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August 28th, 2024

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 Rebekah Oakes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Rebekah Oaks, Chester Hicks, Raymond Johnson, Dan Fanelli, Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier. Monte Joffe joins at 9:16
 - b. Absent: Dr. Rachel Mandel
 - c. Guest: Liz Perez, Jose Mane
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Minutes approved by acclimation.
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Stacey Gauthier - Thank you to everyone for their work on summer school at all grade levels. In the Fall we will have all the data and share it with the Board.

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- Bloomberg's summer boost money paid for the K-8 program, we had to share the cost with the high school program.
- b. Stacey Gauthier – we have not received our PreK Money yet. They owe us 200k, have been in touch with many people, we are very disappointed. We are now funding the staff salaries, supplies until we get this money
 - c. Stacey Gauthier – Proportionate shared use agreement, certain costs when we were a district school, we are still owed 36k. We were told that money is coming.
 - d. Stacey Gauthier – We have yet to receive a new Charter document from Albany. Rebekah may go to the Capital to knock on doors
 - e. Stacey Gauthier – New Hires: hired for PE, hire for College Bound, hired elementary art teacher, hired a chemistry teacher. Working on hiring a literacy intervention
 - f. Stacey Gauthier – working to recruit additional students for the Renaissance Charter School. We are at full enrollment, but families seem to move a lot now. We are getting this recruitment help at no cost to us. We believe this will support getting additional students. We want to pull students from the district schools not charter schools.
 - g. Stacey Gauthier – the funding formula is being looked at again. We got a bump but it's still under what we should be getting.
 - h. Stacey Gauthier – 420k of money is still held up in Albany, but we have been told we are getting the money.
 - i. Stacey Gauthier – shout out to Omar and the Custodial Staff for their work. We are working with IKON and DOE to get a new phone system in place for our ageing infrastructure. Smartboards and white boards are going up. Power washed the stairs, led to some leaks, but they are getting fixed. Short amount of time for the building to be cleaned because of summer school.

- j. Legal Retainers on the next agenda
 - k. Need to figure out the next board meeting: September 11th at 9am. Meredith with adjust it on the website.
5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- a. Monte Joffe, the education meeting. SMT has wrapped up their reflection. We will need to have a meeting to discuss those reflections.
6. Public Speaking – TBD
- a. Jose Mane – Just here to get to know the process and connect with the Board.
 - b. Stacey Gauthier – The Finance & Audit Committee and Educational Committee meet regularly throughout the year. Other committee can be convened as needed.
 - c. Stacey Gauthier – State Test data has been released, but we don't have comparative data. It's very difficult to get the data.
 - i. Monte Joffe – Maybe we should wait to have an Educational Committee meeting until after the data is released.
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting
- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:38am
8. Executive Session