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AGENDA

February 1st, 2023

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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 provided by Monte Joffee at 12:00pm
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Present: Monte Joffee, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Chester Hicks, Rebekah Oaks, Raymond Johnson.
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Minutes approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Stacey – Renewal application is due August 15th. During the fall the DOE will interview students, parents, teachers, SMT, and board members.
 - i. Stacey, Dan, and Meredith will work with Wayne Jones
 - ii. We will work to red line the charter
 - iii. We will start Ren 2 in the following year

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- iv. Getting letters of support will work with Dwayne as well.
- b. Applications for students for next year, we are currently at 900 total. But we want more so we continue to recruit. We recently have taken 11th grade and 8th grade students.
- c. We lost a new teacher that we hired, we hired Wagner Mendoza to fill the position, we are very excited to have an alum.
- d. Stacey is facilitating the HS students council. Students are happy, as we have delivered on some of their requests. Hot breakfast in the morning and a study hall for lunch in the day. They would like to have more Art in the cafeteria, so we are doing a HS MS mural project.
- e. Vista intern and Communications Director will work to participate in a school newspaper with the support of José
- f. Students and teachers are looking into offering different elected courses.
- g. Rebekah Slotnick is the MS student council rep who organizes meetings for those students as well
- h. MS and HS reps are working with Omar and Carolina on the nutrition committee with students.
- i. We are in full out test prep mode: assessment
- j. Federal grant Project Prevent, we will hire an art therapist for the schools, someone that can do home visits, and a project manager and a clinical supervision support folks.
- k. Principal review – readiness for renewal, student retention, staff retention, enrollment of special populations.
- l. Seems that Renaissance will be closed over the summer to replace the Air Units in the building. We are planning for Ren 1 and Ren 2 to have a joint program at Renaissance 2's location.

- i. We got grant money from DOE for a bathroom renovation for Pre-K, but now DOE says that we cannot use the 12k to renovate the bathroom
 - ii. We were also told that the auditorium renovation cannot happen which we were allocated 50k for.
 - iii. We have struggled to get simple fixes done, like bathroom doors replaced and lights out in a stairwell. This is taking years to get done and pushing our plant manager to make this happen. Stacey is working on this and will provide updates as we continue to work on this.
 - iv. We use Market Maker to submit tickets for facilities related items, but nobody answers.
 - v. We haven't had a consistent night cleaner for months. Stacey called the plant manager and told her it is unacceptable, but she says her hand are tied.

 - m. Congratulations to Everett who is now a Cahn Fellow
 - n. We will be calling a mid-year finance committee meeting.
5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
6. Public Speaking - TBD
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting
- a. 12:36 meeting Adjournment