

The Renaissance Charter School
Board of Trustees

Public Meeting – December 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Chairperson's Message – 5 minutes
- 2) Roll Call – 2 minutes
- 3) Approval of the November Minutes – 10 minutes
- 4) School Management Team Report – 20 minutes
- 5) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- 6) Public Speaking – TBD
- 7) Adjournment of Public Meeting
- 8) Executive Session

**Happy Holidays to Everyone! Thank you for your service to
our Students, Families and our School.**

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

HONORARY MEMBERS

Sandra Geyer, 1941-2019
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Hon. Rudolph Greco, Esq.
Meryl Thompson

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m

1. Chairperson's Message – Dr. Joffe acknowledged the change in the political landscape in the city with the election of a new mayor and with the results of national elections. He said that he is hopeful that these changes will translate to positive changes in the world of education. He wished everyone a happy holiday season, a happy new year, and he expressed his great appreciation for everyone's contributions to the board, the school, and American education.
2. Roll Call – Attendance was taken by Everett Boyd, Secretary

Present: Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Chester Hicks, Raymond Johnson, and Margaret Martinez –DeLuca (joining late)

Absent: Rachel Mandel
3. Approval of minutes of the November 3, 2021 board meeting
Minutes approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report - Stacey Gauthier
 - a. TRCS and TRCS 2 are continuing to test their student populations weekly for COVID-19, through the DOE's testing program and through a private provider, Access Nursing.
 - b. There have been some breakthrough COVID cases among several staff members, resulting in those staff members having to quarantine as well as some students who were in close contact.
 - c. The quarantine guidelines have changed, whereas students who are vaccinated and are close contacts to someone who tests positive for COVID, do not have to quarantine. Unvaccinated students still need to quarantine.

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- d. The school's student vaccination rate is at 90% for all grade levels, with the exception of the 7th grade, which is at 80%.
 - e. Students who are in the age group from 5-11 are newly eligible to be vaccinated and are beginning to do so.
 - f. The school continues to advocate for all students to be vaccinated, although vaccines cannot be mandated at this time.
 - g. TRCS will be a pop-up vaccination site this week for students who are eligible for their second dose as well as for those who wish to get their first dose, based on availability.
 - h. Stacey thanked Board Member Chester Hicks, who is retired from the NYPD, for his help in engaging his contacts at the NYPD in resolving some issues with homeless individuals who were creating a public nuisance and were encroaching on and near school property.
 - i. Dan Fanelli reported on the progress with interim assessments and data analysis to support student achievement, monitor student progress, and targeted instruction to promote improved student achievement. TRCS and TRCS 2 just successfully completed their first round of interim assessments and data analysis (Data Dig), which provided an opportunity to assess the impact of instruction in each school and to look at comparative data between the two schools. Stacey and Dan acknowledged the great work that Andrea Johnson has done to support the work of coordinating interim assessments and data analysis this year.
 - j. The school will be publishing an article about the reading and literacy activities that students have engaged in school-wide and the impact that it has had on them as they have progressed from grade to grade.
 - k. TRCS will begin having virtual open houses which will include a virtual photo tour of the school.
5. Board Members New Business -
- a. Dr. Joffee announced that Principal Review Committee will convene soon to begin its work.
 - b. The board voted to approve Dan Fanelli as the newly appointed board secretary. Everett Boyd is the outgoing secretary and will remain on the board as a trustee.
6. Public Speaking - None
7. Meeting Adjourned - 6:26 PM