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Charter School 2

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[April 17, 2024]

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 11:06 a.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
 - a. Liz Perez standing in for Monte Joffe, who is out of the country. Congratulations to Monte for having a chapter published in an upcoming book; we hope to hear more when he returns.
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Members present:
 - i. Liz Perez
 - ii. Chester Hicks
 - iii. Victor Motta
 - iv. Leopolda Silvera
 - b. Members absent:
 - i. Monte Joffe
 - ii. Rachel Mandel
 - c. Others present:
 - i. Everett Boyd
 - ii. Stacey Gauthier
 - iii. Daniel Fanelli
 - iv. Yessenia Montalno
 - v. Zulma Perez
 - vi. (Two other attendees without complete identifying information were requested to add their names to the chat for acknowledgement but did not do so).
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation
4. ESSER Funds Allocation Review – 10 minutes
 - a. Everett - when school opened in 2020 during pandemic, by act of Congress, etc., the American Rescue Plan provided significant funding to our school. We need to report how that funding has been utilized over the past several years.

Our key ARP spending goals were as follows:

1) **Accelerating Student Learning:** \$120,406. ARP funds were used to cover costs of:

- a) Summer school programming (82nd Street Academics) in Summer 2021;
- b) Maintaining and enhancing instructional technology (IKON Business Group); and
- c) Improving access to and use of assessment data (Achievement Network—ANet)

2) **Expanding Technology to Support Remote and In-Person Instruction:** \$66,828. ARP funds were used to cover costs of purchasing technology.

Specifically, ARP funds were used to cover costs of:

- a) Laptops for teachers;
- b) Chromebooks for students;
- c) Smartboards;
- d) Smartboard Mounts; and
- e) Upgrades and Licenses for Google Chrome Education and related technology.

3) **Expanding Social-Emotional Support:** ARP funds were used to cover the salary of a Social Worker for one year: \$88,860

For CARES ESSER: **Supplies & Materials** - \$44,329 spent on classroom equipment, PPE, covid testing, and IKON IT services.

5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. Everett--looking forward to spring break; are in the middle of testing season. Big news that we have just completed our first battery of tests (ELA State Exam) for third and fourth grade. Seemed to go well with no glitches; entire school worked to prepare, including support from high school (quiet classrooms). ANet assessments gave us a picture of our possible success on the ELA exam. Next round of exams, state math test, will be after the break.
- b. Heavily preparing for midterm renewal visit, weekly meetings with SMT and various consultants, etc.
- c. Liaison coming from Albany on May 2, all-day visit. Will be visiting classrooms and meeting with teachers and SMT, along with board members and CSG.
- d. Lottery coming up after spring break.
- e. Dan has been working on next year's budget. Saw significant increase in healthcare costs. Conversations with SMT about positions for next year (about 37 positions as the school is growing). Additional costs for purchasing of new equipment for incoming grades, along with curriculum materials. Looking toward having something finalized for the next board meeting, and there will be a finance committee meeting to follow.
- f. Stacey--thank you to Dan for working on the Summer Boost grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies which gives us significant support for our summer school program. Elementary will be housed at Ren2, and MS and HS will be at Renaissance. We will be using Lavinia again, our Targeted Reading Intervention Program (TRIP), along with enrichment activities. HS will have a credit recovery program.
- g. Everett--Founding AP for lower school, Flo Evans, has submitted her resignation; she is moving to Colorado at the end of this school year. Flo has been an invaluable member of the school community, starting as a teacher at Renaissance and moving over to Ren2

to build the school from the ground up. Gratitude to Flo for all she's done for our school, and we wish her the best! We are looking for a MS AP and an elementary AP.

- h. Stacey--reassurance that we have been successful with changes in leadership and sustainability as personnel has changed over the years. Also, Flo has agreed to do remote consulting work with the new person and has considered returning at times to work with the school.

6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

7. Public Speaking – none

8. Adjournment of Public Meeting -- 11:27 a.m.