

# The Renaissance

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## AGENDA

March 1st, 2023

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
4. Approval of Date Change for April Meeting – 5 minutes
5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
7. Public Speaking - TBD
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting

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1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
  - a. Welcome message provided by Monte Joffe at 12:02pm
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
  - a. Present: Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Chester Hicks, Rebekah Oakes, Raymond Johnson.
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
  - a. Minutes approved by acclamation
4. Approval of Date Change for April Meeting – 5 minutes
  - a. Approval of Date Change from April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 19<sup>th</sup> by acclamation
5. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
  - a. Welcoming of Zhen, the new Assistant Principal for Renaissance 2 High School.
  - b. Stacey – Everett and Z will be at Renaissance on Friday as it is a goal for both of the schools to have replication of our high school program.

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- c. Our roof top final project has been approved, but it will not be implemented until two years from now as parts are delayed and installation will take an entire full summer.
- d. We may or may not split our summer program across both schools. This discussion will continue over the next couple of weeks
- e. Compass grant still hasn't been approved, it is a small summer program around permaculture and gardening. Peggy is still interested, after retirement, in running the program if we get it
- f. Mayor Bloomberg will be offering the summer program, we will be submitting an application for both schools for this program. A lot of teachers and staff have agreed to work the program. We will work collaboratively at both schools to make this happen. 22% growth in ELA and 24% growth in Math proficiency. We plan to utilize the Lavinia group curricula for ELA and MATH. We will also be providing enrichment.
  - i. Lavinia has a pre and post-test for our student that allows us to understand the effectiveness of the program
  - ii. We will be working to get our rosters and logistics in place over the next few weeks
- g. We are utilizing data that is Targeted for our students' individual needs, Dan has been looking at the priority standards and identifying students based on need from ANET and NWEA to create reading and Math groups.
- h. We are in Testing season. We have invested in our AP program and worked with the charter center have posed our problem of practice to support us in getting higher scores for our students.
  - i. We got a grant, UWorld that supports our students with AP level questions
  - ii. Raymond works with AP students on Monday afternoon to support student's work for AP classes.
  - iii. Our mock AP scores were not that great, so we are shining a light on it. Stacey, Dan, and Victor met with the AP teachers to get their understanding of why that was and what we can do moving forward to increase those scores.

- i. Both Schools will be participating in Queens advocacy day for families. This has been organized by Jessica at Ren 2, Meredith, and Carolina. Hoping Zhen can go as well. We will be going up with 9 other independent charter schools.
  - j. Charter center is asking for a rally for Charter Schools to Advocate to increase the charter cap next week, unfortunately we cannot attend the rally.
6. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- a. Monte soon you will see the School Management team review soon. Both school leadership teams are going to share their reflections with Everett and Stacey. Monte and Chester will review it and share it with the board in the April meeting.
7. Public Speaking - TBD
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting
- a. 12:40pm