



The Renaissance

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Charter School 2

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at 11:02 a.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Members present: Monte Joffe, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera
 - b. Members absent: Rachel Mandel
 - c. Others present: Stacey Gauthier, Everett Boyd, Aleiza Reyes, Karl Cerni, Kathleen Pineda, Julianna Rutillo, Ka Choedon, Jeanette Villasin
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Everett - Thank you to our parents, for being ever-present and supportive! We had a great turnout at our P-T conferences before Thanksgiving. For the first time, these conferences were in person, with students participating in their own conferences.
 - b. Thanksgiving celebrations throughout the classes, and parents were great contributors.
 - c. Enrollment is at 95% as of today. Thank you to the team for their effort in bringing in new families.
 - d. OPEN HOUSES for Fall 2023. First open house is a week from today. There are two more each month in January, February, and March with details forthcoming.
 - e. Stacey - Nominated Everett to be a Cahn Fellow. He has passed the first round. Stacey was a Cahn fellow in 2012, and it's a wonderful experience where principals are able to work with peers and mentors on opportunities of practice.
 - f. Both schools are working together on budgets. Looking toward a possible 4.6%

increase in per pupil funding. The two schools have been working collaboratively on design of report cards with standards information. Shoutout to Tsien, who has been working to support our other Mandarin teachers. Tsien visited Dalton School's Mandarin program, and we are continuing to work with our language consultant.

- g. Working to get a permanent certificate of occupancy (we have a temporary one). Many people are working on this diligently. It impacts the ability of our afterschool partner to implement the 21st Century grant; currently the money for the program is coming directly from our budget, so we are eager to access the grant.
 - h. Annual reports are completed and will be part of what we put together for our renewal goals. Some of the goals will not be applicable (e.g. testing), but we used our internal assessments such as NWEA and Fountas and Pinnell benchmarking as accountability metrics.
5. Board Members' New Business
- a. Question about arrival and departure, especially regarding our previous discussions about unhoused persons near the entrance.
 - b. Everett - that population moved on after conversations with outreach programs. Our sidewalk has been finished. We are working with the Department of Sanitation to keep the block clean as well, along with the precinct and our neighbors.
 - c. Our morning procedures in particular have become more efficient, especially over the past 1 ½ months. The block can be difficult because of the nature of the traffic on the block. We've had conversations with OPT and the bus companies as well.
 - d. Stacey - we should be pushing to get a school crossing guard to make the block even safer. Outreach to the precinct needs to happen, especially by the parents, which can be more powerful. Another step may be reaching out to Shakur's office--he was very helpful with the situation with unhoused persons.
 - e. Having a sign and/or a speed bump would also be helpful to cue drivers. We also need to make sure we are in an official school zone.
 - f. Next year - 2023 marks the 30th anniversary of Renaissance. Perhaps we can do some early thinking about how that can be addressed. Ways to look at the impact of Renaissance--many schools in addition to Renaissance 2 have been nurtured by Renaissance.
6. Public Speaking – Kathleen Pineda introduced herself and her two children. Michelle, Zara's mom, introduced herself as well. Both parents participate in the Parent Association. Everett - just got a preview of the Winter Wonderland celebration that everyone is invited to attend next week, and it's fantastic!
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting at 11:33 a.m.