

The Renaissance

35-59 81st Street, Jackson Heights, NY 11372

www.renaissancecharter.org • 0060-803-718 • 718-803-3785 (fax)

Charter School

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monte Joffe, Ed.D.

Chairperson

Daniel Fanelli

Secretary

Stacey Gauthier

Chester Hicks

Raymond Johnson

Dr. Rachel Mandel

Everett Boyd

Rebekah Oakes

DRAFT

March 27th, 2024

The Renaissance Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

HONORARY MEMBERS

Sandra Geyer, 1941-2019

Hazel DuBois, Ph.D. 1937-2013

Francine Smith, 1949-2021

Hon. Rudolph Greco, Esq.

Margaret Martinez-DeLuca

Meryl Thompson

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
 - a. Rebekah O. provides welcome message at 12:00pm
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes.
 - a. Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Rebekah O., Dan Fanelli, Raymond Johnson, Chester Hicks Absent: Dr. Rachel Mandel, Monte Joffe
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Minutes approved by acclimation.
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Stacey – Catalina Cruz came and spoke with our high school Student Council. She put us in her public letter. She offered to take our students to the 911 museum. She said she would facilitate a trip to Albany. Thank you to Meredith for setting this up.
 - b. State Testing - Starting full out test season. We are starting Computer Based

"Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York"

Testing for the first time this year. Because we are PreK-12 students across the grade participate in State Tests, NYSLAT, Regents, AP.

- c. Recruitment – shout out to everyone for their recruitment efforts, hitting the streets and going to public events throughout the district. Our Lottery will be in person in April
- d. Budget – we are starting budget season, because of increasing costs we are projecting a conservative budget. Salaries are set, which is good to have those numbers. We will have a budget and finance committee meeting over the next few weeks.
- e. Programmatic Schedule SY2024-25 – Unable to get a School Based Option (SBO) from the UFT, so we have to move to the DOE default the schedule. Victor and Dan are working on the schedule. We will have the schedule ready for preference sheets prior to the Spring break. Monday teachers stay till 3:40, Tuesday teachers stay till 3:20. There are pros and cons. Students are getting out the same time every day, classes will be more consistent, but advisory will not be able to happen every day.
 - i. Dan – we will hit the target dates for teacher preference sheets.
 - ii. We will be sharing preference sheet with the board. We put out a preference sheet without knowing the budget so it is possible that it could change if our budget shifts.
- f. Board Renewal recommendation call is tomorrow at 10:30am, Matthew will join. The DOE had provided us with two questions on Friday night: one about Regents waivers and the other about a staff handbook.
 - i. The Regents waivers were mistakenly not included for a few years in social studies courses and science courses. We provided the DOE with the waivers, which corrected the percentages. Thank you to Victor for his support on this.
 - ii. We have a staff handbook that was uploaded to CHIPS, we also have

been working to update the handbook over many years as there have been changes made by the Offices of Labor Relations and other related topics. We plan to roll out the new handbook at the beginning of the 2024-25 SY.

- iii. Additionally, we were provided a fingerprint clearance document which was confusing and wrong. All our staff have been fingerprinted.
- iv. The Enrollment for ELL populations were incorrect for both CSD 30 and TRCS. Dan used the NYSED website to create an updated chart and sent it to them.

g. Jonathan Greco wrote an interesting book which we are mentioned in, Publicization.

5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

- a. Rebekah Oakes, Friends of Renaissance Funding Report, and request for feedback – 10 min
 - i. See attached notes.
- b. Home for rehearsals for the Jackson heights orchestra.
- c. TRCS will also be hosting Donovan Richard's immigration fair this Saturday.
- d. We will be hosting project prevent and other grant programs as well.

6. Public Speaking – TBD

- a. None

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting

- a. Adjourned at 12:44pm

8. Executive Session

- a. At a meeting of the executive session of the board on March 27, 2024, a motion

“Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York”

was made to approve a Memorandum of Agreement for collaboration between The Renaissance Charter School (“TRCS”) and The Renaissance Charter School 2. The motion was adopted unanimously, with one abstention by Dan Fanelli, who abstained due to a potential conflict of interest because of his employment at TRCS.