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Public Meeting of The Board of Trustees

DATE – 6:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

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| 1) Chairperson's Welcome | 3 minutes |
| 2) Roll Call | 2 minutes |
| 3) Approval of Last Month's Minutes | 5 minutes |
| 4) School Management Team Report | 10 minutes |
| 5) Board Members' New Business | 10 minutes |
| 6) Public Speaking | TBD |
| 7) Adjournment of Public Meeting | |
| 8) Executive Session | |

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APPROVED

March 2nd, 2022

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The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m

1. Chairperson's Message
 - a. Monte Joffe provides welcome message about the state of the world and emphasizes how important it is that we as educators continue to do our work.
2. Roll Call – Attendance taken by Dan Fanelli, Secretary
 - a. Present: Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Dr. Rachel Mandel, Raymond Johnson
3. Approval of the minutes of the February 2nd, 2022, board meeting
 - a. Minutes approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report – Stacey Gauthier
 - a. COVID update.
 - i. Waiting for the city to provide guidance on mask mandate, the mayor will make an announcement at the end of the week.
 - ii. We will continue to test as masks come off
 - iii. We haven't had any cases over the past few weeks
 - iv. Fully or partially vaccinated rates
 1. K 70%, 1 77%, 2 68%, 3 87%, 4 78%, 5 85%, 6 84%, 7 91%, 8 95%, 9 91%, 10 95%, 11 92%, 12 94%
 - b. PreK inspection –
 - i. Great job did well. They seem to be a good partner this year. Thank you, Omar, for his support
 - c. Staffing update
 - i. Rebekah on "Terminal Leave" till June 30th after which she will retire. She will continue to support us for the remainder of the year with pre-session.
 - ii. Yumeris Morel was offered a position as an AP at a consortium school to eventually be a principal.
 - iii. Replacement plans: Rebekah's job will be replaced by Meredith as the Director of Communications, Peggy Heaney who has accepted the Director of Development, so we are looking to hire a Parent Coordinator to support the work that Peggy did.
 - iv. We hired a Parent Coordinator

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- v. Pierre Dizon will leave at the end of the year
- vi. Pricilla will be moving at the end of the year PK
- vii. Sandra Fritz has accepted the 10-month AP for English Language Arts position
- viii. Vincent G. will become the Dean next year as a CSA member working 12 months
- ix. Martha will be supporting our Advisory program next year
- d. Advocacy update
 - i. Speaking with Labor and Educational committees.
 - ii. Positive connection with the Sen
 - iii. We are asking the city to pick up the pension cost for 3 conversion charter schools. If we were to go out of business, there would be nobody paying for the retiree's pension.
 - iv. Stacey spoke with the Actuary and found that would be a false statement, that the city will pick up the pension cost. However, we would like to have something in writing and have the city pay for the pension cost.
 - v. We will continue to update you
- e. Assessment update
 - i. NWEA adaptive assessment that all students have taken twice this year. The student's data translates to work on Edgenuity 90 minutes each week in both Math and ELA to address our students' gaps. There is a strong correlation between work on Edgenuity and improved state test scores.
 - ii. ANET: Achievement network assess grade level standards. Helps our teachers to identify standards that need to be retaught. We just finished our 3rd ELA assessment and teacher will meet early next week to review the data and come up with re-teach plans/prep plans for the state test which will take place in a few weeks. Our A3 Math assessment will take place after the state ELA Exam and again will identify grade level standards that our math teachers can focus on prior to the state test.
 - iii. F&P: Our students have been benchmarked now a total of 3 times this year. We use the data to identify which students should be in the Targeted reading groups K-8 to support students that are behind their current expected grade level. This is the Targeted Reading Intervention Program (TRIP).
- f. Homework Center
 - i. Raymond will support afterschool help Raymond. Thank you, Raymond,
- g. Summer School
 - i. Looking at both schools to make sure we can get teachers in the building. We plan to use Renaissance as the site for both schools this summer as we don't know if Renaissance 2 will be open yet
- h. Air Units
 - i. It is approved, but it will not happen until the 2023.
- i. Renaissance Hero Award Update
 - i. Suzanne looking into awards that would be similar to the apple award
 - ii. We are thinking of something like a cape flowing in the wind
- 5. Board Members' New Business - None
- 6. Public Speaking – none
- 7. Adjournment of Public Meeting – 6:34pm