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August 9th, 2023

The Renaissance Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
 - a. Welcome message provided by Monte at 12:02
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Present: Monte Joffe, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Rebekah O., Dan Fanelli.
Absent: Raymond Johnson, Chester Hicks, Dr. Rachel Mandel
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Minutes approved by acclimation
 - b. All board meeting minutes can be found on our website
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Stacey- Everett, Dan and Stacey had two visits from our summer boost grant folks and included Lavinia and Bloomberg philanthropies. They were very impressed with the program. They liked that we had both ELA and Math curricula, 2 hours of ELA and 1 hour of Math, but also enrichment including arts and mandarin. The program ends tomorrow. The high school summer

- program will end the following week it is not a part of the summer boost grant.
- b. Money News – the state money from two years ago is finally released, we are still waiting on the money from last year. The pension contributions will be decreasing for our school or at least stay the same for the next 5 years, great news for us. We are continuing to update the budget. The health cost have also gone up.
 - c. Hiring – Two brand new Mandarin teachers, an elementary art teacher, new music teacher, and have hired a new gym teacher. We have made some internal position changes. Raymond Johnson will work with Vinny as our student support and safety administrator. This will provide the school with additional support. One position is still open, MS/HS Science ICT teachers. Vanessa has left, she was our 2nd teacher in grade 3. We will shift classrooms
 - d. Programmatic adjustments – we offered multiple electives for high school, some the students were not interested in i.e., astronomy, theater production, and Spanish lit.
 - e. Renewal – Thank you to Dan and Meredith who have been working closely with Stacey to complete the documents. The retrospective is being worked on now and the goal to have the first two parts in by next Friday.
 - f. Monte - The annual leadership review will be a part of the renewal process. The reflection is completed. Stacey - there are several items during the renewal redline that we have found we need to remove and add in additional research-based items that meet our mission and vision. We are currently in the process of updating our staff handbook. We are making sure our website includes all compliance related information.
5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- a. New Board Member Candidacy interview by the board. Rebekah has taught dance and theater Pre-K-12. Her philosophy has always been charter education in the arts.
 - b. Pending a recommendation to move forward with Rebekah's candidacy the Board resolves that the board can delegate another member to send the

application to the DOE, other than Monte Joffe

6. Public Speaking - None

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting

a. Adjournment of Meeting at 1:23pm