



The Renaissance

Charter School 2

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September 8, 2021

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Honorary Member
Francine Smith 1949-2021

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| 1) Chairperson's Welcome | 2 minutes |
| 2) Pledge of Allegiance | 1 minute |
| 3) Appointment of Leopolda Silvera to board | 1 minute |
| 4) Roll Call | 2 minutes |
| 5) Approval of August 2021 minutes | 5 minutes |
| 6) School Management Team Report / Update on Fall Re-Opening | 15 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 of public session
- 10) Confidential session

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Francine Smith (1949-2021)

Meeting convened at 5:06 p.m.

- 1) Chairperson's Welcome
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call

- a. Members Present: Monte Joffee, John Harrison York, Liz Perez, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera (welcome to Leopolda, our newest member!)
- b. Members Absent: Chester Hicks, Rachel Mandel, Conor McCoy
- c. Non-members Present: Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli

4) Approval of August 2021 minutes - passed unanimously

5) School Management Team Report / Update on Fall Re-Opening

- a. Opened yesterday (9/7). Welcomed 193 students yesterday; today we had 198 students. Everett wants to thank all of the parents who rose to the occasion and brought their children to school despite the bus issues.
- b. First Parent Association meeting next week.
- c. 18 came to our after-school program on the first day.
- d. Observing all of the COVID protocols, including masks and staff vaccinations.
- e. There have been some personnel changes made since our last board meeting. We have been able to fill the open positions.
- f. Refining reopening plan to publicly post it.
- g. Everett, Dan and Stacey working with Patrick Jenkins Associates on advocacy efforts. Met with Danny Dromm, who is helping further the relationship with Shekar Krishnan, who is succeeding Danny Dromm after his term limits ended. Working with state senators, assembly members and community board.
- h. Discussion of partnership offering classes at night.

- i. New building on schedule.
- j. Question about the new K class. Some separation anxiety as expected; our social worker is hands-on with our students.
- k. Huge shout-out to our Mandarin teacher.
- l. Discussion of Geography program.

6) Board Members New Business

- a. Renaissance (1) will be a vaccine site next week. Trying to figure out whether Renaissance 2 families can access it. Even though getting immunized is not difficult any more, they might feel more comfortable at the school. Will be available M-W and F next week. More on that to come.
- b. Discussion of providing tests for our population. Partnering with Access Nursing to provide a more robust program. Maspeth has a 7% positivity rate, and the DOE doesn't test many students, nor do they test adults. At both schools we have contracted to test 50 students weekly at Renaissance 2, who will also test K students (DOE does not test K). Parents will have to sign two different forms, one for Access Nursing and one for Bioreference. Mu is the new variant, and we will be keeping an eye on how that impacts our COVID rates.

7) Public Speaking

8) Adjournment: public session closed at 5:31 p.m.