



# The Renaissance

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Charter School 2

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March 27, 2024

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 11:00 a.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
  - a. Board members present
    - i. Monte Joffe, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera
  - b. Board members absent
    - i. Rachel Mandel
  - c. Others present
    - i. Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Everett Boyd, Meredith Hinshaw
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
  - a. Both January and February approved by acclamation.
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
  - a. Everett - interviews for middle school AP happening now. Interesting and promising candidates. Will hopefully give an update at the next board meeting. Also hiring for teaching positions, especially in HS. Next year will be 9th and 10th grade.
  - b. In renewal cycle;
    - i. Everyone on SMT working on collecting documents and data to be able to tell story and present all items needed by application due date (August 15).
    - ii. Stacey and Everett had a call with the new NYSED charter office liaison, Brandy (sp?); Vicky Smith, our previous liaison, retired.
    - iii. There will be a mid-term visit scheduled that we had expected last year; and this will happen on May 2. Brandy will visit with another liaison to observe classes, look at data and organization. We will be hearing more details about that visit by the end of the month. A report will come out of that visit that we can address.
    - iv. Conversations with board members to happen, but no firm dates on those.
    - v. Working off an old application; we don't know what changes will be on the new application.
  - c. Lottery scheduled for April 19 (last day before spring break); in-person.

- d. Open house last week was well-attended. One more scheduled during the day.
  - e. Tonight is the 4th CSG meeting; the CSG has gotten off to a great start and is working on several initiatives, especially to celebrate diversity of our school culture. Events planned for spring and summer, more information to come.
  - f. PA had a reading workshop with 24 families in attendance. Will be meeting again on April 2.
5. Board Members' New Business – 15 minutes
- a. Rebekah Oakes, Friends of Renaissance Funding Report and request for feedback – 10 minutes
    - i. January meeting - FoR originally organized before Ren2 opened. We should be having annual reports for Ren2 similar to what is done with Renaissance.
    - ii. Both schools have been asked to give a list of funding priorities. Ideas include donation of FoR funds (e.g. donation to Rensizzle).
    - iii. Parent Association at Renaissance is involved with funding, but Ren2 has a different funding stream. Will be talking more about process at next meeting.
    - iv. Have already funded college visit transportation.
    - v. Ren2 expressed concern about the school being able to afford the after school program after April--program run by 82nd Street Academics. Stacey is meeting with their new executive director today.
      - 1. Some questions about processing of grant, which didn't get off the ground on time, so the school paid the costs of the program the first year (\$160K). Trying to find out what happened to the first year of money; the program staff has resigned. No paperwork at 82nd Street to be found.
      - 2. This year is done; how do we be proactive for next year? Targeted population (ELL students), does not serve all of our students. Only a two-hour program; not optimal and hard to staff.
      - 3. FoR might be able to work with the new executive director to find funding to make it a bigger program. Once we know more, FoR can meet with Stacey and Everett.
      - 4. Rensizzle continues to be a priority.
      - 5. Free programs at Renaissance limited to 5-10; those programs not available at Ren2, but that would require advocacy work. Hard to say whether certain programs will continue to exist.
6. Public Speaking – TBD
- a. Development report (Meredith) in the works. She has been investigating a program to support families.
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting at 11:26
8. Executive Session
- a. At a meeting of the executive session of the board on March 27, 2024, a motion was made to approve a Memorandum of Agreement for collaboration between The Renaissance Charter School 2 ("Ren 2") and The Renaissance Charter School ("TRCS"). The motion was adopted unanimously.