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[August 12, 2026]

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at:

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
 - a. Everett stepped in for Monte
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
 - a. Board Members present: Liz Perez, Everett Boyd
 - b. Board Members absent: Monte Joffee, Victor Motta, Chester Hicks, Rachel Mandel, Leopolda Silvera
 - c. Others present: Stacey Gauthier, Dan Fanelli, Stefany Diaz, Desi Waters
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. No quorum, unable to vote.
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
 - a. Dan and Stacey - share good and mixed news. Caitlyn moved to New Jersey, commute too hard, has taken position there. Excited that Stefany Diaz, long-term teacher leader at Ren2, has accepted K-5 AP position. Stefany is a Renaissance alum, excited to be in the position.
 - b. Stacey: Hiring has been going quite well. ENL teaching position has been harder to fill but are moving ahead. Hopeful to have a full staff in the fall. Have had other teacher movements. Damien Mendoza moving on. Have good candidates for his position. Shout out to Taryn and Noelle and APs, who are involved in massive hiring efforts. Last year of expansion. Daisy Collado moving on to position in district school. Family Engagement and Recruitment is new position. HS Data. Have hired a Nepali speaker.
 - c. Construction is underway; building being repainted, new furniture, offices moving.
 - d. School schedule for fall: 8-4 M, T, Th, F 8-2 on Wednesday.
 - e. Free after school program for K-6, interest survey for grades 7-8. Parents will be getting an application.
 - f. Were told that we didn't qualify for Charter School CSP grant. Two of three years of grant have to be expanding, and we only would have 1.

- g. 82nd Street Academics has committed to support workforce readiness through private funding. Will help with credit recovery and social-emotional support.
- h. Four full-time mental health professionals on staff plus 5 day/week DOE counselor. Will be supporting students with chronic attendance issues, departmentalized among different grade bands. Problem is more intense in high school.
- i. Garden is up on the rooftop; come visit! Permaculture and after-school program.
- j. Dan: K-8 program at Ren2 with 425 students, five days per week (previously four days). Enrichment--arts, music, gardening. Students took a pre-assessment prior to the program, set goals to figure out how teachers could instruct to address specific standards. Shout out to facilities team and kitchen team for getting school ready and supporting summer program. Thank you to teachers, administrators, and staff across both schools.
- k. HS program taking place at Ren1. This is the last week of instruction; next week is Regents. Students programmed by Z and the college office along with Ren1 admins. Student got schedules in advance, and there was an orientation day for them. Thank you to facilities and kitchen at Ren1 as well. Nicole and Omar setting up for Regents week, will provide update of scores at next board meeting.
- l. State test scores released, do not have comparative data with district. Average performance across math and ELA exams. Some declines this past year across state and city. Hopefully in September we can provide full update.
- m. Reflection on year--we have internal assessments that help us set up goals for the upcoming school year.
- n. Stacey: Week of August 31 a PD week for all staff. Thank you to APs and Executive Leadership team for informative, fun staff bonding week. That Friday, students will be invited in to meet teachers and get schedules. Will be information tables in cafeteria for transportation, after-school, etc. We really need parent involvement at the school--we want to have parents who are active in the PA, which is a legal requirement for the school. This year we made a push to have parents complete the school survey and are responding to that by making changes (e.g. expanded after school program). Made decision to eliminate sending in school supplies with another system. Doing pretty big overhauls for staff benefits. Benefit savings, but better for staff.
- o. Board Member calendar - will start Ren2 meeting at 9 a.m., rather than 10 a.m., beginning in September. Will be circulating a calendar.

5. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

- a. Everett - acknowledging that he has known Stefany Diaz since she was a student at Renaissance Charter School. Elated that she has progressed through trajectory as educator, did student teaching at Ren1 under Flo Evans, founding AP at Ren2. Stefany was founding teacher at Ren2. Renaissance prides itself in that teacher leadership pipeline, which embraces our core values.
- b. Going to put in another request for a crossing guard. They listen to parents more than school staff.
- c. September meeting tentatively scheduled for September 16.
- d. Shoutout to Jessica, office staff, facilities--there are multiple storage pods in the back, and there will be a big storage unit on the roof.
- e. Team of ENL teachers working on units for students.
- f. Hired another physical education teacher.

6. Public Speaking – TBD

- a. Desi Waters (parent) - Congratulations to Stefany; asked about writing for lower grades. Current literacy curriculum limited in its opportunities to write. Dan: wanted an aligned and rigorous curriculum, not enough time. Big project piece to Lavinia curriculum that we haven't been able to implement. That is something currently looking at, since more

time has been dedicated to the curriculum. Stacey: hoping for social studies initiative will provide more writing opportunities, including creative writing. Plan to have capstone project again, with state moving toward project-based learning. During curriculum night, we can address the writing component

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting