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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday May 18, 2022 at 5:15 PM

Location
jessica.boulet@nngcs.org is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Governance Committee Meeting
Time: Oct 20, 2021 05:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
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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.

Committee Members Present
A. Bothner (remote), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), K. Brisseau (remote), S. Pressley (remote)

Committee Members Absent
C. Barnes-Watson, K. Shabazz

Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened
A. Bothner

Guests Present
A. Khanyile (remote), M. Russell (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Boulet called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Next Generation Charter Schools to order on Wednesday May 18, 2022 at 5:20 PM.

C. Approve April Minutes

J. Boulet made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 04-20-22.
K. Brisseau seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Cadence Calendar

A. Overview

A. Bothner arrived.
Malik and Jessica gave a brief overview of the new cadence calendar, which was updated to reflect current operations and goals at the Board level.

B. Gov Comm review & questions

The Committee discussed the annual cadence of tasks before the Governance Committee.

Key items:

- Structural review of Board and Committee operations, as well as ED review, to be done in Spring going forward (April/May/June)
- Board "Strategic Initiative" reporting
- Personal Development Goals
- School Policy Review:
    - Policies continue to evolve to ensure deep alignment with Nuasin philosophy and identity
    - Aaron requested that the policy updates be summarized in a one-pager, as occurred last time (as it was very helpful)
- Annual Board self-assessment
- Major annual presentations to the Board from ED (strategic priorities and planning, data/evaluation points, etc.)
- Committee strategic planning cycle:
    - Dedicated time for strategic planning at July retreat
    - Committee chairs present strategic plan in August Board meeting

III. Board Development & Planning

A. Individual Goal-Setting

- Rename: Personal Development Goals?
- Kamaria to share in May meeting
- Khari to share in June meeting
- Reminder that we all need to visit the school annually in person
- This can also mean collaborating with Malik to contribute something to the school based on own expertise - we can be creative

B. Committee Annual Planning

Governance Committee strategic reflections:

- Looked at Flywheel and fit in Governance Committee's responsibilities
- Spoke with Pasek consulting, which framed the following questions:
    - How does each Committee support the school's 1 and 5 year plans to become a K-12 college readiness school?
    - Governance Committee responsibilities are to structure the Board and support school leadership in a way that supports the school's 1- and 5-year strategic goals, and vision for the school
- Reviewed Strategic Goals and Gov Comm's role in reaching those goals
    - Aaron noted that Gov Comm is an important space for intra-Committee communication and conversation
- Kamaria, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, posed the question of how much of a role the ED should play in building the Board
- Aaron flagged the current work on succession planning, aiming to be ready for July retreat
- Real forward progress has been made on strengthening and clarifying governance structures and processes, which has clarified the next steps needed in this direction
- In particular, need to work on making goals and plans clearer in a forward-looking manner, which is specifically a responsibility of Committee chairs
- Aaron expressed that the Governance Committee space is the right place for Chairs to connect and share support on getting the strategic planning right in the coming year
- What does it mean to make the Board and the school an aspirational space that fights against inequality?
    - We hear about how this is happening on a more regular basis now, compared to in the past - which is great
    - Healthy culture and HR practices in the school - also seen a lot of concrete progress on this under Malik's leadership
    - More concrete development to be done on this, in conversation with Malik
    - Gov Comm not necessarily primary space for this, but it is one place where this type of work can happen
- For Governance Committee, will also look to Committee members to give feedback and share vision for
    - Aaron would like to see individuals sign a pledge that outlines effective Board membership and expectations
    - Jessica suggested doing it in June when we do renewals

IV. Closing Items

A. Look Ahead

June is renewals and strategic planning season. It will be a busy month!

B.

Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Boulet