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AGENDA

November 2nd, 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
8. Executive Session

"Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York"

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1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
 - a. Welcome by Dan at 12:01 pm
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Present: Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Chester Hicks, Rebekah Oaks, Raymond Johnson
3. Stacey Newton Presentation – 15 minutes
 - a. Stacey Newton presents an overview of our existing grants and grants we have recently applied for. See Report
 - b. Stacey – Rolling out a series of Parent Workshops sponsored by multiple Charter Schools. Ren 2 is one of the consortium schools.
4. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Minutes approved by acclamation
5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Stacey – Submitted the Annual Report, thank you to Meredith and trained by

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Rebekah. Another frustrating year because we are missing comparative data, or small subgroups that we cannot report on. Pretty well on our goals, met above 80%. 25 were still applicable.

- b. Stacey - We were awarded 210,000 P&J Associates got us this money. Now the legislative group is making it more stringent, and we have to get it through Grants Gateway. Denise is working on trying to get us this money as if it were a grant. We held a meeting with the other two schools who are entitle to this money, Stacey wrote to David Frank about how to navigate this process so we can receive our money. David answered, he will facilitate a meeting with the creator of the contract and the schools. Stacey is trying to schedule the meeting with all the financial folks.
- c. Stacey – 110 students qualify for ENL services, Stacey and Liz have been interviewing candidates for another ENL teacher position.
- d. Stacey / Dan – Funding for a lot of Technology, ECF funding, we are close to 1-1 for students with Chromebooks. We just ordered new Laptops for all staff.
- e. Stacey – Kick-off of Mandatory AP study skills on Monday afternoons. Thank you, Raymond, Robert, Stacey, Dan, Victor and Liz, for supporting the program. Liz presented on studies skills last Monday. Students fill out an AP reflection Sheet.

6. Future Enrollment Discussion – 10 minutes

- a. Stacey – Discussion about change entry grade. Currently our 5th grade is an entry point. We would like to make a change to which grade we could intake instead. Perhaps take a second Kindergarten class.
- b. See attached possible scenario.
- c. We just want to prepare for possible change
- d. Raymond – Seeing that a number of 8th graders will stay, so we may end up with Three 9th grade classes.

- e. Could be something we look at for our Charter Renewal. Our population has become much more needy, we are higher than the district in IEP students, F&R Lunch and .3% away from the ELL enrollment numbers.
- f. Think about pros and cons, lets continue to discuss in another meeting.

7. Financial Audit Review - 10 minutes

- a. Stacey – Circulated the report to everyone. There was no finding, the program rate is very high. Financially, we are in a better place now than in the past, but we know that may change do to the current financial situation. One of our biggest supporters for Pension relief Mark Cannizaro is retiring. Stacey reached out to the new CSA president; he plans to come to Renaissance.
- b. Board ratified the financial report by acclamation.
- c. Single Audit will look at all the Federal money

8. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

- a. Chester – A lot of parents complain about the 2nd floor bathrooms. Vaping and dirty bathrooms. Chester has addressed it with Stacey and Vinny.
 - i. The school has purchased several Vape detectors. There has been discipline around these incidents. We are calling families and we plan to address them with a letter that Vinny will be sending out.
 - ii. Student behavior is an issue across the board, we are trying to be proactive, and emails will be sent to families.
 - iii. Bathrooms are cleaned on a regular basis throughout the day.
- b. Stacey – Great October Holiday party, thank you to all staff that attended

9. Public Speaking - TBD

10. Adjournment of Public Meeting 1:06

11. Executive Session – None