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Global Leadership Academy

Minutes

Board Meeting: High School Campus

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Date and Time

Tuesday August 4, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Location

Vitalina Chizh is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96521968910?pwd=N0EwbFpkcGxHYzhXdCs1SzZXUmRoQT09>

Meeting ID: 965 2196 8910

Passcode: GOCA

The Mission of Global Outreach Charter Academy is to deliver a first-class academic program that offers a unique foreign language and multicultural curriculum, empowering students to have a competitive edge in the global vision.

Directors Present

C. Hearn (remote), V. Budnik (remote), V. Kushnar (remote), Y. Brychka

Directors Absent

V. Stepanchuk

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Y. Brychka

Ex Officio Members Present

S. Soroka (remote)

Non Voting Members Present

S. Soroka (remote)

Guests Present

A. Korchuk (remote), Daniel Iglesias, I. Savich (remote), J Whittingham, J. Chisholm (remote), Liliya Soroka, V. Chizh (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

V. Budnik called a meeting of the board of directors of Global Leadership Academy to order on Tuesday Aug 4, 2020 at 4:06 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

V. Budnik made a motion to approve the minutes from Annual Board Meeting: High School on 06-09-20.

C. Hearn seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes

V. Budnik made a motion to approve the minutes from Emergency Board Meeting: HS Campus on 06-29-20.

C. Hearn seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

N/A

III. Discussion Items

A. Academica / Colegia

Daniel:

- Platform started in March on how to facilitate online instruction for students beyond the current COV-ID season
- The hybrid model is students going 4 days a week and the 5th day participating in Colegia
- The software picked up being able to service students at a time they wouldn't be able to continue to learn
- The platform focuses of 3 facets, Connecting, Cooperating, Collaborating for students

Hearn:

- How are teachers trained for this?

Daniel:

- Series of videos for training, it is an educational ecosystem so teachers, students, staff, and parents will all be connected and be able to communicate about current events
- Schools tried to continue education beyond walls, but they encountered Zoom Bombing where random people can join the virtual instruction and disrupt the chat
- Colegia provides a safe and private environment that no one else would be able to join unless they have a Colegia username
- Digital Educational Operating component is how the ecosystem is created
- Students can log into Colegia and have all the resources they need, assignments, tests, quizzes, and direct access to the teacher to discuss any questions which eliminates the need to go through other means to reach the teacher
- The resources are customized to each school and the school will be able to work with us to create the most efficient platform
- There is also a messenger platform like FB Messenger or WhatsApp and the teachers will be able to handle conversations with their students

Hearn:

- Will the students be able to complete their tests online, how does that work?
- How are parents trained to use this platform?

Daniel:

- Testing can be created in the platform but it is under development and will be completed in September
- Parents will have access to a robust series of videos and have a help desk available to everyone to resolve troubleshooting and access the platform

Joe:

- Is this proposed as a learning management system, or a content for classroom courseware?

Daniel:

- Colegia encompasses all of this, so it eliminates the need to have multiple sources for communication and resources

- The purpose of this meeting was to introduce this platform and if GOCA accepts then we will discuss the platforms that we have to offer which is over 80
- We want to ensure safety for students online over virtual instruction

Hearn:

- Does this entail enough web spacing for all of our students? Or is there limited access

Daniel:

- It is a k-12 solution, we even have pre-k involved

Victoria:

- What is the price point? Have we looked at other companies?

Anna:

- The cost of technology components will be \$43,700 for 11 classrooms and Daniel please talk about the classroom set up

Daniel:

- The idea that Colegia can be used whether or not there is a physical setting we have set up a system where children can be online virtually in the classroom while their other classmates are physically present
- Presented a video on the program
- A better dynamic learning experience through technology with the right boards, cameras, microphones, and set up

Hearn:

- What about connectivity? What will be required from the students, a computer, band width?

Daniel:

- Only thing needed is access to a mobile device or laptop/desktop to access Colegia but also home internet or data through their cellular plan

Anna:

- How long has Academica been using Colegia?

Daniel:

- From March to May we had over 80,000 students testing out this software and the number continues to grow
- The peak was the beginning of COV-ID
- *Daniel disconnected*

Anna:

-I want to discuss why we didn't go with other options we looked into when deciding on Academia, we chose them because this is a strategic step for schools and would like to go with them to establish a relationship with them after looking into the components they have to offer

Hearn:

-The technology they have to offer is great.

Anna:

-They are very competitive and we will not be losing money going with them, we will be getting a great deal

Victoria:

-What did you guys use last year?

Anna:

-We used Google Classroom for K-8 and Zoom for meetings, students logged into Zoom separately from logging into Google Classroom

Soroka:

-We want to expand, by creating a relationship with Academia that will benefit us in the future, so we can go with the Google Classroom but that will not help us grow and advance

Victoria:

-Is there a membership fee?

Anna:

-There is a \$45 per student fee.

Whittingham:

-This will be a very easy way to the students not to have to worry about how to get to each textbook, each class, receive their instruction, and will be a very easy transition from one class to another even if the students are not physically present

-They will have access to all the materials they will need available right away

Joe:

-Academica has worked with A and B schools which will benefit GOCA in the future

B. Principal Presentation

-We received 204 enrollment packets

-Also have all the staff in place for the school year

-28-30 students who have requested Option 2 for reopening plan

- 80 families attended our On Boarding
 - As far as reopening we gave families 2 options, the first is 5 days at school and the second 5 days online
 - Parents have until September 4th to change from online to in school learning or vice versa and asking parents to commit to a full 9 week option
 - Facial coverings will be worn throughout the day
 - A student will have to have a consistent temperature for at least 24 hours before returning to school if their temperature is too high when checked at school
 - Portion of students will eat in the cafeteria and classrooms will also be dedicated to have children eat lunch to maintain social distancing
 - Students will keep their face shields at school and will need a face mask to and from their cars to go get them once they enter the building
 - For advertising we have radio, magazine, billboards, staff mention opening school at church, ambassadors on social media
- Y. Brychka arrived.

IV. Action Items

A. Academica / Colegia

V. Budnik made a motion to move forward with Colegia.

C. Hearn seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. Board Comments

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

V. Budnik