



# The Renaissance

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## Charter School 2

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August 3, 2022

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 11:04 a.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
  - a. Board Members Present: Monte Joffe, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera.
  - b. Board Members Absent: Rachel Mandel
  - c. Others Present: Analy Torres, K.P., Everett Boyd, Daniel Fanelli, Stacey Gauthier
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
  - a. Approved by acclamation
4. Vote on Video Conferencing Resolution – 10 minutes
  - a. Because the Governor extended the state of emergency, we are still operating under the Open Meeting Law. We were given new language by our lawyers.
  - b. Resolution adopted by acclamation.
5. School Management Team Report
  - a. Everett--grateful that we have many staff members who are working over the summer. SMT has been doing work as well to get things ready for the new school year.
  - b. Summer school got off to a great start. Two more weeks left.
  - c. We are still hiring. Looking for two teaching positions and a teaching assistant. Hiring committee is engaged and working on this diligently, and we hope to be fully staffed by the first day of school. We interviewed a candidate for the kitchen staff last week who looks promising. Have facilities manager candidates.
    - i. Recently have seen candidates for teaching positions and extended offers but it has not been confirmed.
    - ii. Question about working with agency. For Mandarin position, we have been working with a consultant.
  - d. Facilities--playground equipment has been installed on the roof. Kitchen equipment was

delivered.

- e. Meeting yesterday with 21st Century grant about afterschool. Details TBA.
  - f. Working on community relations with some of the problematic issues, including homeless, trash on street, and traffic.
  - g. Stacey--Jessica back from vacation will get information together; working with electeds and community outreach. Will be contacting social service department about housing for the homeless. There is an urgent health issue, as some of the people who are residing near the school are urinating and defecating in public. Also reaching out to Community Affairs at the 110th Precinct to get their help.
  - h. Confirmed that we are on the Department of Sanitation rotation; will have garbage and recycling picked up.
  - i. Annual Report was submitted by the deadline of August 1.
  - j. Discussion of approval of high school and reasons for delaying opening. We have been talking to our authorizers all along about this. Numerous meetings--it was our understanding that this matter would be resolved by working with SED staff to delay our opening until 2023. Now we are being told that this will require a material revision that needs to go before the Regents again. We are disappointed because we proceeded under the guidance of the SED. We had a meeting with our consultant, advocate, and school counsel. Stacey reached out to David Frank to let him know what is going on and ask for his guidance; she and Everett have a meeting this Friday (August 5) with David Frank and Lisa Long. Concern because the Material Revision process is lengthy and will technically put us out of compliance, even though we followed their guidance.
  - k. The Board resolved unanimously to approve the delay in opening of the high school--school counsel to word resolution later.
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- a. Education Committee: School Management Team should engage in a detailed retrospective of the last year. Question about time frame.
  - b. The team would like to look at non-data related reflections but also look at the data so we can make some data-driven decisions.
    - i. Math was previously stronger, since COVID, math has shifted.
    - ii. Dan and Victor--when to have most comprehensive data set from last year? We use the data in our Annual Report. We should ask whether we met the goals for the Annual Report, which is not due until November 1. Realistically, we wouldn't get to writing it until October. However, we can review "softer" goals before that (e.g., coordination between the two schools, planning and opening of new building).
    - iii. We can say that the SMT review is linked to Charter Goals in Annual Report but review qualitative data later.
  - c. Former TRCS2 Board member John Harrison York is getting married on August 22. Congratulations!
  - d. Two memorials: this Friday, August 5, 2022 there will be a memorial for Fran Smith. Memorial at Bank Street College for Maggie (Margaret Martinez-DeLuca). Both were TRCS Board members.
7. Public Speaking – Members of public shared their appreciation of information shared and excitement about opening of new building.
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting 11:45 a.m.
9. Executive Session--