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December 3rd, 2025

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

1. Chairperson's Message from Monte Joffee. Monte is writing a fictional account of opening a "Renaissance-esque" school in upstate NY (the blog: [Longhouse School](#)), which has caused him to think more deeply about where we find ourselves now after all these years. We are still in the process of discovery and answers come in momentary sparks of clarity, but all reform starts by sticking together, with honesty and respect, throughout the hard times.
2. Roll Call – Monte Joffee, Stacey Gauthier, Everett Boyd, and Rebekah Oakes present, remotely; Daniel Fanelli, Chester Hicks, Raymond Johnson, and Jose Mane all present, in person; Dr. Rachel Mandel absent.
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes accepted by acclamation.
4. School Management Team Report – Dan would like to convene the education committee to look deeply at the results of our annual report and provide feedback. We met 37 of the 47 goals. The 10 we didn't meet were all academic, and the school is already addressing these goals in different ways, in curriculum and instruction. Please see Dan's full report, attached below.

"Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York"

5. Stacey's report: Cristine Slingerland and Sien Li, an AP at Ren 2, have been selected to present their work at the upcoming NYSAIS Global Language and Cultures Conference. Dan, Liz, and James from Ren 1 along with ELA teachers from Ren 2, Laurie Ramirez and Stacey are forming a collaborative ELA working group to benefit both schools. Ren 2 is putting together a very big community safety fair with various workshops and fun give-aways, to which both school communities are invited. We recently heard about a Renaissance alumn who had a serious fire in her apartment which destroyed nearly everything. There is a GoFundMe page that will be shared.
6. There was no Board Members' New Business.
7. There was no Public Speaking.
8. Adjournment of Public Meeting at 9:42 AM.
9. Executive Session began at 9:45 AM.

(SMT Report attached on the following pages.)