

The Renaissance Charter School
Public Board Meeting
October 6, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Chairperson's Welcome – 5 minutes
- 2) Roll Call – 2 minutes
- 3) Approval of the August and September, 2021 board meeting minutes – 5 minutes
- 4) Review and approval of the Consolidated Application – 5 minutes
- 5) Review and approval of the School Safety Plan – 5 minutes
- 6) Presentation by the College and Career Office – 20 minutes
- 7) School Management Team Updates – 10 minutes
- 8) Board Member New Business – 10 minutes
- 9) Public Speaking – TBD
- 10) Adjournment of the Public Session

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The meeting convened at 6:00 pm.

1. Chairperson's Message – Dr. Joffe welcomed everyone and expressed his gratitude for all of the measures being taken to ensure a safe, healthy, and happy learning environment at TRCS.
2. Roll Call – Attendance was taken by Everett Boyd, Secretary

Present: Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Chester Hicks, and Raymond Johnson

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

4. Resignation of Conor McCoy from The Board

Dr. Joffe announced the resignation of Conor McCoy from The Board. Mr. McCoy sent a letter of resignation to Dr. Joffe, expressing his gratitude to The Board for his time of service and his gratitude to the school as an alumni. Mr. McCoy also expressed his desire to be considered for future service to the school, as his schedule permits.

5. Approval of minutes of August 30, 2021 and September 8, 2021 board meetings
Minutes approved by acclamation
6. Consolidated Application - Stacey Gauthier
 - a. Ms. Gauthier reported the school's allocations for Title I, II, and III federal funding:
 - i. Title I - \$103,788 will offset the salaries of the school's intervention teachers, with a required set-aside of \$1,000 to meet the needs of homeless students.

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- ii. Title II-A - \$19,500 will be used to offset the salary of the school's ELA Coordinator
 - iii. Title III - \$13,376 will be used for ELL support through the ELL Consortium.
 - iv. Title IV-A - \$10,000 has been transferred to Tile IIA as an additional offset.
- b. A motion was made to approve the Consolidated Application and its allocations. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

7. School District Safety Plan - Stacey Gauthier

The School District Safety Plan was reviewed by the board prior to the meeting. The plan was approved by acclamation with no further public comment.

8. College and Career Office Report - College and Career Office TRCS

- a. Anna Falla-Riff reported that the office replaced two valuable staff members who left, with one retiring and another moving on to another career.
- b. The two new staff members were introduced and reported on their work for this year.
- c. Ms. Falla-Riff provided an overview of the report, which had been shared with board members prior to the meeting. The overall report was very impressive, reporting the successes of graduating seniors of the class of 2020, especially given the circumstances that have prevailed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. School Management Team Report - Stacey Gauthier

- a. 100% of the staff at TRCS is fully vaccinated
- b. The 9th grade has more than 90% of its students vaccinated, and is leading the way toward the goal of for all eligible students being vaccinated.
- c. There have been 4 cases of COVID reported at the school that have required quarantining. An additional case of a 5th student who tested positive has not resulted in quarantining because that student was not present at school during the period of infection. The school continues to follow the guidance provided by the DOH regarding COVID protocols.
- d. The school is testing students weekly thorough a COVID testing service.
- e. Busing issues are being resolved
- f. Field trips are still on hold for now with free buses, but schools can contract with private services for field trip buses. The school does not plan to use this option at this time.
- g. Dan Fanelli reported that assessment have begun at TRCS, with benchmarking having been completed, and interim assessments scheduled with NWEA and ANET
- h. The school is also addressing challenges with students in Kindergarten that may very well be a result of children adjusting socially and emotionally to a new environment, after having been in remote learning or in not in school for more than a year.
- i. The school is addressing some issues with the use and condition of 2nd floor girls bathroom. This has been referred to Student Support.
- j. The school is also completing its financial audit.

10. Public Speaking - None
11. Meeting Adjourned - 6:48 PM