



The Renaissance

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Charter School 2

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February 1, 2023

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 11:03 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: Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Taryn Hyson, Lisa Mu, Analy Torres
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Everett - Enrollment update: at 96% enrollment. Beginning to welcome families who arrived recently to this country. Actively recruiting; just held a third Open House. Great turnout with a lot of families expressing interest. Last week a Renaissance alumnus attended.
 - b. Thank you to PA for co-sponsoring the Lunar New Year event in the gym.
 - c. Monthly PA meeting is tomorrow. Upcoming Advocacy Day presentation--hoping to have parents attend Advocacy Day in March.
 - d. Stacey - Dan and Stacey were able to join the School Management Team (Everett, Flo, Shannon, Jessica) for their meeting today.
 - i. Discussed upcoming state tests. Be on the lookout for tutoring options, especially for third grade students.
 - ii. Hiring for next year--complex, hiring for both HS staff and 4th grade with potential shifts in assignments. Looking at enrollment closely for hiring. Series of interviews this Friday for HS AP position. Received a number of good resumes.

- e. Congratulations to Everett, who is now a Cahn Fellow (about bringing exemplary school leaders together to grow in their practice). Stacey and Dan have both been part of the program; Stacey is a Cahn Mentor.
 - f. Still issues with after-school partner getting a license due to lack of Certificate of Occupancy. There is a plan now; we don't know exactly how long the process will take. Once the work is done, including asbestos testing, we should be able to get the COO.
 - g. Looking for another ENL teacher for English Learners; high number of ELs.
 - h. Renaissance is beginning its renewal process this year; Ren2 will begin the process next year. Huge effort involved; year-long process including site visits and interviews of all stakeholders. We need to start working on this now. Some of these conversations around the principal review will be reflected there. Revisions to the charter must be discussed and presented to Regents.
5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- a. SMT review (Monte) - has had conversations with Stacey and how to coordinate this with the Annual School Report
6. Public Speaking – TBD
- a. Update about crossing guards in Ren2 from Leopolda: We have contacted our local Police Precinct and have formally requested crossing guards for our school intersections. They are aware of our need and have also let us know that due to crossing guard staffing shortages there are none for us at the moment. At our January PA meeting we gave initial updates on the crossing guard request.
 - i. If any parent would be available to volunteer we can set up a rotation to staff the intersections until we have formal crossing guards. There are also flyers for crossing guard employment positions with NYPD if you know of anyone who might be interested in applying. Applying doesn't guarantee that the person will be assigned to our school. We will give updates as we receive them at our PA meetings and at our monthly Board meetings.
 - ii. We are planning to be in continuous contact with our Precinct to push the need for our crossing guards! Hopefully in February there will be a new influx of crossing guards, and there are no guarantees, but we are at the top of the list.
 - iii. Stacey - mentioned Advocacy Day again. There will be some opportunities for childcare. Good to speak to elected officials about this; no better advocates than parents.
 - iv. Monte greeted parents attending. Question about police presence--they are from the 110th Precinct.
 - v. PA Co-Presidents Taryn and Lisa introduced themselves.
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting 11:32 a.m.