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AGENDA

September 8, 2021 – 6:00 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 August 30, 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 6:00 pm.

1. Chairperson's Message – Dr. Joffe welcomed everyone and reported that this meeting is a report meeting, due to the board not meeting quorum. He thanked everyone for their dedication to the mission of TRCS and their efforts to comply with vaccine mandates, and work with the changing guidelines and changing
2. Roll Call – Attendance was taken by Everett Boyd, Secretary

Present: Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, and Raymond Johnson (quorum not met)

Absent: Conor McCoy, Chester Hicks, Rachel Mandel, and Margaret Martinez –DeLuca

4. Approval of minutes of August 30, 2021 board meeting (tabled until October Meeting)
5. School Management Team Report - Stacey
 - a. TRCS will be opening on September 9, 2021 to all staff and on September 13, 2021 to students.
 - b. The school will be opening with a full staff, welcoming 12 new staff members.
 - c. The vaccine mandate for NYC DOE schools is driving the policy for TRCS, meaning that all staff must be vaccinated by September 27, without exception. The school expects 100% compliance.

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- d. DOH COVID policies will be driving how the school responds to positive COVID cases. Guidelines regarding responses to positive COVID cases differ according to scenarios of infection rates, vaccine status of students, and quarantine requirements.
- e. The school will be implementing a program to administer COVID PCR tests every week, through a private provider. This will be more robust than the DOE/DOH testing program, which the school will also be implementing.
- f. Universal masking will be observed throughout the school; air purifiers will be placed in all classrooms and other areas where staff and students gather.
- g. Social distancing will be observed as much as is practically possible.
- h. Parent access to the building will be allowed and controlled for PreK to 5th grade for arrival and dismissal.
- i. The breakfast program in the morning will be eliminated to avoid crowding in the cafeteria and control for social distancing. Lunch in the cafeteria will be limited to 90 students at a time to control for social distancing.
- j. Meetings for parents will be held virtually.
- k. At last count the student population vaccination rate was at around 50%. The school has been and will be advocating that all students who are eligible, should be vaccinated.
- l. There will be two town halls to announce health and safety guidelines.
- m. The new PreK contract has been received along with an increase in per-pupil funding that is almost equal to per-pupil funding that the school receives for K-12 students.
- n. The school also received a \$27,000 grant to support the PreK program with new supplies and classroom enhancements.
- o. The College Bound Report is expected to be delivered at the October Board Meeting.

3. Board Member New Business - None

4. Meeting Adjourned - 6:30 PM