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AGENDA

August 3rd, 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. 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. Welcome message by Monte Joffe
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present: Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Chester Hicks, Rebekah Oaks
3. Approval of the minutes of the July 6th, 2022, board meeting
 - a. Minutes approved by acclamation
4. Vote on new wording of Video conferencing Resolution – 10 minutes
 - a. Approved by Acclamation: On June 1, 2022, at a duly constituted meeting of the Board of Trustees of TRCS, the following resolutions were put forth and adopted: WHEREAS, TRCS desires to allow board members to attend board meetings by means of videoconferencing when necessary and appropriate to do so; WHEREAS, New York State recently amended the Public Officers Law to address conducting board meetings by videoconference; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board will allow members to attend board meetings by means of videoconferencing, pursuant to and in keeping with the requirements of Public Officers Law §103-a, including applicable limitations regarding a quorum of members being present in the same physical location or at locations where the public can attend; and IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the Principal to work with counsel to amend its current videoconferencing policy to comply with the amended Public Officers Law.

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5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. Changes in Staff - Sandra Fritz has accepted an assistant principal position. Nicole and Ariel will take on additional leadership in ELA for both MS and HS. We were able to hire an additional ELA teacher. Daniela V. has decided to retire, so we have hired Adam that has been working with our students as a para. He will work in 1st grade and we will shuffle the other paras. Leanne for our College Bound Councilor has left, Ana is working on getting another councilor. We are hiring 2 Mandarin teachers: Tanya and Ling.
- b. School Safety agent - We will retain the agent we have had for the last 20 years.
- c. Shout out to everyone who has been working on the summer school program. Attendance issues with HS folks they are getting conversations with Administrators. Thank you to Flo for all your work on the Lavinia curriculum and supporting our teachers.
- d. Still waiting on additional information on COVID testing and Masks
- e. Memorial service for Fran at TRCS Roof Garden On Friday, Bank Street College memorial for Maggie on Sept 17th
- f. Advocacy Update – Money was awarded to us on the last state budget, its going through the channels, \$210,000 we expect to get soon. Meeting with Senator Addabbo, who sits on the labor committee. He is Rita Joseph, head of the education committee, we are asking for pension relief. Pending meeting with Mark Trager, having a meeting with the vice chancellor.
- g. Juul Lawsuit – Many Schools are involved in this. Juul will pay for Vape detectors and educational materials.
- h. Lawsuit for Per-pupil funding, we were shorted money, the state agrees that they messed up but they don't feel they need to do anything about it. The same lawyers that represented us on the COVID testing lawsuit will again represent us again. The Board approved by acclamation the full participation in the Per-

- pupil funding lawsuit.
- i. Grants - Geoff and Debra – 19k Grant for the serving line was won. AP World, September 8th – Active shooter training grant and PD
 - j. Front doorbell and locking and video system to be installed soon.
 - k. Future meetings, we will have Mike Brooks, Dwayne Andrews and Stacey Newton attend a board meeting to provide an update
6. Board Members’ New Business – 10 minutes
- a. SMT evaluation, we will run this in tandem with the Annual Report data that Dan and Victor can provide. Soft measures will be provided, 1 ½ tiers, a reflective piece from the SMT: Glow and Grow Report, due in November. Board members feel free to raise additional supports.
 - i. We will be sharing the partnership between the schools and the alignment of curricula, assessment, culture and policies.
7. Public Speaking - TBD
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting – 12:43pm
9. Executive Session