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# Next Generation Charter Schools

# Minutes

## Education Committee Monthly Call

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**Date and Time**
Wednesday September 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM

**Location**

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Mission

We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.

Vision

All students will be taught by a highly effective teacher in a nurturing environment and will achieve at high levels. Each student will develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for responsible citizenship and life-long learning. The impact of our collective efforts will fundamentally change public education.

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**Committee Members Present**
C. Barnes-Watson (remote), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote)

**Committee Members Absent**
A. Khatiwada, M. Dorrie, S. Huda

**Guests Present**
liesl.hara@met.lha.net (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Chen called a meeting of the Education Committee of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Wednesday Sep 16, 2020 at 3:08 PM.

#### C. Approve Minutes

E. Chen made a motion to approve the minutes from Vote on summer school grading policy on 09-02-20.
J. Boulet seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Education Updates

### A. K - 8 Principal Updates

1) Good start to the school: started on 8/24 (a month before DoE start date) - dived into Covid learning lost
- first 3 weeks restoring mindset and safe environment for students: taking recommendations around how to manage this crisis
- building relationship with staff and students and setting up structure for academics
- attendance right under 90% (16 students registered w/ the school but are no-shows)- after roster adjustment, attendance will be higher
- 8AM-3PM schedules are working well with students; created initiatives (i.e. 3-4PM collaborative time- checking on individual scholars- culture blocks) to increase student and staff engagement

2) shift beginning of year benchmark assessment: decided not to give the NWEA assessment due to
- iReady: streamlining ELA and Math; starting baseline assessment on Friday (data will be available for October)
- reporting 3 times a year, and synced with online instruction for supplemental reports
- risks: NWEA has a larger nationwide participation; iReady is based in NY

### B. 9 - 11 Principal Updates

1) iReady (adaptive) is for all Tyra's grades - it's standardized
2) grade level breakdown to enter school next week - director of culture and staff
3) standardized assessment for 9th graders: makeup assessment starts next week (wrap up time in two weeks)
4) grade level and IA assessments have been created by teachers over the summer
5) Kurt, Tyra, and Karin will provide academic assessment calendar

## III. Other Business

### A. Other Business

Roadmap to drive towards charter goals for renewal year:
Kurt: working with Karin for goal setting (benchmarking), keeping goals similar as last year; when speaking with Laurie the authorizer, emphasized importance of IA
Karin: tracking graduating class and collecting data points

SpEd discussion with Liesl Hara - breaking down invisible barriers; cater RTI system and provide support

## IV. Next Steps

### A. Next Steps

1) Principals goal setting plan for this school year
2) Principals/ Karin share academic assessment calendar
3) Discuss how to incorporate SpEd discussion to Board meetings

## V. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. Chen