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[March 5, 2025]

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 10:03 p.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
  - a. Board Members present: Monte Joffee, Victor Motta, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Leopolda Silvera
  - b. Board Members absent: Rachel Mandel
  - c. Others present: Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Meredith Hinshaw, Everett Boyd, Kathleen P.
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
  - a. ICE from ICT
  - b. Approved unanimously
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
  - a. Everett - met all 10 benchmarks on review.
  - b. Submitting response with action plan by this Friday.
  - c. Lottery will be on April 4.
  - d. Enrollment is at 98%, was one of the comments in the report.
  - e. Next charter term: following 2019 performance benchmarks. Have done analysis, and will be addressing things in new charter term that were not covered by 2015 performance benchmarks.
  - f. Peace Messenger visit yesterday--visitors from Japan, high school students who are working to address issues regarding nuclear disarmament and creating a peaceful society.
  - g. Question about when we will find out recommendations for renewal. Nothing in the report speaks to that. We are on the Regents agenda for April and will find out after that. Still finalizing the action plan. For the board, we are planning to grow the board by 1-2 members (there will be a specific timeline for that). Also said we need to evaluate ourselves and will get additional PD to support that.

- h. We will be going up to Albany to hear our recommendation.
  - i. Monte would like the Board to commend the SMT for the success of the renewal, but that should wait for the results.
  - j. Thank you to Councilmember Justin Brannan for pushing through the security reimbursement.
  - k. Application for Summer Boost (Bloomberg) being worked on. Once we get the expansion approved, we can work on the CSP grant.
  - l. Will have a joint summer program again this year, if we receive the Summer Boost program. Will be asking for an extended day for grades K-8, for enrichment activities.
5. Finance Committee Report - Leopolda
- a. Met February 24 to go over financials.
  - b. We are in good condition financially.
  - c. Highlights:
    - i. Facilities cost continues to be a high-number based on adjustments per accounting standards around term of lease. Shows as almost 8 million, but 3 million of that is non-cash.
    - ii. Have built a healthy reserve; 124 days ( $\frac{2}{3}$  of a year) to fund the school.
    - iii. Continue to monitor the budget and meet with the accountant to make sure we are on track; will start to make projections for next year in April/May).
    - iv. Still some unknowns: Depending on expansion, enrollment will go up and per-pupil will go up as well, so that will be accounted for in the budget. Per-pupil is not settled yet, nor is special education funding.
    - v. Hoping that federal money is not affected in too big of a way and that we will receive the CSP grant.
  - d. YTD report approved unanimously.
6. Board Members' New Business – none
7. Public Speaking – Kathleen Pineda, mother of 1st and 3rd grader, appreciates hearing about behind-the-scenes issues. Exciting to hear that the renewal has gone so great, and looking forward to more to come.
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting: 10:32 a.m.