

# **The Renaissance Charter School 2**

## **Board of Trustees**

**Public Meeting – February 2, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.**

### **AGENDA**

- 1) Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
- 2) Roll Call – 2 minutes
- 3) Approval of the December Minutes – 5 minutes
- 4) School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
- 5) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- 6) Public Speaking – TBD
- 7) Adjournment of Public Meeting



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[February 2, 2022]

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 5:03 p.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
2. Roll Call – 2 minutes
  - a. Members present: Monte Joffe, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Leopolda Silvera
  - b. Members absent: Rachel Mandel, Victor Motta
  - c. Non-members present: Stacey Gauthier, Everett Boyd, Daniel Fanelli
3. Approval of the January Minutes – 5 minutes
  - a. Approved by acclamation
4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
  - a. Everett: enrollment at 91%.
  - b. Attendance has increased to 90% since the December holidays in spite of Omicron, etc.
  - c. Still testing 1x/week. Last testing cohort was 25% of our population. Three cases among students over the last two weeks. Sending take-home tests with students. Attempting to get more tests, they say there is a shortage, but that may not be true--Ren1 is getting tests.
  - d. Open Houses continuing--4 more scheduled; 2 just concluded. In English and Spanish. Lottery in April
  - e. Parent Association meeting scheduled for tomorrow. Two presentations, one by a second-grade teacher on Responsive Classroom (second presentation in series). Social Worker giving a workshop on bullying.
  - f. Stacey: policy that will allow students who have tested positive for COVID to come back before the 10 days. Guidance says that those students should be separated from others if they are eating. Not always possible. We have asked for clarification, but we don't feel comfortable making that decision. Some of the guidance says that they can still have symptoms.
  - g. Yesterday, Everett, Dan and Stacey and our support team had a meeting with David Frank and Vicky Smith from SED.
    - i. We had thought our agenda item would go on the January Regents calendar so

that we could still recruit students. We are going to be on the March calendar. Very late to start recruiting, especially for the high school admissions process. Needs to be a public hearing, organized by the Department of Ed. Hearing won't be until Feb 28/Mar 1.

- ii. Were told if we stayed on calendar and were approved that we would be allowed to take a planning year if we made the decision not to open the HS this September and we would not have to go back to the Regents for any more approvals; we just have to talk to our authorizer. They made some suggestions about interest surveys to parents, etc. Concern about getting parent hopes up.
- iii. If we decide to have a planning year, we would have flexibility in grades we took. We would prefer not to have a 10th grade next year, so that would be beneficial.
- iv. They said there could be flexibility in the number of classes, but we need more than one class to sustain the additional teachers.
- v. Ongoing discussion about costs. (Fiduciary responsibility because it is public money.)
- vi. Right now leaning toward a delay.
- vii. Q: How long does it take to get the decision once the Regents meet March 14-15? The decision is made at the meeting, which will be virtual.
- viii. Next update will be about the public hearing date, which will be on Zoom and everyone can attend. There will be time to speak.
- ix. Everett: virtual kindergarten art show. Congratulations to art teacher Amber Rose, students, and staff! Suggestion to share a presentation at the next board meeting.
- x. Dan: presented a slideshow on the progress of the building.

5. Board Members' New Business – none

6. Public Speaking – none

7. Adjournment of Public Meeting: 5:43 p.m.