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AGENDA

December 7th, 2022

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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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

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1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

- a. Welcome message by Monte 12:00

2. Roll Call – 2 minutes

- a. Present: Monte Joffee, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Chester Hicks, Rebekah Oaks, Raymond Johnson. Guest/Speaker Vincent Garlick

3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes

- a. Minutes approved by acclamation

4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. Stacey – Just started our open house season. Omar, Carolina, Meredith are planning them, they have done a great job. Parents can interact virtually, Open house at night to see the building and get applications, and in building during the day. Right now we have 600 applications, our goal is 3000 applications. The new vista intern has done a survey of community organizations in the neighborhood that we can provide with applications.
- b. We are still in the process of looking at hiring another ELL teacher. We have

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100+ ELL students, we have two candidates

- c. We have implemented a SAT prep program with our College bound office. Happening during the day
- d. Continuing working with UWorld for our AP support on Mondays. Thank you to Raymond and Robert
- e. Leadership Sustainability, Thandi, Leah and Nicole are enrolled in administrative programs
- f. Joe Hur was brought on as a Math support teacher, he is also starting a Math Education program. Thank you Ram for mentoring him and working with him.
- g. CSG is starting up again, Meredith, Rebekah and _____, meeting virtually
- h. Deputy Chancellor is coming to Renaissance on December 14th. Dan Winesburg.
- i. We have made forward progress, including bill language, with supporting payment of our pension. We have support from CSA DC-37
- j. We have finished the annual report and we will be getting you the principal review soon. There was not a lot of comparative data from the city
- k. We have started our Targeted Math Afterschool Program. Which uses our NWEA Fall data to target specific Math standards that students are struggling with. Thank you to Raymond, Andrea, Ram, Yianna, Venessa, and Robert M. for your work to support this program. Teachers have participated in a PD to use the Lavinia curriculum which we will use for the program.
- l. Little sizzle proposals are completed, we will share them all with you. Some examples are Foody, endangered animals, the oceans,
- m. Peggy H. will be retiring, she will transition out slowly over the year. She will remain on the Friends Of Board
- n. 416k for our summer program was fully paid by Bloomberg's, we appreciate all

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- the work from Dan and our Leadership team for their work to make that happen.
- o. Vinny – We have social media pages up, anonymously posting negative comments about their peers. The page is public. We have had several student incidents because of this page; fighting, destruction of public property, verbal confrontation, etc. The page consists of sexual harassment, body shamming, recently pictures of a student and pictures of cartoons.
 - i. Vinny sent an email to the school community parents and students
 - ii. If the page does come down, we will cancel parties, non-academic trips, pep rallies. The page has come down because of the threats
 - iii. Middle school has posted a page, but Vinny dealt with it by talking to the students
 - iv. Emails went out to parents about any students that support the page, will be implicated as a participant as well.
 - v. Spoke to 115 precinct, but there is nothing they can do about it.
 - vi. We changed the phone policy, the first time a student gets a phone taken away the parents must come pick it up. An email was sent to families to notify them of these changes to policies
 - p. Stacey – we are dealing with this in advisory and in counseling session with some students. We are not happy about it, we are looking for a shift the culture and make the changes that the community needs. Stacey will be taking over student council, she plans to bring this issue to them.
 - q. Monte – we should look into groups that could come to the school to address these issues. Rebekah: maybe the grants can be apart of this. Get ahead of this with a column on Chalk Beat, we need to confront this.
 - r. Stacey – We plan to have Stacey N. work with us on grants. We plan to have a meeting with families to advertise internet savvy PD for them. Showing

families what their students can access.

s. We will keep updating you on this as we move forward.

t. Monte and Rebekah will write a board message that can go out to families

5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

6. Public Speaking - TBD

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting