support plan is in place.

The Master Schedule is being created for next year.

School events include Girl Scout Troop 34209 meeting on the 3rd Thursday and last Wednesday of each month. Spirit Week, January 22-25, was a success. Grades K-8 attended a concert at Kleinhans Music Hall. Upstate Farms held a Healthy Choices assembly.

Every child from K-8 had the opportunity to see professional music. Grades K-3 attended a concert with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra in Kleinhans. Grades 4-8 enjoyed the two Colored Musicians Club performances at Global. It was a tremendous success.

Black History Month included: daily announcements celebrating African and African American music and musicians; African storytellers; African drumming workshop; and the Colored Musicians Club performance.

This concludes my report.

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

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	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 Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #3 – Treasurer's Report

Suzie Mazella made a motion to table the Treasurer's Report for this month pending the accountants finishing, as this was a short month. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #4 – Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 24, 2017

Suzie Mazella made a motion to accept the Board minutes for the regular monthly meeting, dated January 24, 2018 with a correction. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Operations:

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve three (3) building based substitutes to be shared across the K-8 and 9-12 buildings, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve a full-time District Social Worker, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella and Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Personnel:

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to accept the following resignations, with regrets, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Maya Meredith – HS Substitute – effective February 12, 2018
- Clifton Myles – HS Monitor – effective February 12, 2018
- Virginia MacIntyre – HS Substitute – effective February 14, 2018
- Anthony Marcucci – K-8 Substitute – effective February 28, 2018

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

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to rescind the resignation of Clifton Miles. All other resignations will be effective on the date mentioned. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

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

- Jamie Peters – HS Long Term Sub – effective January 29, 2018
- Kristin Warden – K-8 ISS Teacher – effective January 30, 2018
- Peter Wlosinski – K-8 Math Teacher – effective February 12, 2018
- Clare Saxer – HS Math/AIS Teacher – effective February 26, 2018
- Ivah Hagner – K-8 Sub – effective February 13, 2018
- Alyssa Gestl – K-8 Sub – effective February 8, 2018
- Claire Johnson – K-8 Sub – effective February 12, 2018
- Wafa Ahmed – K-8 Sub – effective February 26, 2018
- Xavier Williams – HS Sub – effective February 12, 2018
- Connor Wood – HS Sub – effective February 15, 2018
- Richard Mazella – HS Sub – effective February 12, 2018
- James Buchalewski – HS Sub – effective February 26, 2018
- Elizabeth Van Harken – HS Sub – effective March 5, 2018

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

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Abstain
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed with one abstention.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to approve stipends for the 2017-2018 Winter Sports Coaches, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Chelsie Hausberger – 7/8 Girls Basketball Coach
- Jack Graham – 7/8 Boys Basketball Coach
- Carl Threeths – Girls Varsity Basketball Coach
- Wendell Giles – Boys JV Basketball and Boys Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach
- Antwan Anderson – Boys Varsity Basketball Coach
- Aaron Robinson – Girls Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach
- Ayanna Williams – High School Cheerleading Coach

Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Vendors:

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve the following new vendors, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Renita Shadwick
- Richard C. Owen Publishers, Inc.
- Shane Fry – Taste of Global entertainment
- George Scott Big Band
- Judith Harris
- E-Waste

Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve new vendor Solomon Dixon for a High School Writing and Poetry Slam in the amount not to exceed \$1,750.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve North Buffalo Community Center for a lease for Girls & Boys Basketball in the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve McCandless Marketing & Media for advertising in Business First in the amount not to exceed \$1,724.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Harter Secrest & Emery, LLP for professional services in the amount not to exceed \$1,645.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by William Kruger and Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Hodgson Russ Attorneys for professional services in the amount not to exceed \$1,015.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve Kirsits & Associates for December 2017 services in the amount not to exceed \$12,370.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve S&P Global Ratings for bonds in the amount not to exceed \$3,000.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Suzie Mazella made a motion to approve College Entrance Examination Board for PSAT's in the amount not to exceed \$2,032.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Ms. Mazella	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes

Mr. Kruger

Yes

Motion passed.

Additional Information

February Student of the Month Awards – Presented by Jack Turner, K-8 Principal

Kindergarten, nominated by Mrs. Dent – Jaxon Ware
Grade 1, nominated by Ms. Brown – Ghayan Mohsin
Grade 2, nominated by Ms. Huber – Carter Dent
Grade 3, nominated by Mrs. Werner – Fatoumata Baldé
Grade 4, nominated by Mrs. Amann – Fandah Jumjum
Grade 5, nominated by Mrs. Winkler – Diana Shairi
Grade 6, nominated by Ms. K. McCarthy – Trinity Venum
MS Math, nominated by Mrs. Lawrence – Yusrah Aljabouri
MS ELA, nominated by Ms. Guarisco – Afaf Alhajjaji
MS Science, nominated by Mrs. Wisniewski – Mya Rivera
MS Social Studies, nominated by Mr. Rupp – Sadia Albanna
Home/Careers, nominated by Mrs. A. Urbank – Maverick Rosa
Strings, nominated by Mrs. Savka – Olivia Bauer
Physical Ed., nominated by Mr. Fregelette – Maysa Zaid
Health, nominated by Mr. Mondello – Adriana Batista
Art, nominated by Mrs. Pastore – Jaslene Rivera
Music/Ensemble, nominated by Mrs. Serrano – Malak Al Hobabi
Library, nominated by Ms. Krol – Emily Schultz
Spanish, nominated by Mrs. Rich – Hadeel Anam
Arabic, nominated by Mrs. Ali – Amiyah Mitchell
Ind. Technology, nominated by Mr. Reimers – Trinity Dlugosz
Counselor, nominated by Ms. Boals – Matthew Debinski
ENL, nominated by Mrs. Meegan – Adam Elbaneh
Reading, nominated by Mrs. Winters – Jeremy Buchanan
Math, nominated by Ms. Iglewski – Gulina Graves
Special Ed., nominated by Ms. Harrell – Michael Mulzec
Special Ed., nominated by Mrs. K. Wurl – Joshua Sero

The Board and attendees congratulated the winners.

Public Participation

There were no questions from the public.

Adjourn

Suzie Mazella made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted by

Lynda Spahr, Clerk for GCCS Board of Trustees

Approved by

William Kruger, Secretary