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JULY MEETING

June 25, 2019

The Renaissance Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

HONORARY MEMBERS

Sandra Geyer, 1941-2019

Hazel DuBois, Ph.D. 1937-2013

Hon. Rudolph Greco, Esq.

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The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – Dr. Joffee thanked all who attended the late Sandra Geyer's Memorial Service. Among the attendees were board members, founders of The Renaissance School, current and former faculty members, as well several of Sandy's former students. It was a fitting tribute to Ms. Geyer. Dr. Joffee attended the graduation exercises of TRCS Class of 2019, which was held in the morning of June 25, 2019, and commented that it was one of the best ever in his experience.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Attendance taken by Everett Boyd, Secretary
Present: Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Chester Hicks, Monte Joffee, Francine Smith, and Raymond Johnson
Absent: Margaret Martinez-DeLuca, Conor McCoy, and Rachel Mandel
4. Approval of the June 5, 2019 Minutes – The minutes were reviewed and approved by acclamation.
5. Final Development and school Partnership Report – Stacey Gauthier delivered the report, which was included in the board meeting packet. Additional to the report are Updates on Current Programs:
 - a. NYSED 2016-2-19 Dissemination Grant – Our partnership with Scholars Academy has been a successful one. Scholars Academy had a history of admitting mostly high achieving students, before our partnership. During the partnership, and in collaboration with our College and Career Office, Scholars Academy began to adopt many of the successful *“Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York”*

practices that TRCS has employed to promote the success and college-readiness of special education students and students who have been academically challenged. Their student population has seen a shift due to their acceptance of students with special needs and academic challenges, and their success with these students has become more evident.

- b. Political advocacy on behalf of TRCS has been bolstered by our membership in C3S, The Coalition of Community Charter Schools. Our advocacy will continue, to ensure that we receive our fair share of funding from The State and The City.
6. School Management Team Report – Stacey Gauthier delivered the report, which was included in the board meeting packet.
 - a. 2019-2020 Faculty Assignments – included in board meeting packet
 - b. General Business Announcements – included in board meeting packet
 - I. Letters from Ira Schwartz, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Accountability, NYSED and David Frank, Executive Director, Charter School Office, NYSED – TRCS has been designated as a Recognition School for SY 2017-2018 in recognition for being one of 562 high achieving schools in New York State, and one of 41 charter schools with this designation.
7. Vote to name TRS/TRCS founder Sandra Geyer an Honorary Board Member – The motion was approved by acclamation.
8. Board Members' New Business –
9.
 - a. Dr. Joffe asked for an update on the progress of TRCS 2.
 - i. Ms. Gauthier reported that the lease has been sent to SED for their review and we are awaiting BSA approval, after a hearing next week.
10. Public Speaking – None
11. Adjournment of Public Session - 1:48 p.m.
12. Executive Session –No session; reading of the confidential minutes waived until next meeting.