

Global Concepts Charter School
Monthly Board of Trustees Meeting
May 25, 2016 – 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 High School, 30 Johnson Street, Lackawanna, New York, and called to order by Dawan Jones at 7:04 p.m.

A quorum was established by roll call:

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

Excused: Suzie Mazella

Absent:

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

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

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

New Business

Principals' Reports

Tracy McGee, High School Principal, started his report with the May 13th Annual City-wide Poetry Workshop. We had two of our students in the finals.

We updated our website and invite everyone to use it.

The Global Junior-Senior Prom will be held on May 4th at the Creekside Banquet Facility.

Regents' exams will be held from June 14-21st.

Graduation is June 18th at Canisius College on Main Street.

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal, began with Family Game Night hosted by the PTA on April 24th. May 3rd was our Health Fair for the community. May 4th we held an evening 3-on-3 Basketball

Tournament for grades 5 to 8. On May 6th Milk for Health program came here and did an interactive Magic Show for grades K-2 on being healthy

On May 19th, the Middle School Spring Concerts took place at 2pm and at 7pm. Chorus, Orchestra and Band were all part of the concert. This is a monumental step as this is the first time all three were together.

On June 2nd the Elementary Spring Concerts will take place at 2pm and 7pm. June 3rd the Student Olympic Games will take place at the Botanical Gardens. June 4th GCCS will host a Fun Run from 10am to 12pm. On June 9th the PTA will host a Family Cookout here at the GCCS K-8 building.

We will continue to encourage and seek out events like these on our quest of making GCCS an extension of the community, more than just school.

Along with the items listed above we are currently working on, we will have the last round of STAR, ELA, and Math tests for the year. This is the fifth test given over the course of one school year.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the Principals' Reports as presented. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	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 Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #3 – Treasurer's Report

William Kruger made a motion to receive and file the Treasurer's report as provided in the Board packet. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Item #4 – Monthly Meeting Minutes for April 27, 2016

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the Board minutes as presented for the regular monthly meeting dated April 27, 2016. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Operations

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Book Study – revised grading stipend to \$65.00 each in the amount not to exceed \$780.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Optimal Therapy Association 2016-2017 proposed contract with a 3% increase, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve the proposed 2016-2017 GCCS Calendar, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Antonio Estrada made a motion to approve Direct Security for IP Surveillance video cameras for the High School and Ruben Santiago-Hudson Fine Arts Center in the amount not to exceed

\$10,925.00, as recommended by the CEO and Board Chairman. . Motion seconded by Anthony DeMarco. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Personnel

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

- Nicholas Kalczynski – Grade 3 ENL Teacher – effective May 24, 2016
- Brie Anna Schultz – High School Substitute – effective date TBD

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

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Anthony DeMarco made a motion to approve the following Long Term Substitute step increases, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman:

- Lauren Mohn – K-4 Guidance Counselor – to M1 – effective May 12, 2016
- Brie Anna Schultz – High School Substitute – to M1 – effective April 21, 2016

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

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Vendors

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

- Sweet Pea Bakery – Senior class staff appreciation
- Niagara Gazette – Immigration advertisement
- NYS Association of School Personnel Administrators

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

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve BR Johnson to repair the K-8 gymnasium doors, in the amount not to exceed \$3,404.31, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Ark Office Supply for K-8 copy paper in the amount not to exceed \$1,210.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve Tri-Delta for twenty (20) Dell K-8 computers in the amount not to exceed \$14,400.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

William Kruger made a motion to approve two (2) invoices from Harter Secret & Emery for April services in the amount not to exceed \$4,830.00, as recommended by the CEO and Chairman. Motion seconded by Antonio Estrada. Motion roll call as follows:

Mr. Estrada	Yes
Mr. DeMarco	Yes
Mr. Kruger	Yes

Motion passed.

Student of the Month Awards

David Ehrle, K-8 Principal, announced the May Student of the Month Awards:

Kindergarten, nominated by Mrs. Dent – Kareem Sallam
First Grade, nominated by Ms. Prell – Serene Numan
Second Grade, nominated by Mrs. Werner – Victoria Castle
Third Grade, nominated by Mrs. Root – Yusef Saif
Fourth Grade, nominated by Mrs. Joyce – Nora Saleh

Fifth Grade nominated by Mrs. Mullen – Mateo Torres
Sixth Grade, nominated by Mr. Myers –Denna Al-Yafeai
Middle School Math, nominated by Mrs. Lawrence – Skyelar Proper
Middle School ELA, nominated by Mr. Vitrano – Sicily Maldonado
Middle School Science, nominated by Mr. Baillie – Maryam Albahrazawi
Middle School Social Studies, nominated by Mr. Rupp – Jihad Almadrahi
Home and Careers, nominated by Mrs. Urbank – Kobie Brooks
Physical Education, nominated by Mr. Agro – Maverick Rosa
Violin, nominated by Mrs. Savka – Tyler Giovino
Health, nominated by Ceccarelli – Michael Melendez
Grade 7 Art, nominated by Mr. Galas – Holly-Rose Childs
Grade 8 Art, nominated by Mr. Galus – Maryam Albahrazawi
Music, nominated by Mr. Pinchoff – Alexandria Oliver
Library, nominated by Mrs. Unger – Mazin Omar
K-6 Spanish, nominated by Ms. Bauer – William Buchanan Jr
ENA, nominated by Ms. Johnson – Samira Albanna
Arabic, nominated by Ms. Ali – Inaya Dhalai
Industrial Technology, nominated by Mr. Reimers – An’eah Burse
Counselors Choice, nominated by Ms. Mohn – Nuraldeen Abdul-Aziz
Math, nominated by Ms. Toy – Kamile Shepperd

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 Anthony DeMarco. Motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Submitted by

Lynda Spahr, Clerk for GCCS Board of Trustees

Approved by

William Kruger, Secretary