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Next Generation Charter Schools

Minutes

July Governance Committee meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday July 20, 2022 at 5:15 PM

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
E. Chen (remote), J. Boulet (remote), K. Brisseau (remote), S. Pressley (remote)

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

Committee Members who arrived after the meeting opened
S. Pressley

Guests Present
A. Khanyile (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 Jul 20, 2022 at 5:31 PM.
S. Pressley arrived.

C. Approve June Minutes

J. Boulet made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 06-22-22.
K. Brisseau seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Policy Updates

A. Approvals this month

- Malik gave an overview of the school's approach to the Scholar Family Handbook and Staff Handbook: have been working to ensure that all major bases are covered and fill any pre-existing gaps; moving forward, will continue to keep an eye on ensuring all policies align with Nuasin holistically. The Board is reviewing these and will hold a vote on approval at the Saturday Board meeting.
- Trustee Annual Pledge:
  - The Committee reviewed the language of the pledge to ensure it aligns with the Board's current working methods and expectations.
- Absentee Policy: The Committee discussed the need for and appropriate approach to an attendance/absentee policy.
  - The Committee reviewed the Board on Track template "Absentee Policy." Overall the Committee disagreed with the tone of the policy, which seems punitive and out of line with the Board's current culture of mutual trust, personal responsibility and respect.
  - Committee members wanted time to review and discuss the details of attendance expectations, including setting up a clear, flexible and sensitive process for dealing with Trustee absences.
  - Committee members also felt it was important to highlight that attendance is just one part of how Trustees fulfill their commitments to the Board and School, and that the relevant policy/ies should reflect that.
  - The discussion, review and finalization process will continue into August, with a goal of voting on it at the August board meeting.

B. Policy Review Standard

The Committee revisited the question of selecting policies for Board-level review. Following reflection and thought, the Committee felt comfortable with the current policies for review, which encompass all the policies which are critical to the School's existence, and enable Board members to fulfill their fiduciary duties as well as their duties of care, loyalty and obedience to the School's interests.

III. Board Development & Planning

A.

Individual Goal-Setting

- Constance to share her current goals at this month's meeting
- A schedule for future presenters, apart from those who have already presented, will be shared on Saturday
- Shanta shared her takeaways from the charter schools meeting she attended last month
- Jessica shared about a series of NY Charter School network meetings hosted by Pasek - she will forward this information on for other interested Board members

B. Committee Annual Planning

- We may discuss Strategic Planning for Committees on Saturday - TBD
- If not, the main goal of the Governance Committee this month is to make sure that all of the Committee Chairs are clear and aligned on the key parts of their annual plans that they should share in August's board meeting
- Jessica will put together some templates and outline key aspects of a strategic plan in the coming week, and will share to collect feedback from Committee Chairs

IV. Closing Items

A. Look Ahead

- Gov Comm to review Board Self-Assessment for next month
- ED has started on Principal reflection process, will share alongside other school goals in August and September
    - Jessica to check in with Ops on OML Audit
- Stakeholder Interaction Policy & Grievance Policy harmonization ready for vote

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Boulet