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Charter School 2

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January 14, 2022 Emergency Meeting

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 12:01 p.m.

1) Chairperson's Message

2) Roll Call

- A. Board members present: Monte Joffe, Liz Perez, Rachel Mandel, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera.
- B. Board members absent: Chester Hicks
- C. Others present: Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Everett Boyd

3) Approval of Resolution of The Board of Trustees of The Renaissance Charter School 2 Revision Request Regarding an Increase in Enrollment and the Number of Grades Served

- A. Stacey Gauthier gave background information about new revision. For high school, they want 12th grade to be completed; new expectation that we didn't know when we first made the revision. Bringing in two 9th grades and one 10th grade as solution.
- B. Also asking to bring in three 6th grade classes in year 5 of the school. The year before our renewal would be to request addition of 7th and 8th grade, making us a full K-12 school.
- C. Next step: urgent request for public hearing--probably virtual but could hold hearing here if we need to be live. Public hearing would present the global picture. If this is completed in a timely manner, we would be on the Board of Regents' February calendar--if that doesn't happen, it will be difficult to recruit students and staff.
- D. Question: Given shifts of culture going into the older grades, are we developing a plan to have steady anchor points in middle and high school vis-a-vis staffing? We are looking for an AP at those levels, expanding the Management Team and possibly having staff from Ren1 come over. Students may need to come in for a Summer Institute to acculturate them.

**E. Resolution of The Board of Trustees of The Renaissance Charter School 2
Revision Request Regarding an Increase in Enrollment and the Number of Grades
Served**

Be it resolved this 14th day of January, 2022, that the Board of Trustees of Renaissance Charter School 2 is requesting a revision to our charter, specifically related to our Enrollment Growth plan and Grades to be Served. This revision request is being made in conjunction with separate revisions previously voted on and approved by the board at its November 2021 meeting to add a high school program in September 2022 and at its December 13, 2021 meeting to amend the enrollment and growth plan in its charter to align with its current enrollment and grades served.

The new proposed growth plan will be as follows for the remainder of the current charter term:

2022-2023 Grades K-3 and 9-10 432 students (81 students in each grade K-3 and grade 9 and 27 students in grade 10))

2023-2024 Grades K-4 and 9-11 594 students (81 students in each grade K-4, 81 students in each grade 9-10 and 27 students in grade 11)

2024-2025 Grades K-6 and 9-12, 837 students (81 students in each grade K-6, 81 students in each grade 9-11 and 27 students in grade 12)

TRCS 2 will request a revision to add Grades 7-8 in its first renewal term to commence in the 2025-2026 school year.

Resolution approved by acclamation.

4) Adjournment of Public Session: 12:12 p.m.

The Renaissance Charter School 2
Board of Trustees
Public Meeting – January 5, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
- 2) Roll Call – 2 minutes
- 3) Approval of the December Minutes – 5 minutes
- 4) School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
- 5) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- 6) Public Speaking – TBD
- 7) Adjournment of Public Meeting

Happy New Year!



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January 5, 2022

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 5:02 p.m.

1) Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

- A. Thank you to all who are still hanging in through this difficult time.
- B. John Harrison York's last meeting. He is leaving to be a Regent in Mississippi--farewell, and thank you!

2) Roll Call – 2 minutes

- A. Board Members Present: Monte Joffe, John Harrison York, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera
- B. Board Members Absent: Rachel Mandel
- C. Others present: Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli

3) Approval of the December Minutes – 5 minutes Approved both sets of minutes (12/1/2021 and Emergency Meeting minutes) by acclamation.

4) School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- A. Everett - Fully open, ramped up testing; asking parents to please have children tested and vaccinated. Vaccination rate has increased among students.
- B. Quite a few parents have asked for a fully remote option. Staff has a "just in case" remote plan for if numbers rise due to Omicron variant. We have many ways to move online with various curricula if needed.
- C. Attendance is increasing this week. Averaged about 71% attendance over two days. This indicates that we are doing the right thing, continuing in-building learning at this time.
- D. Enrollment numbers: still respectable, but families have moved out of the city. At 88% currently.
- E. Open house in December and more scheduled with lottery in April.
- F. This week we learned we have two students who tested positive and followed protocols. Guidance has changed, and changed again. If a student tests positive in a class, students are given two test kits and can return if they test negative. Isolation period has been shortened, and students are being given take-home tests; if they test negative they can

come back to school the next day. Under new guidance, vaccinated and unvaccinated students are treated the same.

- G. Monday Flo Evans went to pick up tests and KN95 masks for the school. The plan is to replenish the tests next week, and they plan to give the number they promised initially (we were shorted the first time around).
- H. Two staff members tested positive over holiday break, one returned today, and the other should return by the end of the week. We have been able to cover classes, and learning has continued at a very high rate.
- I. Stacey - Revision to bring high school in is being worked on at the SED level. Our lawyers and consultants are supporting us with this. Sadie Nash (Young Women's Leadership) wrote a letter of support to be submitted to SED.
- J. Monte - question about sizes of masks. KN95 are intended for adults, and we have other disposable masks for students in various sizes.
- K. Dan - met with the developer and talked about what needs to be done to move in for August. Engaging in terms of equipment and interior design; working with Dimensions again with proposal to review today or tomorrow. Working with Jeff, our consultant for school food to move forward with kitchen equipment. Most of the classrooms are done; floors will be done soon. We have wi-fi. The outside of the building was cleared of tents. As the building continues to be completed, we will move furniture into the space. There have been some supply chain issues, but we are planning early so that we have everything before the school opens up at the new site.
- L. Stacey - in order for the building inspection to go through, any public assembly space has to be furnished (e.g., music room, cafeteria, playground, gym). Kitchen equipment in particular is very delayed (six months' wait time). We have an appointment to go with the person from Culinary Depot to look at equipment.
- M. Leopolda question: can furniture be rented? Furniture could be rented if there is an issue. They need to see the furniture in that space and whether egress is possible with the furniture in place. Monte: big box stores have relatively inexpensive folding tables, etc.
- N. Rebekah Oakes is retiring from Renaissance but plans to continue to support Renaissance 2 in her work as part of the Renaissance Leadership Team with development and partnership.

5) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

6) Public Speaking – TBD

7) Adjournment of Public Meeting 5:35 p.m.

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Resolution of The Board of Trustees of The Renaissance Charter School 2

Revision Request Regarding an Increase in Enrollment and the Number of Grades Served

Be it resolved this 14th day of January, 2022, that the Board of Trustees of Renaissance Charter School 2 is requesting a revision to our charter, specifically related to our Enrollment Growth plan and Grades to be Served. This revision request is being made in conjunction with separate revisions previously voted on and approved by the board at its November 2021 meeting to add a high school program in September 2022 and at its December 13, 2021 meeting to amend the enrollment and growth plan in its charter to align with its current enrollment and grades served.

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TRCS 2 will request a revision to add Grades 7-8 in its first renewal term to commence in the 2025-2026 school year.

This resolution passed unanimously at a special public meeting of the Board of Trustees on January 14, 2022.

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Board of Trustees

Public Meeting – February 2, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
- 2) Roll Call – 2 minutes
- 3) Approval of the December Minutes – 5 minutes
- 4) School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
- 5) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- 6) Public Speaking – TBD
- 7) Adjournment of Public Meeting



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[February 2, 2022]

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 5:03 p.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Members present: Monte Joffe, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Leopolda Silvera
 - b. Members absent: Rachel Mandel, Victor Motta
 - c. Non-members present: Stacey Gauthier, Everett Boyd, Daniel Fanelli
3. Approval of the January Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Everett: enrollment at 91%.
 - b. Attendance has increased to 90% since the December holidays in spite of Omicron, etc.
 - c. Still testing 1x/week. Last testing cohort was 25% of our population. Three cases among students over the last two weeks. Sending take-home tests with students. Attempting to get more tests, they say there is a shortage, but that may not be true--Ren1 is getting tests.
 - d. Open Houses continuing--4 more scheduled; 2 just concluded. In English and Spanish. Lottery in April
 - e. Parent Association meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Two presentations, one by a second-grade teacher on Responsive Classroom (second presentation in series). Social Worker giving a workshop on bullying.
 - f. Stacey: policy that will allow students who have tested positive for COVID to come back before the 10 days. Guidance says that those students should be separated from others if they are eating. Not always possible. We have asked for clarification, but we don't feel comfortable making that decision. Some of the guidance says that they can still have symptoms.
 - g. Yesterday, Everett, Dan and Stacey and our support team had a meeting with David Frank and Vicky Smith from SED.
 - i. We had thought our agenda item would go on the January Regents calendar so

that we could still recruit students. We are going to be on the March calendar. Very late to start recruiting, especially for the high school admissions process. Needs to be a public hearing, organized by the Department of Ed. Hearing won't be until Feb 28/Mar 1.

- ii. Were told if we stayed on calendar and were approved that we would be allowed to take a planning year if we made the decision not to open the HS this September and we would not have to go back to the Regents for any more approvals; we just have to talk to our authorizer. They made some suggestions about interest surveys to parents, etc. Concern about getting parent hopes up.
- iii. If we decide to have a planning year, we would have flexibility in grades we took. We would prefer not to have a 10th grade next year, so that would be beneficial.
- iv. They said there could be flexibility in the number of classes, but we need more than one class to sustain the additional teachers.
- v. Ongoing discussion about costs. (Fiduciary responsibility because it is public money.)
- vi. Right now leaning toward a delay.
- vii. Q: How long does it take to get the decision once the Regents meet March 14-15? The decision is made at the meeting, which will be virtual.
- viii. Next update will be about the public hearing date, which will be on Zoom and everyone can attend. There will be time to speak.
- ix. Everett: virtual kindergarten art show. Congratulations to art teacher Amber Rose, students, and staff! Suggestion to share a presentation at the next board meeting.
- x. Dan: presented a slideshow on the progress of the building.

5. Board Members' New Business – none

6. Public Speaking – none

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting: 5:43 p.m.



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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 3, 2022

AGENDA

- 1) Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
- 2) Roll Call – 2 minutes
- 3) Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
- 4) School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
- 5) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- 6) Public Speaking - TBD
- 7) Adjournment of Public Meeting
- 8) Executive Session



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March 2, 2022

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 5:02 p.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Board Members Present: Monte Joffe, Liz Perez, Rachel Mandel, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera.
 - b. Board Members Absent: Chester Hicks
 - c. Non-Members Present: Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Everett Boyd, Yeni Arias
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Everett - Enrollment at 91%, attendance steady at 93-95%
 - b. Masking policy to change soon; COVID rate at 0%
 - c. Personnel: Just before mid-winter break, one of our second grade teachers, Shanese Caton, resigned for health reasons. We were able to create a plan to fill the position immediately. Tsering Doklar, ELL Teacher has capably filled that position since the end of the mid-winter break. We communicated with parents immediately and the students were informed at a morning meeting.
 - d. For the first time, the School Management Team was able to go visit the Elmhurst site. They took photos, and Everett sent them to parents and staff--big jolt of excitement!
 - e. Yesterday, several of us were able to attend the public hearing for our charter revision.
 - f. Stacey--hearing was short and sweet and to the point.
 - i. We used our powerpoint presentation for 6 minutes of the time.
 - ii. Everett spoke briefly about the school and ceded his time to the parents who were there, including Leopolda, our board member.
 - iii. Parents spoke passionately about what the school has meant to them and their child.
 - iv. We had no outside speakers.

- v. Danny Dromm wrote a letter that was quite supportive and well-written about our school.
- vi. In all of our conversations with the community at large and other bodies, people asked why we weren't doing a high school, and we are responding to the needs of the community.
- vii. Regents are meeting on March 14, and our revision will be reviewed at that time. Those meetings livestream for anyone who wants to watch it.
- viii. There are some new Regents; one is a non-educator but a very active parent member on the CEC.
- ix. Stacey/Dan: Review of what is happening with the building--equipment, security, technology, basketball hoops, etc.
- x. We are planning to do a joint summer school at Renaissance 1. Originally we weren't able to do that because of HVAC work, but that has been delayed until the following summer.
 - 1. Compass Program open to whole community for students of the right age
 - 2. Academic programs
- xi. Addendum by Everett: Thank you to our board member Leopolda Silvera for putting together a fantastic virtual town hall in January about children and COVID vaccinations with medical professionals. It was recorded and shared in various places. Very informative meeting. This shows how rich in resources our school is.
- xii. Stacey: Even if masks are optional, we will continue to do increased/enhanced testing for at least the following few weeks.
 - 1. Social distancing is still difficult to do in a busy school.
 - 2. Both schools have an agreement with another nursing company that comes in and tests staff members.
 - 3. We are not going to be able to selectively enforce mask wearing--parents will have to speak to their children about that.
 - 4. We need to ensure that there is no mask "bullying" either way.
 - 5. We need to continue to track the infection rate.
 - 6. Rachel Mandel weighed in with her thoughts about masks.
- xiii. Questions about open houses and contracts

5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

6. Public Speaking - TBD

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting 5:35 p.m.

8. Executive Session



**Notice of Charter School Public Hearing
and Public Comment Period
Charter School Revision Application
Renaissance Charter School 2
Community School District 24**

A charter school in New York City has submitted an application to revise a charter contract. Pursuant to Education Law § 2857(1), the New York City Department of Education is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comment from the community.

Charter School Name: Renaissance Charter School 2

Charter School Authorizer: Board of Regents

Address(es): 60-02 Maspeth Avenue, Queens, NY 11378 in CSD 24 (Non-DOE Space)

Application Summary:

	Enrollment			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Current Authorized Enrollment	324 Students Grades K-3	405 Students Grades K-4	486 Students Grades K-5	567 Students Grades K-6
Proposed Enrollment	243 Students Grades K-2	432 Students Grades K-3, 9-10	594 Students Grades K-4, 9-11	837 Students Grades K-6, 9-12
	Decrease enrollment to match charter school's actual enrollment and grades.	Increase the charter school's grade span and authorized enrollment to include Grades 9 through 12 over the remainder of the charter term.		

Note: The application does not include any changes to the utilization of school district space. Any changes to the utilization of school district space would be addressed in separate processes and public hearings.

Ways to Provide Comment On the Application:

Public Hearing	OR	Submit Written or Video Statement
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 5:30 p.m. On ZOOM Speakers must sign up at https://bit.ly/3oB0lev by 12:00 p.m.		Contact the New York State Department of Education Charter School Office at (518) 474-1762 or charterschools@nysed.gov



Convocatoria de Audiencia Pública y Período de Comentario Público

Solicitud de Revisión de la Escuela Charter Renaissance Charter School 2 (Distrito Escolar Comunal 24)

Una escuela charter de la ciudad de Nueva York ha presentado una solicitud para revisar un contrato autónomo. De conformidad con la Ley de Educación § 2857(1), el Departamento de Educación de la Ciudad de Nueva York debe realizar una audiencia pública para escuchar los comentarios de la comunidad en relación con el proceso de revisión de las escuelas charter.

Nombre de la escuela charter: Renaissance Charter School 2

Autorizador: Board of Regents

Localización: 60-02 Maspeth Avenue, Queens, NY 11378 en el CSD 24 (Non-DOE Space)

Información de la aplicación:

	Matriculación			
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Matrícula autorizada	324 Estudiantes Grados K-3	405 Estudiantes Grados K-4	486 Estudiantes Grados K-5	567 Estudiantes Grados K-6
Matriculación Propuesta	243 Estudiantes Grados K-2	432 Estudiantes Grados K-3, 9-10	594 Estudiantes Grados K-4, 9-11	837 Estudiantes Grados K-6, 9-12
	Disminuir la matriculación para igualar la inscripción presente.	Aumentar el rango de grados de la escuela charter y la matriculación autorizada para incluir los grados 9 a 12 sobre el resto del período charter.		

Nota: La solicitud no incluye ningún cambio en la utilización del espacio del distrito escolar. Todos los cambios en la utilización del espacio del distrito escolar se tratarán aparte en otros procesos y audiencias públicas.

Formas de proporcionar comentarios sobre la aplicación:

Convocatoria de Audiencia Pública	OR	Póngase en contacto con el regulador
martes, marzo 1, 2022 On ZOOM Las personas que deseen hablar deben registrarse en el https://bit.ly/3oB0lev antes 12:00 p.m.		Contacta el New York State Department of Education Oficina de con las Escuelas Charter a (518) 474-1762 o charterschools@nysed.gov



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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 6, 2022

AGENDA

- 1) Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
- 2) Roll Call – 2 minutes
- 3) Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
- 4) School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
- 5) Finance Committee Report – 10 minutes
- 6) Resolution to request a planning year for TRCS 2 High School – 10 minutes
- 7) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- 8) Public Speaking – TBD
- 9) Adjournment of Public Meeting
- 10) Executive Session



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[April 6, 2022]

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 5:02 p.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: Stacey Gauthier, Everett Boyd, Daniel Fanelli, Lucina Hernandez, Jacqueline Ascencios, Darylinnp, Analy Torres, Teresa Flores, Esperanza Marcelo, Eridania Hernandez

3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes

- a. Approved by acclamation

4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. No change in enrollment since last board meeting
- b. No positive COVID cases
- c. Continuing with testing program each week
- d. Continuing distributing take-home tests
- e. Teaching assistant has resigned due to health reasons; position filled with another teaching assistant who will fill the position until the end of the school year. Transition was smooth, and community is grateful for the TA who resigned for her service for the last year and a half
- f. Lottery coming up on April 8. Applicants would fill the spots we have open; we are anticipating that we will be able to fill all the spots on Friday.
- g. Virtual Art Show tomorrow night at PA meeting (First Grade)
- h. Multicultural Festival on May 27, the Friday before the Memorial Day break. We will be using Martin Luther's outdoor space for different activities. First time there has been an in-person event in the last two years!
- i. Field trips are now possible; one has been planned already, and we anticipate that there will be more to come.
- j. We will be having summer school! Stacey: It will be held at Renaissance in Jackson

Heights because the new building will still be setting up. Joint summer school between the two schools. Rising first grade through high school. Classes will be taught by teachers from both schools. Early grade program will be led by teachers from Ren2. Grades 4-12 will be led by Renaissance teachers. Full credit recovery program for high school students. Will be running yearly Compass program as well. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be available. Parents will be receiving letters from their child's teacher letting them know their child should attend. No fee. Renaissance and Renaissance 2 office staff will be working together. Ren2 will simultaneously be moving into its new building!

- k. Ren2 is part of a consortium that is being led by Renaissance called the STOP grant (major federal grant). Program will train staff on identifying child abuse and cyber-bullying, trauma-informed practice, emergency situations, etc.
- l. Recently had meetings with Rashid from ANet. Dan: We've been working with Achievement Network at Renaissance for 6 years; it's the first year for Renaissance 2. Math and ELA skills current grade level standards. 4 assessments for math/ELA during the year (8 total). We look at the data with Rashid, our coach. We've seen student growth in ELA on overall performance. A1 we were at 48% of standards mastered, then 54%, now we are up to 58%. We've seen double-digit growth on some major standards. Based on observations, we are working on introducing more student talk in lessons as opposed to teacher talk.

5. Finance Committee Report – 10 minutes

- a. Dan: We were 50% across the board, new budget items such as furniture will be reflected in the end-of-year budget update. Discussion of federal funding and what was purchased (i.e. technology). Currently working on a working budget; planning another meeting for that.
- b. Stacey: New York State budget impacts our budget, and that has been delayed. It looks like it's going to be a quiet year in terms of us maintaining the 4.7% per-pupil increase. It doesn't look like the charter cap is going to be lifted. Our staff is expanding.
- c. Sign is on the building--Dan shared photos. Discussion about building inspections. Construction company donated hoops to us.

6. Resolution to request a planning year for TRCS 2 High School – 10 minutes

Be it resolved this 6th day of April, 2022, that the Board of Trustees of Renaissance Charter School 2 requests a planning year in SY 2022-2023 to plan and prepare for the addition of a high school in SY 2023-2024. This request for a planning year is pursuant to the charter revision for an enrollment increase and the addition of a high school for TRCS 2 that was passed by the NYSED Board of Regents at their meeting on March 14, 2022.

Resolution passed by acclamation.

This will be submitted, to be updated at a future meeting.

7. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

8. Public Speaking – None

9. Adjournment of Public Meeting 5:37 p.m.



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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 4, 2022

AGENDA

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
5. Finance Committee Report – 15 minutes
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
7. Public Speaking – TBD
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting
9. Executive Session (if applicable)



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[May 4, 2022]

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 5:01 p.m.

1. Chairperson's Message
2. Roll Call
 - a. Board members present: Monte Joffee, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera.
 - b. Board members absent: Rachel Mandel
 - c. Others present: Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Everett Boyd, Denise Hur, Analy Torres, Andrew Quiñones Quiñones, Stefany Caicedo, Jen Cianchino, Lopez family, Tinlay Lama, Ashley Martinez, Tenzin Choedak, Matilde Delgado, Yaqueline, Cristina Maldonado, Yania Hernandez, Noemi Vicente
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report
 - a. Everett Boyd--we are in the home stretch toward the end of the year!
 - b. We had a great lottery on April 8. The office is busy calling and confirming with those selected in the lottery for K-3 next year.
 - c. Enrollment: still at 222 (91% of capacity)
 - d. For a while we had kept COVID numbers to zero, had one case after spring break that was detected by in-school testing program. Testing is 2x/week with our two testing services. In NYC, numbers are rising again, and we need to be vigilant again.
 - e. Able to provide tour of our new building for staff--right before spring break. Very exciting!
 - f. Hiring more staff--have seen demo lessons, etc.
 - g. Stacey Gauthier--introduced executive team (Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Denise Hur). Facilities update: mention of different outdoor spaces, including roof playground.
 - h. Looks like Renaissance and Renaissance 2 will be the recipients of a summer grant

from Bloomberg that will generously fund our summer program this year.

- i. Renaissance and Renaissance 2 are part of a consortium for the STOP grant. There will be workshops available for parents around safety and emotional health. Please let us know what areas you are interested in!
 - j. Discussion of safety around school--need crossing guard, busy street.
 - k. Thank you to Leopolda and PA Co-Presidents for their hard work.
5. Finance Committee Report
 - a. Finance Committee met and went through the expenses and revenue in detail.
 - b. Dan--shared spreadsheet
 - c. Based on current population, we believe the special education funding will increase; we listed a conservative number.
 - d. Per-pupil funding: Every child in a charter school is allocated a specific dollar amount from the state (\$17633 this year); we are also allocated facilities funding from the city based on the per-pupil funding (30%)
 - e. The school is expanding, so we are doing more hiring; there will be additional expenses. We are assuming that new hires will have a higher salary.
 - f. Finance Committee recommended the budget; passed by acclamation.
 6. Board Members' New Business (none)
 7. Public Speaking (none)
 8. Adjournment of Public Meeting 5:40 p.m.



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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 1, 2022

AGENDA

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
4. RESOLUTION: Open Meetings Law – 10 minutes
5. Draft 2022-2023 Board Meeting Calendar – 10 minutes
6. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
7. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
8. Public Speaking – TBD
9. Adjournment of Public Meeting
10. Executive Session (if applicable)

**Renaissance Charter School 2
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 1, 2022**

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board will allow members to attend board meetings by means of videoconferencing, pursuant to and in keeping with the requirements of Public Officers Law §103-a, including applicable limitations regarding a quorum of members being present in the same physical location *or* at locations where the public can attend; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Principal to work with counsel to amend its current videoconferencing policy to comply with the amended Public Officers Law.

**Board of Trustees' Proposed Meeting Calendar
July 2022 through June 2023**

All dates are Wednesdays.

July 6, 2022

August 3, 2022

September 7, 2022

October 12, 2022

November 2, 2022

December 7, 2022

January 4, 2023

February 1, 2023

March 1, 2023

April 19, 2023

May 3, 2023

June 7, 2023



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July 6, 2022

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 11:06 a.m.

1. Chairperson's Message
2. Roll Call
 - a. Board Members Present: Monte Joffe, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Victor Motta, Rachel Silvera
 - b. Board Members Absent: Rachel Mandel
 - c. Others present: Daniel Fanelli, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Lucina Hernandez, Judith Rodriguez, Mathias Lezcano, Miriam Fernandez, Monica Juarez, Araceli Cruz, Eridania Hernandez
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes - Approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report
 - a. Everett: Huge thank you to parents for end-of-year celebrations. They were a fitting way to end an incredible year and to thank Martin Luther for our space. Parents decorated the school and participated. Big celebration in the gym at Martin Luther. Great music, with children singing and dancing.
 - b. New space is amazing
 - c. Fully enrolled!
 - d. Still hiring--demo lessons during summer school time. Have added a second social worker to the team.
 - e. Stacey: Lot of moving work happening--behind the scenes work, etc. We have a chef, Diana, who has been working at Renaissance and will now be at Ren2 as Chef Manager. State of the art medical room. Kudos to everyone--Dan, Jessica, etc.
 - f. Graduation was wonderful. Thank you to everyone who made that happen, especially Barone Management.
 - g. Credit to Dan, Flo, Suzanne, for alignment of programs and new social studies curriculum. This information will be on our website.
 - h. Discussion of balanced approach to reading, Both schools have TRIP--Targeted Reading Intervention Program, with small grouping of students.

- i. Continued commitment to the arts.
 - j. Just started our summer program yesterday for Renaissance middle and high school students, Ren2 students will start next week. Fully staffed, full-day program.
 - k. Everett will be at summer school next week.
 - l. Kudos to the admissions team on full enrollment.
 - m. Active shooter training and safety trainings in fall. Both schools participating in the safety grant. If parents have interest in a particular topic, let Everett and Jessica know.
5. Board Members' New Business
- a. Query about possibility of joint meeting - not possible because of the meeting regulations.
 - b. Monte working w/Stacey and Everett on the management team evaluation process.
6. Public Speaking
- a. Area--smell in front of the building. Is anything going to be done about that? Everett: the team has made that same observation. Possibility of having sidewalk area cleaned, we are engaging with a cleaning company to do this consistently. Two markets right across the street, with other elements. Stacey: helpful if parents write to elected officials. Shekar Krishnan is the NYC City Council Member for the district, and you can write to his office. (37-32 75th Street, 1st Floor, Jackson Heights, NY 11372 Phone: 718-803-6373 Fax: 718-803-9832). Also Catalina Cruz (NYS representative)
 - b. Parents could do something as a group, with signatures or going in person.
 - c. Possible hiring security.
 - d. Discussions with stores about garbage.
 - e. Discussion about parking in front of school. With the new sidewalk, there will be a no parking zone. We are asking for a crossing guard.
 - f. Parents can email Everett if they want to organize outreach. Shakur was keynote speaker at Ren1 graduation and is familiar with the school
 - g. Vote to draft a letter to elected officials from the Board of Trustees.
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting: 11:41 a.m.



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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 6, 2022

AGENDA

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
6. Public Speaking – TBD
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting
8. Executive Session (if applicable)



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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 3, 2022

AGENDA

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
4. Vote on new wording of Videoconferencing Resolution – 10 minutes

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5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
7. Public Speaking – TBD
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting

9. Executive Session (if applicable)



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August 3, 2022

The Renaissance Charter School 2

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--



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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 7, 2022

AGENDA

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
6. Public Speaking – TBD
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting
8. Executive Session (if applicable)



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September 7, 2022

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at:

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Members present - Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Rachel Mandel, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera
 - b. Members absent - Monte Joffe
 - c. Others present - Everett Boyd, Daniel Fanelli, Stacey Gauthier, Lucina Hernandez, Analy Torres, Zena Pagan, Gloria L., Tenzin Choedak, Jacqueline Asencios, Isabella, Maria Gualpa
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation.
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Everett - thanks to everyone for contributing to a successful opening day yesterday! Beautiful building and incredible space. We had a public gathering a couple of weeks ago with more than 200 parents attending in person and another 60+ on Zoom.
 - b. School nurse came yesterday
 - c. Fully staffed - facility review
 - d. 96% enrollment (some students did not attend yesterday)
 - e. Tomorrow is the first Parent Association meeting (virtual). Information has gone out in email.
 - f. Stacey - thanks to Everett, Dan, and the entire team for moving to the new building. Still work to be done.
 - g. Majority of COVID regulations have been relaxed and removed.
 - i. No daily screenings
 - ii. People still have to quarantine for 5 days after symptoms
 - iii. No spacing restrictions
 - iv. Masks not required

- v. Still monitoring - first COVID case at Ren1 yesterday
- vi. May make changes as needed depending on what we see happening
- vii. COVID vaccines still mandatory for staff and consultants, but not for students. We can encourage families to vaccinate students.
- viii. DOH is being very strict about vaccinations; no religious exemptions.
- ix. Following Monkey Pox concerns.

5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

6. Public Speaking – none, but Stacey and Everett welcomed all participating parents

- a. Stacey introduced Rachel, who talked about her background. She is a child psychiatrist who has worked in Harlem and at Bellevue and in Jersey City. She is happy to be a resource to the school if mental health-related issues come up.

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting at 11:22 a.m.



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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 12, 2022

AGENDA

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
4. School Safety Plan Review - 10 minutes
5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
7. Public Speaking – TBD
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting
9. Executive Session (if applicable)



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October 12, 2022

The Renaissance Charter School 2

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. Board members present: Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Victor Motta, Leopolda Rivera
 - b. Board members absent: Rachel Mandel
 - c. Others present: Stacey Gauthier, Everett Boyd, Daniel Fanelli
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation
4. School Safety Plan Review - 10 minutes
 - a. Everett discussed the structure of the plan
 - b. Stacey: these are the plans that are posted and will be voted on, but may be adjusted to make sure they cover everything they need to cover (e.g., active shooter toolkit being developed to determine who may be capable of violence toward school)
 - c. Plan approved by acclamation.
5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Everett - month into the school year
 - b. Enrollment at 94% as of today (373). Actively working on a plan to attract more families. Hired someone for recruitment and advertising.
 - c. After school program - helping 82nd Street Academics to get its program launched ASAP. Waiting for their license to operate. Getting help to make that happen, will share details once the program is launched. Parent information scheduled for the 19th.
 - d. Received a letter of resignation from one teacher; actively engaged in finding a replacement.
 - e. Stacey: Renaissance 2 is going to be receiving a Chamber of Commerce award for building design on Thursday. Article will be in Queens Ledger--building designed with the goal of supporting students and people in the building. Will receive plaque for outside of the building

- f. Working on Annual Report due November 1. There's a lot of data that is not made available (e.g. district information so we can report our comparative data). There will be some "not applicable" answers if we don't have access to the data.
 - g. Financial report is going well, need a little more information and then one of the accountants will join the board meeting.
 - h. Health costs have gone up, DOE is cutting budgets, hard to say what costs may be.
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- a. Question about recruiting 9th grade students for next year. Still have not gotten a definitive answer from SED about whether our delay was a material change or not. If it's a material change, we'll have to go through a public hearing. Our plan is to go forward with 9th grade only (four sections of 9th grade). Recruitment has to start early on. New AP and founding 9th grade teachers. Discussion of whether person would be able to leave mid-year to start working at Ren2.
 - b. Have to follow the HS admission process, which keeps changing from year to year. The problem is that people could accept in two places. We'll be recruiting for the HS throughout the summer.
7. Public Speaking – None
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting 11:23 a.m.



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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 2, 2022

AGENDA

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
6. Public Speaking – TBD
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting
8. Executive Session (if applicable)



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[November 2, 2022]

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 11:03

1. Chairperson's Message
 - a. School year well underway
2. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present - Liz Perez, Victor Motta, Chester Hickes, Leopolda Silvera
 - b. Members Absent - Monte Joffe, Rachel Mandel
 - c. Others Present -
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation
4. Financial Report Audit
 - a. Yearly certified finance report by accounting firm; finance committee convened. Committee reviewed. No material findings; school is in a good financial position. Report will be posted on our website. Submitted by Everett for annual report. Budgeting strong in terms of money going directly to students (Stacey believed it was about 88%, which is very high; usually 60-80 considered good).
 - b. Resolution: for the full board to ratify the committee's decision.
 - i. Ratified by acclamation
 - c. The accountants can come to the full board meeting to talk to the board.
5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Everett
 - i. Annual report has been submitted (yesterday), including the financial report.
 - ii. Update on enrollment: now at 94%; just received an update that we are expecting a few more enrollees as of this afternoon; should be at 95% by tomorrow. Actively engaged in recruiting more families. Still open seats in some classroom.
 - iii. Recently conducted ANet walkthroughs. Achievement Network has our teachers actively engaged in promoting success. Opportunity to hear student voices in the

- classroom.
 - iv. Had a wonderful Halloween celebration. Thank you to parents who volunteered time and candy! Thank you to teachers! Transformed rooms into Halloween spaces.
 - v. Atmosphere of being in the new building has made such a positive impact this year on the community.
- b. Stacey
- i. Introduced herself and Dan to new faces in the Zoom.
 - ii. Will be opening 9th grade in September 2023. People are already submitting applications. The school is engaging in a marketing campaign to let people know the high school is there. Have posted for the position of Assistant Principal. Flo will continue to be AP for lower school, will be a faculty team in the high school. Will bring on new AP in the late winter possibly to train in Renaissance High School.
 - iii. Chamber of Commerce award, receiving plaque. Were written up in a local paper.
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
7. Public Speaking – TBD
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting 11:20 a.m.
9. Executive Session - Adjourned 11:28 a.m.



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PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 7, 2022

AGENDA

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
6. Public Speaking – TBD
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting
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12/7/2022

The Renaissance Charter School 2

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.