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Girls Global Academy

Minutes

SY21-22 Retreat - Virtual - Morning Session

Save the Date

Date and Time

Saturday September 18, 2021 at 8:45 AM

Location

Hi there,

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Sep 18, 2021 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: GGA SY21-22 Board Retreat - Morning Session

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Trustees Present

B. Blaufuss (remote), C. Miller (remote), E. Harris (remote), J. Parker (remote), M. Colburn (remote), M. Dunn (remote), M. Edmunds (remote), M. Levasseur (remote), M. Pendleton (remote), S. Benson (remote)

Trustees Absent

K. Bryant, L. Myrick

Guests Present

sam@boardontrack.com (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Dunn called a meeting of the board of trustees of Girls Global Academy to order on Saturday Sep 18, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

M. Levasseur made a motion to approve the minutes from GGA Board General Meeting on 07-26-21.

M. Dunn seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Team Building: Bring out the leader in each of us

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Shalini led the board through a discussion of how board members' individual values brought us to GGA and how these values inform and strengthen our service on the board.

III. Board Assessment

A. Review the Board Assessment

Max led the board through a review of the first board assessment. Overall, we want to look at communication and expectations and understand where there may be substantive opportunities and where the focus should be on communications.

IV. Board Member Roles & Responsibilities

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Sam led discussion through Board R&R

****Goal:** get everyone on the same side of the table looking at the problem not on opposite sides of the table looking at each other

- Communication, Community as part of responsibility

- what is really involved in Governance (vs Management) - and how to adopt these ideas to our school given where we are in our lifecycle

 - * engagement

 - * preparation

 - * advance circulation of materials and questions - so questions are not a surprise in a meeting

 - Support the GGA Leadership / School to grow

- * Revisit later in the year

Max picked up individual responsibilities that add to the collective Board R&R

- These are a floor of expectations - the real expectation is to make a meaningful contribution to GGA's thriving
- BOT as a hub - where to find docs, prompts to check the dashboard
- Document Favorites - ask Sam
- Board success slide - something to keep looking at, use as a guide as we keep working together on the school
- Responsibility sharing especially between the board and the school in the committee space
- in other boards, the staff builds the agenda, leads the meeting, etc. - defer to the next session?

V. Board Strength - Augmenting the Committees

A. Board Strength - Augmenting Committees

Intro to the committee discussion; to be continued in afternoon session
Committees are instruments of the board - to carry out governance activities
There are some committees that end up being GGA Leadership committees, triggered by a request or question from the board, but they are not carrying out Board governance work
Role of staff members in the committees

VI. 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 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Dunn