

**ACADEMY FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF DIRECTORS**

September 14th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Directors of Academy for Global Citizenship Charter School, an Illinois corporation, was convened at 6:00 PM on September 14th, 2023 at 4942 W. 44th St., Chicago, Illinois. Directors Sylvie Anglin, Kit Elmer DeWitt, Judy Martinez-Faye, Maritza Gonzalez, Amanda Hanley, Sarah Elizabeth Ippel, Trung Le, and Bryan Soto were present. Directors Valerie Coffman and John Nix attended via video conference.

The following items were discussed:

- An information package for the board meeting was distributed via email to board members prior to the meeting. The information distributed included (i) the agenda, (ii) an Executive Director Report, (iii) AGC Development Report, (iv) FY 2023 Q4 Financial Summary with financial statements, (v) Principals' Presentation, and (vi) a new Campus Construction Report.
- AGC Chief Development Officer Ryan Jones provided a Development Update. Fundraising for July 1 – Sept. 7, 2023 totaled \$422K for the Capital Campaign. Fundraising for the Capital Campaign for FY 2023 (July 1 – June 30) was \$2.00 million. Cultivate Collective has received \$298 K in funding this calendar year. The pipeline for the Capital Campaign was reviewed, with future funds allocated primarily to Phase 2 of the new campus. The largest potential grants are related to Federal Government sources, although final decisions are uncertain and the timelines long.
- AGC Treasurer and Director of Operations Paul Guilianelli provided a financial update. As of September 1, 2023 and shown in the financial information in the board package, AGC's bank account balances were (i) \$1.619 million in 2x operational checking accounts, (ii) \$2.551 million in the operational savings account and (iii) \$84K in the capital savings account. The following account balances are for the new building/site construction and the AGC Support Corp: (i) \$4.693 million in the AGC Support Corp Disbursement account, and (iii) \$0 for bridge loan balance with US Bank (which was full paid off by June 15). The final disbursement of the \$31 million DCEO grant is expected by the end of September. Construction is 95% complete, with the certificate of occupancy received last week. Financial statements for FY 2023 were reviewed, with net income of \$221K, or 3.2% of revenue. The Early Childhood program in the new campus will expand revenue and expenses for FY 2024. The move from the 2x previous buildings was completed in the past few days. This important one-time event for AGC was accomplished by extensive support from staff outside of their regular job descriptions. The annual audit field work started in August and is proceeding as expected.
- Erin Cabonargi of URBAN ReSOLVE provided a final review for construction of the new campus. The overall project to complete the new building was successful in several different ways. Regarding schedule, the building was completed in approximately 18 months from ground breaking to occupancy, compared to a standard timeframe of 24 months. Regarding the Living Building Challenge petals, the building is unique and a model for energy efficiency, particularly for schools. Support from Chicago was valuable, such as agreeing to initially unplanned modifications to a water main. Construction was completed by exceeding many contractor requirements related to minority participation, women-owned businesses, and significant apprentice participation.
- AGC Principals Bernice Salas Rangel and Saskia Rombouts provided an academic update. Attendance increased to 96%, which remains about 3-4% above the CPS average and also nearby schools. AGC's new Early Childhood program has added 51 students and 7 staff to the school. An update on AGC's pillars was reviewed, including modeling academic excellence. The shift of assessments from MAP to iReady provides more frequent feedback of student learning. IL Empower Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) is being developed, with approval sought from the board at an upcoming board meeting. Now that classes are held in the new building, a priority for finishing work and equipment is the new playground.
- AGC Executive Director Sarah Elizabeth Ippel was joined by Dr. Carole Collins Ayanlaja for providing an update regarding Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training. At day 3 in the new building, Dr. Collins conducted initial training for teachers and staff, where DEI training will be ongoing. A stated goal is to help ensure DEI policies are actualized and ingrained in practice. Important feedback from the first session was active listening and acknowledgement that current practices and behaviors can be improved. Parents also have a mandatory session for DEI training.
- Public comment. The first public comment was an update regarding Tameka Walton and her family. The second public comment emphasized the importance of including the African-American community and also recognizing indigenous people. A board member commented on the dedication of teachers and staff through the significant changes over the past few weeks.

- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Directors will be scheduled in the next few weeks.