

The Renaissance

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April 2nd, 2025

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:

Present: Stacey Gauthier, Chester Hicks, Raymond Johnson, Everett Boyd, Rebekah Oakes, Monte Joffe

Absent: Daniel Fanelli, Dr. Rachel Mandel

3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes

a. Carl Cambria is the Union's lead negotiator

b. Last sentence: "We want to bargain that things that do no, that do not or are not applicable to our school."

4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

a. Demographics: disadvantaged students highest ever; predominantly Latino/Hispanic school.

b. Lottery coming up: will review in September

"Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York"

c. Facilities

- i. Rooftop fixed
 - ii. New windows
 - iii. New Greenhouses
 - iv. School Facilities Design Team: lease confirmed so rooftop units are moving ahead; on track to happen, money there, but won't start until at least next summer
 - v. Phone: chugging along
 - vi. Asbestos testing (we are paying for) must be done
 - vii. Soil testing done, results pending, details forthcoming
 - viii. Reso-A auditorium finally moving ahead; will take a year
 - ix. New Reso-A request for gym upgrades (\$500,000 proposal)
 - x. Tree beds: took down railings; lost two trees, so fencing that you can't sit on, metal for longevity
 - xi. Building: now owned by two trusts located in Italy toured the building
- d. 82nd Street: total reorganization with new director and program director, new staff at our schools as well
- e. Also grant request for summer school, requested extended day in partnership with 82nd. (3pm-6pm daily with Friday component – trips for kids). Our summer school model will continue, and Bloomberg is positive about the addition.
- f. Money will cover Rising 1's through 8th grade. HS funded through general budget (R1 and R2). Close to fully staffed from R1 and R2, with paraprofessionals
- g. Some changes to programming around HS curriculum (more targeted).

- h. AI integration being explored by Dan
 - i. Ana and Suzanne retired; CCB fully staffed, great to have an alumna as head!
 - i. Not replacing Suzanne's position right now; Dan as combined Cluster 1 and 2, to hire a new math teacher.
 - ii. Algebra program so successful, kids ready for Geometry.
 - iii. Shout 12 students in AP English next year!
 - j. Finance Committee – updated health care costs increasing
 - k. Single Audit – clean; we audit from everything (separate from Certified Audit)
 - l. Board Application: status update on Jose Mane's Board of Trustees member application.
 - m. Starting next year – meet a staff person every year (Monte suggestion) – Board can attach names to department (running agenda item)
 - n. CCB – attending in June
5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- a. Rebekah: "Friends of" update: two parent coordinators are joining Board.
6. Public Speaking – TBD
- a. None
7. Adjournment of Public Meeting