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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at:

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

2. Roll Call – 2 minutes

3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
    a. Approved unanimously

4. Standing Committee Reports (if applicable) – 10 minutes
    a. Thanks to Leopolda and Liz for coming on the call with Joe Albano and Trevor, the accountants.
    b. Had a very good report. This year no findings or material weaknesses. Always have the issue with the lease making us look like we have less money, but that is not the case (the full lease is on there). Have over 11 million in reserve, accumulated 30K in interest. Good financial controls. Will be submitting to SED on November 2.
    c. Wanted to know about anything we should be worried about (e.g. per-pupil going down). Not on the horizon.
    d. Shout out to Atiba, Jessica, and team for doing a lot of work on this. Atiba also took charge of Summer Boost this year.
    e. Board needs to vote - approved unanimously.

5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
    a. Construction is finished. New wing constructed; have three more staff bathrooms. Full conference room in back. Have moved counselors back there in private rooms, also related service providers. Facilities and storage are also using the space. Still short space even with the new wing. Next move will hopefully be rooftop storage. Putting signs all over the building to designate room numbers. Backlogged on getting phone and video systems in there.
    b. Saturdays fully booked: sports teams from 8 to 3. Have phenomenal Chinese dance program for all grades, let by one of our Mandarin teachers. New elementary teacher

doing jazz dance program. Parents wanted expanded afterschool, wanted Saturday programming, and now looking into Sunday programming. Made promise that Ren2 would be a community school. Also looking into soccer clinics and ESL classes for parents and older students. Also Saturday middle school math tutoring.

c. Starting to work on Portrait of a Graduate. Regents are not really going away. Federal government requires testing in math and science, so those will probably stay. Student can probably still graduate without passing the tests (not sure if this is true for charters). May be accountability measures linked to the tests, similar to 3-8 exams. Have been talking to SED about this, and will be forming Portrait of a Graduate redesign team. Leadership opportunities, with a stipend attached.
d. Thanks to Z who went to stakeholder meeting at Vaughn College. Were 90 people at the strategic planning meeting. We have over 20 students in the Drone Certification program at Vaughn. Vaughn is sending admission counselor to review student applicants, there are options for full-ride scholarships to Vaughn.
e. ELL teachers have been developing authentic units for instruction in ENL. Tied into topics students are interested.
f. Enrollment issue. We're at 90-something percent, but there is a lot of turnover with student. This is the way of education right now, not just us. Recruitment is doing a great job of filling seats, but it is ongoing. We've been going to a number of fairs to recruit. Social media--more advertising via social media.
g. Chronic absenteeism--also a problem everywhere. Made a change to have these students be handled by counselors. Wanted to find out any social-emotional reasons, and are finding that there are a lot of concerning reasons.
h. Financial associate to help with budgeting. Also hiring someone to be a second person with the rooftop recess. Getting support for Anahi through consultants and an intern to do more marketing and communication, since she works with both schools. Hiring for an arts program coordinator; arts program fully staffed, good to have one person help them come together as opposed to having different grade level APs to do support. Position will be posted soon.
i. Working with Cristine Slingerland, who retired from Ren1, she is working with elementary and middle school teachers on capstone social studies project, including a musical on Seneca Village performed by the 4th grade. Also connecting with music period. Every grade K-8 will have this. 6th grade will be working with the Democracy Institute at the Historical Society.
j. Starting Rensizzle planning; more on that at the next meeting.
k. Thank you to Everett, who decided to dress up for Halloween and wanted Stacey to as well. Office staff will be dalmatians, and Stacey is going to be Cruella Deville.
l. Have facilities positions open. ICT position in middle school open.
m. SMT doing great work;

6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
    a. Monte is amazed by everything that is happening at Ren2.
    b. Were invited to to see CTE programs upstate in January.

7. Public Speaking – None

8. Adjournment of Public Meeting
    a. Meeting adjourned at 9:37