



The Renaissance

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Charter School 2

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November 6, 2024

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 10:01 a.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
 - a. Victor chaired the meeting because Monte was not feeling well.
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Board members present: Monte Joffe, Victor Motta, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Leopolda Silvera
 - b. Board members absent: Rachel Mandel
 - c. Others present: Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Meredith Hinshaw
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Approved unanimously
4. [Finance Committee Report](#) – 10 minutes
 - a. Dan reported back - Joe (accountant) met with the committee. No findings, no material weaknesses, no need to make changes. Discussed lease briefly. Appears to be a deficit due to 30-year nature of lease, but that is not really the case. We have built a strong reserve. Biggest portion of expenses is salaries. Committee voted unanimously to submit the report to the board for approval.
 - b. Report approved unanimously.
5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Everett - brief update.
 - i. Spooky news: great Halloween celebration on the 31st. Parade w/candy. 33 minions and a Gru (Everett)! Day punctuated by unplanned fire drill, which went well, even in costume.
 - ii. Submitted the annual report the following day.
 - iii. Monday, November 4 - incredible public hearing. In-person watch party in the music room, filled with over 110 students, parents, teachers. Glowing reviews about the last five years. Bodes well for report to authorizers.

- iv. 12th - 13th of November renewal visit.
- v. PD yesterday with all staff on Restorative Practices. Refreshing to revisit values that we have done our best to embrace to support our students.
- vi. Stacey: leadership review. A young staff to be developed. Monte: this is part of our culture, and we take it very seriously, that improvement has to be ongoing and never without end. We are proud that we have a pipeline of people to be developed into leaders. Important to convey this to authorizers.
- vii. 11:15 to 12 pm on Tuesday the 12th for board. Authorizers are open to hybrid meeting, so there will be a Zoom link.
- viii. Agenda for visit will be sent out to everyone.
 - 1. Tuesday will start at 8:15 and be a tour in the morning with several students. Valentina (Leopolda's daughter) is one of the student tour guides (2 5th graders and 2 10th graders). Then leadership focus, special education meeting, classroom observations, break, then board focus group. More classroom observations, lunch, teacher focus group (K-6), ELL and reading specialist teacher focus group, debriefs.
 - 2. Wednesday: SMT and Executive Leadership team focus groups. More classroom observations. Focus group for parents, looking for one or two more parents to join Leopolda and Taran. More classroom observations in HS. Focus group with counselors, dean, social worker. Classroom observations, lunch. Advisories, HS teacher focus group, reflection, and then meeting with Executive Leadership and SMT.
 - 3. A packet will be shared by Friday.
 - 4. Expect more letters of support from elected officials, particularly regarding the adding of the 7th and 8th grade.
 - 5. It's not too late to submit further testimony to the authorizers.
 - 6. Thank you to Scott Barone for funding the pizza for and attending the public hearing! Scott gives back to the charter movement as well.
- ix. PT conferences start 11/14, and then the Book Fair!

- 6. Board Members' New Business – none
- 7. Public Speaking – none
- 8. Adjournment of Public Meeting 10:31 a.m.
- 9. Executive Session