



**Minutes of the PUBLIC MEETING of the
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GREENWOODS CHARTER SCHOOL
468 Domino Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19128
January 17, 2019 7:30 PM**

This meeting was duly advertised in accordance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Law in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

1. **At 7:31 PM, the meeting was called to order by Chelsea Badeau and followed by a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and of Green Wood’s Mission Statement.**
2. **Roll Call** J. Stacey, counsel, took roll call. Trustees in attendance: Chelsea Badeau, Deena Benner, Heather Cowley, Kristin Haskins-Simms, Meg Perillo and Richard Chapkis. A quorum was present.
3. **Announcement of Executive Sessions**
 - a. The Board Chair announced that an executive session was held prior to the start of the meeting in order for the Board to consult with administration regarding filling vacancies in open positions, and in order for the Board to consult with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding labor and employment matters, special education matters, and other possible legal issues.
 - b. The Board Chair announced that an Executive Session will be held prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting – February 21, 2019.
4. **Changes to Agenda**
 - a. There were no changes to the agenda.
5. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. *Action.* To approve the minutes of the public meeting of December 20, 2018 as presented to the Board. There was no discussion. Motion made by D. Benner and seconded by K. Haskins-Simms.
Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
6. **Updates and Reports**
 - a. *Information.* Board Chair Report from Chelsea Badeau. Welcomed all back from winter break, congratulations on the birth of a staff member’s baby and condolences for the loss of another’s son, a GW alumnus. Two candidates have moved forward in the CEO search process. Science fair presentations were great – an event before the formal board



meeting. All budgeted roles available for stipends as budgeted have been posted or filled for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. This was a part of the work earlier in the year on creating a salary scale for staff. The school audit documents were submitted as required. Deena and Kristin are working with Bobby Saccone on the annual Golf Outing – this year on June 8.

- b. *Information & School Report* from Stephani Finnin, Principal. Thanks to Chris Young for his support for science fair, 7 students moving on to Carver Science Fair. A number of events are upcoming and on the calendar. 1st floor is being made sensory friendly. A new arrival procedure has begun, emails with information has been sent to all. The PSSA math after school program has been postponed and will begin mid-February for 4-8 grade students who scored Basic or Below Basic on last year's PSSAs. A Mural Arts Program project is be underway thanks to the work of art teacher Ms. Mosbruger. Applications for admission are open via Apply Philly Charter with a high number of applications. Safe 2 Say program, mandated by the Commonwealth, has been announced to all and is underway.
- c. *Information*. PTA report was read by H. Cowley from PTA President Jennifer McClarren. They are still looking for volunteers to be classroom communicators on behalf of the PTA.
- d. *Information*. Board Governance report from R. Chapkis. The committee is still seeking both potential Board members and committee members for the Advisory Committees. In addition, work is underway reviewing school policies.
- e. *Information*. Finance Report from Omnivest and Meg Perillo. Budget is doing well, as finances remain on track. A Ready to Learn Grant was received, and the funds assist in offsetting the costs of the Journeys ELA curriculum. An e-Rate proposal was submitted for IT Services.
- f. *Information*. Report from Counsel, Jeff Stacey. Legislation in the PA General Assembly would solidify the funding for charters avoiding mid-year School District Adjustments.
- g. *Information*. Report on Outdoor Space Planning from Heather Cowley. Property review is complete and continuing to work with the Philadelphia Water Department to understand restrictions about space usage under stormwater rules and permit.
- h. *Action*. To approve the reports in 8(a)-8(g) above, as stated at the meeting and/or as presented to the Board.

Discussion: none. Motion made by R. Chapkis and seconded by K. Haskins-Simms.

Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.



7. Other Matters/New Business

- a. *Action.* To approve the school calendar as presented to the board by the school Administration. Discussion: school will start the Tuesday after Labor Day. Motion made by K. Haskins-Simms and seconded by D. Benner.

Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

- b. *Action.* To approve the new hire, staff promotions and stipends as indicated in the attachment presented to the Board. Discussion: at this time there is only one vacancy – the Spanish teacher. Motion made by Cowley, seconded by D. Benner.

Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried

8. Public Comment

- a. One individual registered for public comment: Timothy Grier.
- Mr. Grier spoke of his personal concerns around how the No Place for Hate Program was introduced, his belief that the Board is in violation of the school's Civility Policy, and demanded the resignation of all Board Members and informed Mr. Chapkis that he should resign if the others stay.

9. Adjournment

- a. *Action.* To adjourn the meeting. Motion made by K. Haskins-Simms and seconded by H. Cowley. **Vote: 6 in favor, none opposed. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.**



ATTACHMENT 7a

Green Woods Charter School
2019 - 2020 Academic Calendar

Trimester:	Timeframe:	Days Off:
First	September 3 - November 22	4.5
Second	November 25 - March 6	18
Third	March 9 - June 5	8.5

		NOTES:
August 21 - 23	Teacher Classroom Set-Up	
August 26 - 29	Professional Development (8:30am to 3:00pm)	
September 2	Labor Day - School Closed	
September 3	First Day of School - 1st-8th Grades	
September 5	First Day K-8, 8:30 am Kindergarten Letters A-M	
September 6	8:30 am Kindergarten Letters N-Z	
September 9	All K students report	Boo Hoo Breakfast
September 25	Back to School Night K-4	
September 26	Back to School Night 5-8	
September 27	12:00 Dismissal for Students	PD 1-3 for teachers
September 30-1	Rosh Hashanah - School Closed	
October 9	Yom Kippur - School Closed	
October 16	Picture Day K-7 (tentative)	
November 11	Veteran's Day - School Closed	
November 22	Trimester 1 Ends	

November 25	Trimester 2 Begins	
November 27	12:00 Dismissal for Students	
November 28	Thanksgiving - School Closed	
November 29	Thanksgiving - School Closed	
December 5	12:00 Dismissal for Students	Conferences
December 6	12:00 Dismissal for Students	Conferences
December 19	Yule Log	Tentative
December 20	12:00 Dismissal for Students	PD 1-3 for teachers
December 23-January 3	Winter Break - School Closed	
January 6	School Resumes	
January 17	School Closed - PD for teachers	Full Day PD
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed	



February 12	8th Grade Picture Day	Tentative
February 14	School Closed - PD for teachers	Full Day PD
February 17	President's Day - School Closed	
March 6	Trimester 2 Ends	
March 9	Trimester 3 Begins	
March 12	12:00 Dismissal for Students	Conferences
March 13	12:00 Dismissal for Students	Conferences
March 23	12:00 Dismissal for Students	PD 1-3 for teachers
April 6 - 10	Spring Break	
April 20 - 24	PSSA ELA	
April 27 - May 8	PSSA Math/Science	
May 22	School Closed - PD for teachers	Full Day PD
May 25	Memorial Day - School Closed	
June 5	Trimester 3 Ends	
June 10	12:00 Dismissal/Last Day of School K-8	
June 11	8th Grade Graduation	
June 12	Professional Development - Last Teacher Day	

ATTACHMENT 7b

GWCS Coordinator/Extra Curricular Roles

PSSA Prep	TBD
	TBD
	TBD
	TBD

Outdoor Space Coordinator	TBD
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K-2 Grade Band Leader	Christina DeMarco
3-5 Grade Band Leader	Chris Young
6-8 Grade Band Leader	Emily Groves
8th Grade Coordinator	George Merrill
Pretzel Coordinator	Teena Dahms
Sunshine Coordinator	Sandy Taylor
STEM Coordinator	Kristinia Skalaitis
Data/Assessment Coordinator	Ariel Naider



After School Desk Monitoring	Nicole Goffman (Tuesday)
	Jessica Sexton (Mon,Wed)
	Anthony Reed (Thursday)

Choir/Talent Show	Ian Martin
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Basketball Club	Jonathon Muhammed
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Running Club	Jeanne Keough
	Anna Gasparino
	Erica Po
	Chris Young
	Marnie Wachs

Reading Olympics	Carolyn Mosbrugger
	Ruth Taylor, Karen Reed
	Juli Vitello, Karen Aves
	Linda Wargo, Brynn McGinn
	Elisabeth Horry

Yule Log	Julie Vitello
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New Staff 2018-2019			
Position	Name		Effective Date
6th Grade Science	Michael Previtti		Fall 2018
6th Grade Social Studies	Carrie Weidman		Fall 2018
Assistant Principal	Christopher Hunsberger		Fall 2018
SPED Director	Stephanie Rehrig		Fall 2018
Dean of Students	Joseph Ferrante		Jan 2019
2nd Grade Teacher	Ellie Meyers		Jan 2019
2nd Grade Teacher	Alexis Angelone		Jan 2019
1st grade LT Sub	Sean	Wimberly	Jan 2019
VACANT/NEEDED:			
Position	Name		Effective Date
7/8 Spanish			Jan 2019