

The Global Citizens Public Charter School April 2022 Board meeting was called to order by Taura Smalls, Board chair at 6:06 pm on April 18, 2022.

Attendees Present at Start: Taura Smalls, Dora Currea, Dr. Natalie Smith, Jennifer Moore, Kristal Hartsfield, Lisa Rucker, Bisi Oyedele, Robin Roopnarine, 'Iolani L. Bullock, Shedon Williams, Navneet Adhi

### ***Mission Moment***

Shedon Williamson shared that we were finally able to get our families together for our first playdate at the National Children's Museum. Our Community Day is also coming up, so we are excited for families to take tours and come into our building soon.

Bisi Oyedele wanted to give Kudos to our social media folks. On LinkedIn, there was a post on the Bugs unit, and he really appreciated hearing about what's happening and seeing the smiling faces of the kids and the teachers.

Dr. Natalie Smith shared the following mission moments:

- The National Children's Museum visit was fun and it was great to see people in person and it was great to see how close the children are.
- Our Open House on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (the open house after match day) was well attended and it was rated high on the survey. Kristal Hartsfield and Malanda Worrell spoke to perspective families.
- The school now has a school nurse, Nurse Deisy Herrerra Cortez. Nurse Deisy was a Registered Nurse in Children's emergency department. Nurse Deisy has a certification in pediatric nursing and she is fluent in Spanish. This is her first school experience, and we are excited to have a nurse.

Kristal Hartsfield shared that the National Children's Museum was so nice, and she even took her children there again yesterday. She said it was amazing, and she appreciates the school telling families about it. It was an amazing learning experience for the children. So grateful that the museum was the family outing. Her family loved it so much they returned on another day.

### ***Approval of Board Meeting Agenda and Meeting Minutes***

Taura Smith asked for a motion to approve March 2022 board meeting minutes and the April 18, 2022 agenda.

Dr. Natalie Smith moved to approve March 2022 board meeting minutes and the April 18, 2022 agenda. Kristal Hartsfield seconded the motion.

A roll call vote took place to approve the March 2022 board meeting minutes and the April 18, 2022 agenda. Recorded votes on the motion are below:

Taura Smalls – Aye

Dora Currea – Aye

'Iolani L. Bullock – Aye

Jenifer Moore- Aye

Bisi Oyedele – Aye

Dr. Natalie Smith – Aye

Lisa Rucker – Aye

Kristal Hartsfield – Aye

Robin Roopnarine – Aye

The motion carried and the agenda and meeting minutes were approved.

### ***Head of School Report***

Dr. Smith presented the April 2022 Head of School Report.

Highlights included:

- Student Recruitment for the 2022-2023
  - o We received 234 applications
  - o All seats open were matched
  - o We have 38 students on the waitlist (The Highest demand grades are Pre-K3 Spanish and Pre-K4 Spanish, and we have a waitlist for Pre-K4 Chinese)
  - o As of April 12, 2022 we have 42 post-lottery applications
  - o May 2, 2022 is the enrollment deadline for matched families and current families.
  - o May meeting will have a better idea about returning and new families.
  - o We will continue to have Open Houses and Virtual Tours
- Staffing
  - o We have several strong candidates for open positions.
  - o We have several new positions for the upcoming school year.
  - o Thinking about ways to ensure our recruitment process is strong
    - Partnership with local colleges or universities
- Additional School Updates
  - o Students loved the Harambee experience with Baba Ras D
  - o Teacher Appreciation Week is the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - o EdForward DC granted \$25,000 for facilities support; thanks to Bisi and the EdForward DC team

Questions raised by the board:

- o Iolani Bullock - Anything we did differently this year versus last year with regards to student recruitment?

Dr. Smith's Response: Word of mouth and the school actually being open and serving the community; people see our school in action which brings in more interest. We are continuously attending Ward 7 Education Council, ANC Meetings, and we are out in the community. Playdates and virtual living room chats are helpful – even if only a few students.

- Kristal Hartsfield - Do we ask parents why they choose a certain language path? Would be interesting to see why parents choose a certain path and hear more about their thought process.

Dr. Smith's Response: We do not ask that question. It is a good question to ask.

- Dora Currea - Is it a good time to schedule Board visits?

Dr. Smith's Response: Due to the new variant, we have not welcomed guests, but maybe by the end of April or May.

### ***Academic Committee Update***

Ms. Williamson presented results of the Middle of the Year (MOY) Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment in Literacy, Mathematics, and Social Emotional Learning.

- A Total of 57 students were tested
- The data showed significant growth during the Middle of the Year Assessments (MOY) checkpoint in literacy, math, and social and emotional learning for all subgroups.
- Overall, for MOY, 91% of students met or exceeded widely held expectations in literacy (which is a 32% increase).
- Overall, for MOY, 98% of students met or exceeded widely held expectations in mathematics (which is a 36% increase).
- Overall, for MOY, 96% of students met or exceeded widely held expectations in SEL (which is a 37% increase).
- Each subgroup of students also increased in literacy, math, and SEL for MOY.
- While 75% of ELL students met or exceeded widely held expectations in literacy during MOY (which is a 62% increase), we will continue to provide support to ELL students through continued targeted small group instruction.
- While 80% of SPED students met or exceeded widely held expectations in literacy, math, and SEL during MOY, we will continue to provide the services, support, and accommodations outlined in this student's IEP.

Root Causes:

### **What are the contributing factors and what are the root causes?**

- Students are learning Literacy and Math only 10% of the time in English.
- Many students are at school for the first time (due to the pandemic).
- Some students do not come to school consistently because Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 are non-compulsory grade-levels.
- This was the first trimester.

- We trained staff on the curriculum during Summer Institute and provide them with continuous support and feedback on their lesson plans.
- We established and implemented an internal benchmark assessment.
- We informally observe each class once a week and provide feedback.
- We conducted a formal mid-year evaluation.
- Teachers have implemented small group instruction.

Next steps:

- Instruction
  - o Continue to support teachers with differentiating instruction
  - o Continue to implement the Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS), where we determine strategies to meet the needs of students
- Planning Lessons
  - o Continue to support teachers with planning small group instruction
- Observation and Feedback
  - o Continue to observe teachers (teaching small group instruction) and provide feedback on an ongoing basis
- Data Analysis
  - o Teachers will analyze data to determine corrective instruction and to reassess groupings (for small group instruction)
- Professional Development
  - o Continue to facilitate PD aligned to areas of growth identified during formal observations

Questions:

- Robin Roopnarine asked about the subgroups not included. Dr. Natalie Smith responded that any subgroups with less than 5 would not be included as decided by the Academic Committee.
- Robin Roopnarine asked about having an “other” category that combines all of the subgroups with less than five percent and Dr. Smith responded that having the data separated is important as it is still analyzed. Dr. Smith also mentioned that categories are growing as students are evaluated through the year. Dr. Smith stated that the Academic Committee will give this idea some thought.

Ms. Williamson left at 6:53 pm.

***External Relations Committee Update***

Dr. Natalie Smith presented the April 2022 External Relations Committee update.

Highlights included:

- Looked at lottery application data for 2022-2023
- Talked about Community Day on Saturday, June 4, 2022, 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

Questions raised by the board:

- No questions were raised by the board

### ***Governance Committee Update***

Taura Smalls presented the April 2022 Governance Committee update.

Highlights included:

- The committee discussed DC PCSB Procurement Contract Submission and Conflict of Interest Policy, which can be found in our April 2022 Board Meeting folder. More information will be discussed in executive session.

Questions raised by the board:

- No questions were raised by the board

### ***Finance Committee Update***

Dr. Natalie Smith presented the April 2022 Governance Committee update.

Highlights included:

- Changes this month brought the forecast lower than last month (45 days of cash on hand)
- Forecasted revenue is \$3,010, 209
- Revenue lower due to less in private grants and donations
- Forecasted expenses is \$2,703,971.
- Additional fees for school nurse (hope to be reimbursed by a grant from OSSE)

Questions raised by the board:

- No questions raised by the board.

### ***Additional Business***

Taura Smalls asked for a motion to enter executive session.

Bisi Oyedele made a motion to enter executive session.

Lisa Rucker seconded the motion to enter executive session.

There was no discussion.

A roll call vote took place to move into executive session.

Taura Smalls – Aye

Dora Currea – Aye

‘Iolani L. Bullock - Aye

Bisi Oyedele - Aye

Dr. Natalie Smith – Aye

Lisa Rucker - Aye

Kristal Hartsfield – Aye

Robin Roopnarine – Aye

Jenifer Moore – Aye

The motion carried and the board moved into executive session at 7:02pm.

The board returned from executive session at 8:10 pm

Taura Smalls reported out that the board discussed the conflict of interest and are comfortable moving forward with the contract.

***Meeting Adjournment***

Taura Smalls asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Dr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting.

Kristal Hartsfield second the motion to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote took place to adjourn the meeting.

Taura Smalls – Aye

Dora Currea – Aye

'Iolani L. Bullock – Aye

Bisi Oyedele – Aye

Dr. Natalie Smith – Aye

Lisa Rucker – Aye

Kristal Hartsfield – Aye

Robin Roopnarine – Aye

Jenifer Moore – Aye

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.