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Charter School 2

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July 24, 2024

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 10:01 a.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Members present: Victor Motta, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Rachel Mandel, Leopolda Silvera
 - b. Members absent: Monte Joffee
 - c. Others present: Stacey Gauthier, Meredith Hinshaw
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Passed unanimously
4. Review and Approval of District Safety Plan
 - a. Meredith Hinshaw shared the draft.
 - b. Plan to be posted on website.
 - c. Purpose of the review is to approve the posting for public review and comment, which would start today and continue for 30 days, after which it will be considered approved. Emergency Response training periods will be determined for August/September.
 - d. Plan is due to SED in October.
 - e. Stacey: schools have a requirement to have two different plans. There is a more detailed school safety plan that we do not post on our website because that could potentially pose a threat with sharing our safety protocols. Number of things can activate the safety plans, ranging from school-specific incidents to natural disasters.
 - f. Once it is posted on October 1, it is the final version and does not change.
 - g. There is a narrative that describes what is in our confidential internal policies and it attests that it is in compliance with SED regulations.
 - h. A moment was taken to review the plan, which was sent to board members via email this morning.
 - i. Discussion of remote learning plan and update in lockdown drill guidelines. We need

some clarification regarding that. This information will also be merged with the Teacher Handbook.

- j. Motion to approve plan for publication and public comment
Approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Code of Ethics

- a. Needs to be submitted with the Charter Renewal application
- b. Meredith: Purpose is to replicate and align with Renaissance Jackson Heights
- c. Stacey: consolidates one code for Board members and employees. Plan for Renaissance was accepted by Board of Regents.
- d. Motion to approve revised Code of Ethics - approved unanimously

6. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. Everett: Update on Renewal--in full force. Application is live in the portal. Our final application is due on September 4; the original date was August 31. Continuing to have weekly meetings w/Wayne Jones, consultant, on writing the application and narrative. Collecting a lot of data in order to show growth and what we are doing to support continued growth going forward into the next charter term.
- b. Still awaiting our official report from SED for our May midterm renewal visit. Communicating with liaison at SED to find out the status.
- c. Enrollment update: closed the 23/24 school year with an official enrollment of 98%. 576 out of 587 students. 24/25 enrollment is at 98%. Official enrollment for coming year is 837 students. Kudos to everyone on staff and especially in front office who has been working on recruitment and registration!
- d. Staffing update: a few teachers moved on at the end of the school year, are working on staffing positions still. Have 11 positions to fill. Many demo lessons and interviews. Close to offers for 2 prospective teachers. 3 positions in lower school, MS 4 positions, HS 4 positions. ICT teachers in particular. Need to fill Mandarin positions, which is difficult. Sien, AP for Middle School is also Mandarin Studies coordinator and is working on recruitment.
- e. Summer school: Fully enrolled. Attendance is good; students are engaged and happy. Lavinia is the curriculum we are using. Two walkthroughs with Lavinia Coaches, and we have seen some great teaching and learning.
- f. Renaissance and Renaissance 2 HS students are at the Jackson Heights site. We are offering August Regents in Living Environment and Algebra
- g. Stacey (on behalf of Monte): have been working with Everett on Principal Review. Everett did a detailed self-reflection. A review of this with an action plan will be presented to the board, including areas of improvement and celebration. This is exactly the same principal review process as at Ren 1. Noted that we do not have test scores for elementary school, and we are waiting on that data for more information.
- h. Everett: ended year on high note with great celebrations: Spring concert, with lots of parent support; two art shows (lower school and high school); for the first time, a multicultural festival--shout-out to CSG and parents for their support. Lots of learning about languages, food, and customs.

7. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

8. Public Speaking – None

9. Adjournment of Public Meeting 10:33 a.m.

10. Executive Session

