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Charter School 2

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September 10, 2025

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 10:10 a.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
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: Stacey Gauthier, Dan Fanelli, Rashid Johnson, Matthew Delforte, Meredith Hinshaw, Janet Chele, Diana Calle
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Rashid: Thank you to board members, Stacey, Dan, Vinny, SMT--everyone!--for the first week of school, which was remarkable and extraordinary.
 - b. Dan and Rashid launched a survey to assess whether participants were on board with our mission; 80% agreed.
 - c. Board report (see details below)
 - d. Hiring update from Taryn: still need art teacher, science teacher, don't need special education teachers.
 - e. Instruction and pedagogy: real-time coaching. Teachers appreciate immediate feedback with bite-size feedback. 37 observations so far. Presence is intentional, giving targeted support in the moment. Rashid does not want teachers/students to fail in his presence.
 - f. Created PLC agendas for teacher work. Opportunity for teachers to use protocols to build professional learning.
 - g. Instructional practice guide--more of a coaching tool than an evaluation tool.
 - h. PD week--mission, goal-setting and data, goal being on high-level discussion and student voices (60-40 with student voice being 60%). PD on special education from

Shannon. PLCs introduced, curriculum training for lower school, deans led session on behavior culture, then family welcome day. ELL PD on Friday, and advisory PD. Classroom setup time happened during the week as well.

- i. Stacey: mental health grant was taken away by the administration. Court case; Jake has been following it closely; waiting to hear if there is reconsideration.
 - j. More information when it is more definitive.
 - k. Also lost the literacy grant; taken away because it was “too DEI.” Don’t have details about how much longer the grant will be available. The reading specialist (Lori) will be hired by Ren2 instead of just losing her position.
 - l. Hired a CFO for Ren2, much needed. Thanks to Dan and Jessica for filling the gap. Working on purchasing building. He has charter school experience and will be starting at the end of the month.
 - m. Construction upcoming, space is a challenging issue. Developer in next week to look at the space.
 - n. Dan: CSP Grant, funding for expansion of school. We thought we submitted it, but didn’t complete the prequalification requirement; confusion about school leadership change and having to transfer ownership on the portal. We have been disqualified from applying for the grant, which is a loss. We tried to appeal the decision, but it was rejected. Silver lining: grant available for next year.
 - o. Stacey: A lot of excitement in the air, a lot of energy and new initiatives.
 - p. Appeal to parents: Targeted academic intervention program starting next week, and children who are participating need to be there.
 - q. Kicking off after-school program--Board and school have come together and funded the program with almost half a million dollars.
 - r. Back-to-School night is tomorrow, and the first PA meeting is coming up.
5. Board Members’ New Business – 10 minutes
 - a. N/A
 6. Public Speaking
 - a. Monte: Diane Calle sent a message to everyone--she should contact her child’s teacher, and she should attend Curriculum Night to find out about her child’s program. Parent was advised to speak with acting AP Caitlyn about the scheduling of gym for the first grade.
 7. Adjournment of Public Meeting 10:39 a.m.

Board report (Rashid)

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School Leader Board Report
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Celebrations

- I want to thank the Board, Stacey, Dan, Vinny, Jessica, Sien, Z, Shannon, Kaitlyn, Dawn, Meredith, JC, Vreny, the custodial team, our teachers, and our families for making the kick-off of the new school year truly remarkable.

- We have a lot of work ahead, but our initial survey results show that at least 80% of people are deeply committed to the one school, one mission, one vision approach that we've prioritized.

Student Demographics & Student Enrollment (provided by Dawn and JC)

- Ethnicity distribution
 - 75.3% of students are Hispanic/Latin X
- Enrollment by grade - 936 students are currently enrolled (goal is 952)
 - We currently have seats available in **1st, 2nd, 5th, and High School**. We have exhausted our waitlist in these grades.
- Gender distribution (male and female is even across the board)
- ELLs, Students With Special Needs (IEPs), and Free/Reduced Lunch

Hiring Update (provided by Taryn)

- We still need Art and high school science teachers.
- We need to still hire 2-3 ELL teachers.
- We still need to hire 3 special education teachers. No longer a need!
- Need to hire 1 office team member.

Academic/Instructional Programming

- [Real-Time Coaching Framework](#)
- [Network-Wide Observation Note-Catcher](#) (make a copy)