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AGENDA

May 4th, 2022

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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Hon. Rudolph Greco, Esq.
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1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
4. FY 2022-23 Working Budget - 10 minutes
5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
7. Public Speaking - TBD
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting
9. Executive Session

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1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
 - a. Monte Joffe provides welcome: Can't believe it is May already, we pulled through, we managed. We want to thank the board members, the SMT, the teachers, students and parents.
2. Roll Call – Attendance taken by Dan Fanelli, Secretary
 - a. Present: Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Raymond Johnson, Rebekah Oaks
3. Approval of the minutes of the April 6th 2022, board meeting
 - a. Minutes approved by acclamation
4. Finance Committee meeting Report – Denise Hur
 - a. Met last week to review the budget.
 - b. All contracts are expiring soon, so we are expecting increases. We built a 3% increase in.
 - c. Pension costs went down
 - d. Health Cost 10% increase estimate
 - e. Per-pupil increase \$17,633, SPED remains the same
 - f. Summer Boost program will be applied if we get it so the surplus may get hirer
 - g. Currently have a \$386,000 surplus
 - h. Stacey Gauthier
 - i. Long conversation with the actuary about the pension. Looks like we may still see a pension hit
 - ii. Medicare to Medicare advantage
 - iii. Increased medical costs at both schools
 - iv. Increased costs across the board including our school wide insurance
 - i. Motion to approve the budget
 - i. Approved by acclamation
5. School Management Team Report – Stacey Gauthier
 - a. Lottery
 - i. Very successful
 - ii. We are fully enrolled and are registering families
 - iii. Now we will fill seats where we thought we may need to hold seats for hold over
 - b. Testing Season
 - i. 3-8th ELA and Math are done
 - ii. AP exams

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- iii. Regents Exams
 - iv. New provider that will score the state tests, called Premier
 - c. We are in hiring mode
 - i. We have filled 8th Social Studies, and Kindergarten teacher
 - ii. We are still in the process of looking for the Mandarin teacher and PK teacher
 - d. Stacey met with the Spanish Department to discuss the program and movement toward Mandarin
 - e. Summer Program
 - i. If we get the summer program, we will be utilizing the Lavinia Curriculum
 - ii. It will be great to have this program as it is a high rigorous program that includes ELA and MATH for 5 weeks in the summer.
 - f. Lead school on STOP Grant, Renaissance 2 is also part of the grant
 - i. A lot of flexibility around PD to support both Schools programming
 - ii. Will provide access to several parent workshops
 - g. Renaissance made US World News Report and High School Report again
 - h. Showcase School for our PreK-Program
 - i. D75 Principal, Greg Lopez, asked Stacey to join a program about inclusion in all schools. Stacey asked the Chancellor why we can't have a D75 program at our new school, The Renaissance Charter School 2. He said he would come and visit The Renaissance Charter School to see our successful program.
 - j. Stacey is a Cahn Principal mentor; she plans to bring a PBL program that she saw and plans to bring it to Renaissance
 - k. Civic Readiness seal for the Regents David Frank got us the meeting to include this
 - l. Rudy Greco has come into the building; he is championing the Mother's Day Stroll. He is talking to our high school students about life lessons.
 - m. Everett is on a banner in the Charter Center as a New York City Charter Leader
- 6. Board Members' New Business – None
 - 7. Public Speaking - TBD
 - 8. Adjournment of Public Meeting – 6:37pm