

FGCS Board of Directors

June 11, 2018 Meeting

Board Members Present

Bob Hatt, Chair

Anita Zijdemans-Boudreau, Vice Chair

Robbie Pock, member

Steve Molin, Secretary

Roger Neyman, member

Board Members Absent

Jon Stagnitti, Treasurer

Staff Members Present

Vanessa Gray, Principal

Karen Torry, Director of School Operations

The meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m.

Updates: The District School Board unanimously approved renewal of the FGCS charter contract for 5 years with 88 percent pass-through funding. The District Board expressed willingness to review data annually and reconsider funding increases in future years of the new charter.

Board Recruitment

Bob is reaching out to parents who may be interested in spearheading fundraising efforts. Robbie suggested another prospective board member to contact. Board members would like to recruit board members with an eye toward diversity and inclusion as well as specific skills (e.g., fundraising, finance).

Voting Items

- May 2018 Minutes: Bob moved to approve the minutes as written. Steve seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as written.
- 2018-19 Budget: The budget is based on 88 percent pass-through funding from the District. Vanessa made minor adjustments based on new, lower costs for employee health insurance. The budget maintains the instructional assistant positions added this school year. PERS costs increase because salaries are increasing, but Vanessa notes that PERS increases forecast for the next

biennium are six percentage points higher, which is significant. Board members asked various other questions about specific line items.

Public agencies statewide are uncertain how to address this dramatic increase if the Legislature does not increase school funding. In school budgets, including at FGCS, it is difficult to substantially cut budgets without cutting positions or salaries. Board members discussed ways for families, students and board to be involved in advocating for more stable, adequate funding at the state level. Bob will add time to a future agenda to discuss this topic further.

Roger moved to approve the budget as proposed; Robbie seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the budget.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board will be 6:30 p.m. August 21, 2018.