



# The Renaissance

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Charter School 2

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[June 7, 2021]

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at:

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: Stacey Gauthier, Everett Boyd, Daniel Fanelli, Kathleen, Taryn Laura (TRCS2 parents)
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
  - a. Approved by acclamation
4. Proposed 2023-24 Meeting Calendar - 10 minutes
  - a. Made some changes to accommodate the first week of school and certain holidays
  - b. We don't know whether the state of emergency will be extended
  - c. Revision made: change in next meeting from July 12 to July 19
  - d. [Revised calendar](#) approved by acclamation.
5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
  - a. Everett: Enrollment 387 students
  - b. Continuing to register for incoming K and 9 classes.
  - c. We should meet projections for full enrollment for 2023-24
  - d. Continuing to interview candidates for open positions. Anticipate that this will be worked on through July and August.
  - e. Summer school July 10 - August 10 4 days per week (M-Th). 8:30 - 3 p.m. Applied for school nurse. Will be providing meals.
  - f. Friday June 16--spring concert!
  - g. Everett sent an email to stakeholders about an incident yesterday. An individual was found deceased in front of the TRCS2 building. Quick response, emergency responders were professional and cordoned off the area to help facilitate arrival. Thank you to staff members, parents, and children who were able to adjust to a different arrival situation

and have a regular school day. Thank you to those in the school community who asked “what can we do?” to help with some of the issues in the school environment immediately around the building. There has been a lot of outreach to various city departments and elected officials.

- h. Newtown Civic Association meeting--Everett and Leopolda, asked to speak about charter schools. Talked about who we are, and invited association members to visit our building. These visits are important to enable people to put faces to our school community.
  - i. Stacey: Several of us--SMT members from Ren1 and Ren2 met with our legal counsel Matthew Delforte for a PD regarding special education policies and procedures. We also want to bring in Jacob Claveloux, another of our school’s counsel about employment law to work with us about various issues that may arise.
  - j. Facilities--working with yet another member of our legal team, Fred Berman, to draft a letter to Barone Management, formally informing them about outstanding issues in the building.
  - k. Excited to be having Ren1’s Class of 2023 graduation at Ren2, with David Frank as the keynote speaker (Assistant Commissioner for Policy at SED). Ren1’s middle school will also be having their stepping up ceremony there as well.
  - l. Dan--working on budget for next year. Numbers are in for proposed PD, etc. We will be able to present that for the upcoming fiscal year shortly.
  - m. Stacey--Discussed expanding into two more grades (4th and 9th) and how that comes with more curriculum and PD needs.
  - n. We are underfunded, it is important to understand that when it comes to our business. Costs have risen, including furnishings and health care costs. We also need to have competitive salaries.
6. Board Members’ New Business – 10 minutes
- a. Chester--mentioned Ren2 working to recruit students in Travers Park, they were doing a great job.
  - b. Monte--Suggestions about safety concerns around the building. Also, can board members be sent a list of open positions in case we know of potential candidates? Everett will do that.
  - c. Making connections with local organizations. Everett mentioned FDNY connections about having a fire truck visit, may not happen this year, but could happen next year or during summer school.
  - d. In the final stages of preparing self-evaluations for both Ren1 and Ren2. “Glows and Grows”
  - e. Stacey--Couple of scholarly articles about why a self-reflection for a review gives more information.
  - f. Where we find issues that impact multiple people, that helps us figure out PD and other action items to share with the board.
7. Public Speaking – TBD
- a. Monte invited visitors to introduce themselves. Taryn said hello to the group, as did Kathleen. Meetings are appreciated to help parents keep abreast of what is going on behind the scenes. Thanked us for the transparency. Monte--important for parents to be well-informed to help anchor the entire school. Leopolda: Great relationship building with parents and school management team, see our students growing every day. Her child is coming to kindergarten next year!

## 8. Adjournment of Public Meeting

Executive Session (if applicable)

