

Global Leadership Academy

Minutes

July 21st, 2015

7:00 p.m.

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OR

Boys and Girls Club, Gary, Indiana

Board Members:

Chair: Hilary Lewis

Vice Chair: Julianne Boulware

Treasurer: Katherine Pohlkamp (via telephone)

Secretary: Rose Joiner

Members: Quiana Davis, David Fischer, Odis Richardson, Erica Thompson, Mike Hines

Attending in person: Hilary Lewis, Julianne Boulware, Erica Thompson, Mike Hines

Attending via telephone: Katherine Pohlkamp

Also In attendance: Robert Hart

Not in attendance: Quiana Davis, Rose Joiner, Odis Richardson, David Fischer

Welcome

Review of Robert's Rules Hilary presented an organizational document to help board members with Robert's rules to ease the facilitation of meetings.

Review & Approval of Minutes Rose was absent. Minutes will be submitted at next board meeting.

Executive Directors Report

Old Business

Authorizer Decision Since the last board meeting no traction had been made to secure a meeting with Gary Community Schools to discuss GCSC as an authorizer. A member of the state board of education had advised a member of the founding team that GCSC board does not have a process in place. The board members present agreed it made most sense to proceed with ICSB to ensure that the PCSP grant could be applied for in a timely manner. Erica moved to proceed with ICSB as our charter authorizer. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Regular Business

Naming of the School Chrissy presented the results of the naming survey and community meetings in order to solicit input for the new name. The recommendation was made to change the name of the school to Steel City Academy for ICSB's approval. Mike moved to approve the name Steel City Academy. Julianne seconded. Motion passed.

Relevant Documents: Final Global Naming Word Document

Financial Controls Katherine and Robert presented the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual. Katherine provided a high level overview on what are the typical controls and red flags that auditors look for when auditing schools. Robert then provided a high level overview of how those concerns are addressed in the manual. With upcoming fundraisers, it was stressed the importance of having a set of controls in place. If a policy or procedure needed to be adjusted, the manual could be amended at a later date. Julianne moved to adopt the Financial Policies and Procedures Manual. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

Relevant Documents: Global Leadership Academy Financial Policies and Procedures Manual

Student Enrollment Numbers Decision Chrissy presented a breakdown of Gary schools, both traditional public and charter. Hilary expressed concern that there was not enough information to identify where we would actually draw students from. The number of higher performing elementary schools raised a concern for being able to attract 4th graders. The number of k-6 elementary schools was also raised as an argument to start with 7th grade. Moving to a class size of 50 would initially create a deficit and require cuts. Julianne moved to table the vote. Erica seconded. Motion passed.

Relevant Documents: GLAATT17BudgetWorkbook (6 Year Total Tab), Gary School Options Document

Other Business

Next Steps The remaining meetings for the calendar year were scheduled for September 15, 2015 and November 15, 2015. Hilary asked for a motion to adjourn. Julianne moved to adjourn. Mike seconded. Motion passed.