

The Renaissance Charter School 2
Board of Trustees
Public Meeting – January 5, 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

Happy New Year!



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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 5:02 p.m.

1) Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

- A. Thank you to all who are still hanging in through this difficult time.
- B. John Harrison York's last meeting. He is leaving to be a Regent in Mississippi--farewell, and thank you!

2) Roll Call – 2 minutes

- A. Board Members Present: Monte Joffe, John Harrison York, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera
- B. Board Members Absent: Rachel Mandel
- C. Others present: Everett Boyd, Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli

3) Approval of the December Minutes – 5 minutes Approved both sets of minutes (12/1/2021 and Emergency Meeting minutes) by acclamation.

4) School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- A. Everett - Fully open, ramped up testing; asking parents to please have children tested and vaccinated. Vaccination rate has increased among students.
- B. Quite a few parents have asked for a fully remote option. Staff has a "just in case" remote plan for if numbers rise due to Omicron variant. We have many ways to move online with various curricula if needed.
- C. Attendance is increasing this week. Averaged about 71% attendance over two days. This indicates that we are doing the right thing, continuing in-building learning at this time.
- D. Enrollment numbers: still respectable, but families have moved out of the city. At 88% currently.
- E. Open house in December and more scheduled with lottery in April.
- F. This week we learned we have two students who tested positive and followed protocols. Guidance has changed, and changed again. If a student tests positive in a class, students are given two test kits and can return if they test negative. Isolation period has been shortened, and students are being given take-home tests; if they test negative they can

come back to school the next day. Under new guidance, vaccinated and unvaccinated students are treated the same.

- G. Monday Flo Evans went to pick up tests and KN95 masks for the school. The plan is to replenish the tests next week, and they plan to give the number they promised initially (we were shorted the first time around).
- H. Two staff members tested positive over holiday break, one returned today, and the other should return by the end of the week. We have been able to cover classes, and learning has continued at a very high rate.
- I. Stacey - Revision to bring high school in is being worked on at the SED level. Our lawyers and consultants are supporting us with this. Sadie Nash (Young Women's Leadership) wrote a letter of support to be submitted to SED.
- J. Monte - question about sizes of masks. KN95 are intended for adults, and we have other disposable masks for students in various sizes.
- K. Dan - met with the developer and talked about what needs to be done to move in for August. Engaging in terms of equipment and interior design; working with Dimensions again with proposal to review today or tomorrow. Working with Jeff, our consultant for school food to move forward with kitchen equipment. Most of the classrooms are done; floors will be done soon. We have wi-fi. The outside of the building was cleared of tents. As the building continues to be completed, we will move furniture into the space. There have been some supply chain issues, but we are planning early so that we have everything before the school opens up at the new site.
- L. Stacey - in order for the building inspection to go through, any public assembly space has to be furnished (e.g., music room, cafeteria, playground, gym). Kitchen equipment in particular is very delayed (six months' wait time). We have an appointment to go with the person from Culinary Depot to look at equipment.
- M. Leopolda question: can furniture be rented? Furniture could be rented if there is an issue. They need to see the furniture in that space and whether egress is possible with the furniture in place. Monte: big box stores have relatively inexpensive folding tables, etc.
- N. Rebekah Oakes is retiring from Renaissance but plans to continue to support Renaissance 2 in her work as part of the Renaissance Leadership Team with development and partnership.

5) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

6) Public Speaking – TBD

7) Adjournment of Public Meeting 5:35 p.m.