

The Renaissance

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APPROVED MINUTES

July 24th, 2024

The Renaissance Charter School

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Everett Boyd, Rebekah Oakes, [Raymond Johnson](#), Chester Hicks, Rachel Mandel,
 - b. Also in attendance: Stacey Gauthier, Matthew Delforte, Meredith Hinshaw-Chaney, Elizabeth Bell
 - c. Absent: Monte Joffe, Dan Fanelli
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Minutes approved by acclamation.
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Summer school in full swing, fully enrolled, halfway through
 - b. Offering Living Env and Algebra Regents onsite in August

"Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York"

- c. TRCS 2 students loves Ren 1 food!
- d. PreK - money about to be received
- e. Public thank you to Erin Cochran for supporting our PreK
- f. Huge shoutout to Meredith, Denise, Rebekah, and Stacey - got our ESF audit report approved with no corrective actions. CSBM as well.
- g. Staffing changes - Katie (3rd) has moved from NY, Ethel (art) also has moved out of NY; there is a College Bound vacancy. New teacher for intervention and substitute teacher will be supporting the new 3rd grade teacher (a current staff member will be taking on the role, highly credential). Head of CCO will be retiring, Leadership Coordinator will be taking on the role. Will be hiring a replacement for that role as well.
- h. Will be revising the school calendar to include 2 professional development days in September.
- i. Dare to Prepare / Family Welcome Days. HS and MS come in to get all their administrative tasks done. FWD for elementary families to come get acclimated. PD happens at the same time. No issue meeting public school calendar days.
- j. Additional calendar notes:
 - i. School will not be open Monday, Dec 23.
 - ii. Want to continue to give teachers with PT conference flexibility.
 - iii. No objections by the Board.
- k. Full CCO report requested for fall.
- l. Short takeaway: All 52 seniors accepted into college, 1 opted to join family bus instead; 1 considering other options like OSHA certification; 1 undecided
- m. Students accepted into a wide variety of SUNY, CUNY, and community colleges. Barnard, Smith, Vaughn, and more. Full report including Leadership Program to come in the fall.

- n. Queens Botanical Gardens won a grant, which means we will Growing Community: Growing Future Farmers of Tomorrow. Details to follow.
 - o. New Schedule: 40 minutes of parent engagement as part of following the DOE schedule in addition to other requirements.
 - p. Building update – Phones are getting upgraded this year, Auditorium to be used as hybrid for meetings, new Smartboards, overall cleaning and maintenance
5. District School - Charter School Public Building Safety Plan - presented by Meredith
- a. Unanimously approved for posting to website for public comment
6. Board Members’ New Business – 10 minutes
- a. None
7. Public Speaking – TBD
- a. None
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting
9. Executive Session