

Global Concepts Charter School
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
April 25, 2018 – 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 High School, 30 Johnson Street, Lackawanna, New York 14218, and called to order by Dawan Jones at 7:00 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

Jack Turner, K-8 Principal, stated that we are currently hiring substitutes, an ongoing process. We are looking for a Long Term Substitute for ELA and a SpEd teacher.

A Safe Schools Against Violence (SAVE) Plan was created to better address all aspects of school safety. It is in the process of being reviewed by teachers, staff, and administration.

Safety/Active Shooter Training with K-8 staff will be presented in June. Dates TBD.

Review/Training of 'codes' safety procedures with K-8 staff were held April 18th. More drills will be forthcoming.

We will be announcing shortly that we will be going through a training for a worst case scenario with our staff.

The NYS ELA Assessments were administered on Wednesday and Thursday, April 11th and 12th. Make-ups took place on April 16th and 17th. They were scored on April 18th. There was a dramatic reduction on Opt Out rate.

Field testing for 7th grade ELA will be done during May.

NYS Math assessments will be administered on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 1st and 2nd. Make-ups are on Friday, May 4th and Monday, May 7th. These exams will be scored on Tuesday, May 8th. Procedures for administration have been reviewed with staff.

NYSESLAT testing is ongoing.

Safe and Civil Schools – some changes to hallway procedures in the morning are taking place.

New Middle School structures include co-teaching in 7th and 8th grade ELA and Math. A personnel development plan took place. Subject specific training will take place between now and the end of the year.

The Student Advisory Council is meeting ongoing. The Council made a video to support fire drill procedures

Next Gen Science Standards - Administration and staff met with Mike Jabot, Ph.D. from SUNY Fredonia to plan to support updated curriculum planning and resources.

School events include Girl Scout Troop 34209 meeting on the 3rd Thursday and last Wednesday of every month. Kindergarten hosted an Author Visit from local author Carla Nagel.

Spring concerts are at the High School on May 1st. Grades 7/ at the K-8 auditorium on May 3rd; Grades 5/6 on May 9th; and Violin May 10th.

Bussing will have a follow up from the meeting with Lackawanna and WNY Bus Company.

This concludes my report.

Liz Mastromatteo, High School Principal, - we have started scheduling students for the next school year.

All formal teacher observations should be complete by the first week in May.

On April 18th we had a full day training on Safe and Civil Schools, as well as Narcan training for the school safety team.

We had another successful showing at the local Teacher Recruitment Day. We had four staff members attending and were able to interview over 40 candidates.

The sophomores went of a tour of Niagara University. We are planning on taking the freshmen on a college trip as well.

We completed the lottery for next year successfully. Parents are now in the process of filling out their paperwork online.

We just completed quarter 3. All report cards have been mailed.

The annual Trade Fair will take place on May 4.

We are currently getting ready for the Prom on May 11, and graduation on Saturday, June 23.

This concludes my report.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the Principals' Reports as presented. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. 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 presented the Treasurer's report for the period ending February 28, 2018, referring to the information included in the Board packet, including current assets, property, various cash

accounts, accounts receivable, and bonds payable. Antonio Estrada made a motion to receive the Treasurer's report as presented. 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.

Item #4 – Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 28, 2018

Antonio Estrada made a motion to accept the Board minutes for the regular monthly meeting, dated March 28, 2018. Motion seconded by Suzie Mazella. 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 the Fine and Performing Arts Expansion Proposal for the 2018-2019 school year 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.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the addition of a High School Cross Country Running to the Athletics program for the 2018-2019 school year with a Varsity Outdoor Track and Field Coach with a stipend of \$2,200.00, and an Assistant Coach with a stipend of \$1,600.00, as recommended by 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.

Personnel:

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

- Rachael Mulhisen – K-8 Long Term Sub – effective March 14, 2018
- Lori Harrell – K-8 Special Ed. – effective May 1, 2018
- Megan Erway – K-8 Substitute – effective May 11, 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.

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

- Vendetta Robinson – K-8 Monitor – effective April 9, 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.

Vendors:

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

- Knox Company for three (3) K-8 outside security boxes
- HJS Supply for a floor buffer

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 Javon D. Hunter for professional development services at the High School in the amount not to exceed \$2,400.00, 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 Reading Writing Project Network, LLC for on-site based coaching in the amount not to exceed \$21,000.00 from Title II funds, 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 eDoctrina Corporation for curriculum, student support and assessment in the amount not to exceed \$6,088.00, 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 WNY Public Broadcasting Association for lighting and sound production for Gala 18 in the amount not to exceed \$1,150.00, 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 legal services through February 28, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$6,940.00, 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 for professional services through March 31, 2018 in the amount not to exceed \$1,457.00, 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 Kirisits & Associates for services in the amount not to exceed \$7,605.00, 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 Hodgson Russ for Superintendent Hearings in the amount not to exceed \$1,847.00, 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 the 2018-2019 proposed school budget 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 the 2018-2019 school calendar. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

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

Motion passed.

Liz Mastromatteo presented Student Representative Sydney Wysocki who gave a report of the joint K-8 and High School dress down day event.

Presentations

Jack Turner presented Quarter 3 Teacher and Staff Awards for the K-8 School:

- Staff – Shannon Giovino and Elaina Wurl
- Teachers – Amy Rabb and Eric Rupp

Liz Mastromatteo presented Quarter 3 Teacher and Staff Awards for the High School:

- Staff – Nancy Galus
- Teacher – Tony Mackiewicz

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

Grade 2, nominated by Mrs. Aldrich – Miriam Abbadi
Grade 3, nominated by Mrs. McDonald – Mohamed Shamsan
Grade 4, nominated by Mrs. Puchalski – Aminah Alagi
Grade 5, nominated by Mrs. Ptak – Miriam Abbadi
Grade 6, nominated by Mrs. Cook – Sahar Ahmed
MS Math, nominated by Mrs. Lawrence – Noel White
MS ELA, nominated by Ms. Guarisco – Layla Hafi
MS Science, nominated by Ms. Wisniewski – Yusif Ali
MS Social Studies, nominated by Mr. Rupp – Leah White
Home & Careers, nominated by Mrs. Amy Urbank – Steven Pham
Physical Ed, nominated by Mr. Mondello – Samira Albanna
Art, nominated by Mrs. Pastore – Addison Fullone
Music/Ensemble, nominated by Mrs. Sanderson – Katrina Racine
Library, nominated by Ms. Krol – Waleed Elbaneh
Spanish, nominated by Mrs. Rich – Saphora Ross
Arabic, nominated by Ms. Ali – Basheer Alhumaikani
Industrial Technology, nominated by Mr. Reimers – Rylee Walker
Counselor, nominated by Ms. Boals – Selena Pena
ENL, nominated by Ms. G. Turner – Rahama Mosleh
Reading, nominated by Mrs. Payne – Jennah Almadrahi
Math, nominated by Mr. Flory – Hadeel Anam
Special Ed., nominated by Mr. Taub – Selena Pena
Special Ed., nominated by Mrs. Setter – Mohamed Albaneh

The Board and attendees congratulated the winners.

Public Participation

There were no questions from the public.

Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Submitted by

Lynda Spahr, Clerk for GCCS Board of Trustees

Approved by

William Kruger, Secretary