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AGENDA

August 30, 2021 – 3:30 PM

Public Meeting of The Board of Trustees

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| 1) Chairperson's Welcome | 2 minutes |
| 2) Pledge of Allegiance | 1 minute |
| 3) Roll Call | 2 minutes |
| 4) Approval of July 2021 minutes | 5 minutes |
| 5) School Management Team Report / Update on Fall Re-Opening | 15 minutes |
| 6) Board Members New Business | 5 minutes |
| 7) Public Speaking | TBD |

Public speaking time of three minutes per person will be permitted. All speakers should sign up with the Secretary prior to the meeting and state the topic they will be speaking on. Speakers may be grouped according to topic.

- 8) Adjournment

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The meeting convened at 3:35 p.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – Dr. Joffe welcomed everyone.
2. Roll Call – Attendance was taken by Everett Boyd, Secretary

Present: Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Chester Hicks, Raymond Johnson, and Margaret Martinez –DeLuca, Daniel Fanelli, and Rachel Mandel

Also Present: Matthew Delforte

Absent: Conor McCoy

4. Approval of minutes of July 12 2021 board meeting.
Minutes approved by acclamation.
5. School Management Team Report - Stacey
 - a. TRCS has been working along with TRCS 2 all summer to ensure a safe opening in September. As health and safety guidance continues to change, the school continues to adjust to these changing policies.
 - b. TRCS is not able to socially distance, and has informed its parents of this. The school is making adjustments to accommodate breakfast and lunch, follow the vaccine mandates for sports programs, and to keep the school community safe and healthy.
 - c. 96-97% of the staff is vaccinated, with unvaccinated staff members receiving letters asking if they intend to be vaccinated by the September 27th deadline set by the city. The UFT has stated that they are opposed

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to the city's policy for several reasons, however the policy is still in place. The school's position is that staff who are not vaccinated by September 27th, will be subject to termination.

- d. There will be two town halls for parents and several communications regarding the schools opening and contingency plans to address positive COVID outbreaks in the school.
 - e. Recruitment and hiring continues to be ongoing to fill open positions, as discussed at the previous board meeting. There should be an update on staffing status at the September meeting.
 - f. Stacey reported that she has been exposed to COVID and may have to quarantine, pending the results of a COVID test. She will inform the board of any updates.
6. Board Member New Business - None
 7. Meeting Adjourned - 4:00 PM
 8. Confidential Session Convened - 4:02 PM