

# 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