



# The Renaissance Charter School 2

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August 30, 2021

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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| 1) Chairperson's Welcome                                     | 2 minutes  |
| 2) Pledge of Allegiance                                      | 1 minute   |
| 3) Roll Call   | 2 minutes  |
| 4) Approval of July 2021 minutes                             | 5 minutes  |
| 5) School Management Team Report / Update on Fall Re-Opening | 10 minutes |
| 6) Approval of Technology and Internet Safety Policy         | 5 minutes  |
| 7) Board Members New Business                                | 5 minutes  |
| 8) Public Speaking   | TBD        |

*Public speaking time of three minutes per person will be permitted. All speakers should sign up with the Secretary prior to the meeting and state the topic they will be speaking on. Speakers may be grouped according to topic.*

- 9) Adjournment

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at 3:12 PM

1. Meeting convened
2. Chairperson's Welcome
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
  - a. Members present - Monte Joffe, John Harrison York, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Rachel Mandel, Victor Motta
  - b. Members absent - Conor McCoy
  - c. Others present - Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Leopolda Silvera
5. Approval of July 2021 minutes
  - a. Approved by acclamation
6. School Management Team Report / Update on Fall Re-Opening
  - a. Staff is back in building as of today; in all week. Full staff is present; there has been staff turnover mostly due to the vaccine policy (same as DOE, where everyone must be vaccinated--no testing requirements). They have until September 27. Waiting to hear from staff members about vaccination. Three teachers have resigned. Still in hiring process; have one promising candidate.
  - b. Busing will not be provided for majority of students until September 13, which is the first day for DOE students. 220 out of 243 students ride the bus. Parents have been informed and offered Metrocards.
  - c. Town Hall meeting about reopening and health and safety on Wednesday, September 1 at 6 p.m. The

meeting will be simultaneously translated into Spanish.

- d. Waiting for some final guidance about health and safety, but we will be asking parents to have their children tested on-site. DOE is requiring testing 10% of unvaccinated student population every two weeks. We may test more frequently at both schools. Because we are a K-2 school, all of our students will be unvaccinated. Question about protocols for positive testing--we are expected to report positive exams. We haven't been given many specifics re: closures. In consultation with legal counsel, we think we should close when the DOH tells us to close. There are questions about whether vaccinated people need to quarantine.
7. Approval of Technology and Internet Safety Policy
    - a. Review of Policy (first discussed earlier this year)
    - b. Have worked with an E-rate consultant to be in compliance
    - c. Approved by acclamation
  8. Board Members New Business
  9. Public Speaking
  10. Adjournment of Public Session 3:32 PM



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## **L. Technology Use and Internet Safety Policy**

TRCS 2 considers a computer network and access to the Internet to be a valuable tool for education and encourages the use of computers and computer-related technology in school classrooms. TRCS 2 now has the ability to enhance students' education through the use of computers on the Local Area Network and the Internet.

Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people, despite our efforts to block or filter such materials on TRCS 2 computer network. While our intent is to make the Internet available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from the Internet, in the form of informational resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages.

Students are responsible for good behavior on school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or a school hallway. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behavior and communications apply.

Therefore, to the extent practical, TRCS 2 shall implement technology protection measures (such as "Internet filters") which shall be used to block or filter the Internet or other forms of electronic communications, and to prevent access to inappropriate content.

Specifically, as required by the Children's Internet Protection Act ("CIPA"), technology protection measures shall be applied to visual depictions of material deemed to be:

1. Obscene, as that term is defined in section 1460 of title 18, United States Code;
2. Child pornography, as that term is defined in section 2256 of title 18, United States Code; and
3. Harmful to minors, as that term is defined in Section 254 of title 47, United States Code.

Subject to staff supervision, technology protection measures may be disabled for adults or, in the case of minors, minimized only for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.

It is the responsibility of the TRCS 2 faculty to educate, supervise and monitor appropriate usage of the online computer network and access to the Internet in accordance with this policy, the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act, and the Protecting Children in the 21st Century Act.

TRCS 2 faculty will provide age appropriate training for students who use TRCS 2's Internet facilities. Designed to promote TRCS 2's commitment to:

- (a) Student awareness and training with regard to:
  - (i) Safety on the Internet;
  - (ii) Appropriate behavior and safety while using social networking web sites, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
  - (iii) Cyberbullying awareness and response
  - (iv) Unauthorized and unlawful Internet access including hacking and other unlawful activities by minors online; and
  - (v) Unauthorized disclosure, use and dissemination of personal identifying information regarding minors;
- (b) The standards and acceptable use of Internet services as set forth in TRCS 2's Technology Use a Internet Safety Policy;
- (c) Compliance with the E-rate requirements of CIPA.