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AGENDA

July 6th, 2022

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

HONORARY MEMBERS

Sandra Geyer, 1941-2019
Hazel DuBois, Ph.D. 1937-2013
Francine Smith, 1949-2021
Hon. Rudolph Greco, Esq.

1. Chairperson's Message – 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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1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

- a. Monte Joffe does welcome message. Congratulations to staff and school leaders for a wonderful year.

2. Roll Call – 2 minutes

- a. Present: Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Chester Hicks, Rebekah Oaks
- b.

3. Approval of the minutes of the June 1st, 2022, board meeting

- a. Minutes approved by acclamation

4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. Graduation – was beautiful, 350 people. Issue with chairs, but we were able to resolve it with help from Barone Management. Shaker was the Keynote speaker, he had to be put first because he was going to speak at townhall, so we changed our program to accommodate him.
 - i. Overall, it was a beautiful graduation, it was an amazing ceremony for students and families in our brand new TRCS 2 Gym.
 - ii. Opened the roof garden for families to take picture at the end
 - iii. Huge thank you to Omar for his support
- b. Had a farewell to Rebekah, Pierre, and Pricilla during the end of year staff party.
- c. Budget/Grant updates- Council member Krishnan gave us 50k for the gym, but we want to move it to the auditorium. UWorld, great AP program we got with a grant. 210k from the

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city. We are continuing to meet with the city because we want the pension to be taken over by the city. Charter Schools always live on a per pupil budget, the city is making cuts to its educational budget. ECF funding was approved in round 3 for 50 staff computers and 200 additional Chromebooks.

- d. Summer School - MS and HS started yesterday. We are offering math, ELA, Social Studies, Living Environmental. Lavinia curricula is used for the 1-8 program for both ELA and Math. We also are offering Drama and Art for MS students. Elementary School will start next week, they will have Targeted Reading Intervention Program, ELA, Math, Music, and Art, and Recess. All programs have access to breakfast and lunch that the school will provide. Meredith has been emailing families
- e. Renaissance Data Breach – It looks like our data was breached via I.O. Illuminate. We are still waiting to hear about what the next steps are. If your child’s data was breached, you should have received a letter.
- f. School Safety Agent – Chester let us know they are trying to take it away from us. Stacey reached out to them but haven’t heard back. We believe we will keep our agent because we are in the DOE building, and we have a district 75 program.
- g. Facilities – Waiting on getting our units replaced. We have less then 7 years on the lease, so they don’t want to do work on the building until they update the lease. Once they do, we can move forward with new air units. PK bathroom update, New Signs for outside of Renaissance. Cafeteria update with new furniture. We are looking to upgrade the serving line in the Kitchen.
- h. New Roles – Vincent G. will become the Dean and will join the CSA and the School management Team. New Chapter Leader, maybe Raymond J. Omar, the Director of Operations will be joining the School Management Team. Sandra will be joining the CSA as the Assistant Principal for ELA. Marta will be teaching AP Spanish and will be our Advisory Coordinator. Ana and Marta will be doing training for the Advisory Curriculum Developmental Design. Co-Coordinators will join the training. Rensizzle is being planned, we really got a jump on it.
- i. Stacey Mentorship – Stacey will continue to mentor Cahn Fellows
- j. Data report later this year, we are seeing preliminary data that is positive in NWEA, ANET, F&P.
 - i. We will still crunch numbers and share out with letters and emails notifications.
- k. Fully enrolled and registered, 3000 students on the wait list.
- l. Enrollment in HS, Raymond – 15 to 18 students choose to go somewhere else, Private School, Catholic School, or specialized schools. For the most part students got into other schools, but they preferred to remain at Renaissance. We had 5 students that are going to specialized HS

5. Board Members’ New Business – 10 minutes

- a. none

6. Public Speaking - TBD

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting 12:53pm

8. Executive Session