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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Policy Review + Strategic planning

Date and Time
Wednesday June 22, 2022 at 5:15 PM

Location
Jessica Boulet is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
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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), C. Barnes-Watson (remote), E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), S. Pressley (remote)

Committee Members Absent
K. Brisseau, 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 Jun 22, 2022 at 5:32 PM.

C. Approve May Minutes

J. Boulet made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 05-18-22.
E. Chen seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Policy Review

A. Overview

B. Key Updates

- The Committee reviewed the substantive updates to the policies.
- For the Grievance Policy, some final revisions are needed to harmonize it fully with Board practice on handling grievances; this will be sent around for review in preparation for the approval vote at the Board meeting.

C. Policy Review Standard

A. Bothner arrived.

The Committee discussed its current practice around what policies should be reviewed by the Board and why. It needs to be revisited now that the school is independent (previously, followed practices set by its former charter management organization.)

- Currently, the policies reviewed by the Board are essential to its ongoing operation as a school, the school's compliance with the law, and the financial health of the organization.
- The current policies facilitate Trustees' ability to fulfill their responsibilities to the school.
- Jessica will speak with counsel to get outside input on how to approach this.
- Will finalize at next month's meeting.

III. Board Development & Planning

A. Individual Goal-Setting

Individual personal development

- Constance will present at the July meeting.
- Shanta shared some information about the charter board leadership meetings she began attending - the next is tomorrow at 4 pm. She will share with other Trustees who may be interested.

Trustee pledge

- We decided to put this together to facilitate clarity and accountability within the Board
- The Committee quickly reviewed a draft that is based on templates from Board on Track
- She will share out to other committee members to review and give feedback
- We will look to finalize prior to the July retreat
- Trustees will sign annually, typically in June but this year in July

B. Committee Annual Planning

Major workshopping on our strategic planning approach will happen at the July 23rd retreat. We will also review our progress against the Board self-assessment that we took in January.

One goal of the Governance Committee is to be more intentional about supporting the professional development of Board members in the coming year. This will be a collaboration with the Nominating Committee.

IV. Closing Items

A.

Look Ahead

The Committee reviewed upcoming items on the cadence calendar.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Boulet

Documents used during the meeting

- DRAFT_Board of Trustees Annual Pledge.docx