



# The Renaissance

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## Charter School 2

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### **PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

April 6, 2022

### **AGENDA**

- 1) Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes
- 2) Roll Call – 2 minutes
- 3) Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes
- 4) School Management Team Report – 10 minutes
- 5) Finance Committee Report – 10 minutes
- 6) Resolution to request a planning year for TRCS 2 High School – 10 minutes
- 7) Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes
- 8) Public Speaking – TBD
- 9) Adjournment of Public Meeting
- 10) Executive Session



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[April 6, 2022]

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Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at: 5:02 p.m.

1. Chairperson's Message – 3 minutes

2. Roll Call – 2 minutes

- a. Board Members Present: Monte Joffe, Liz Perez, Chester Hicks, Victor Motta, Leopolda Silvera
- b. Board Members Absent: Rachel Mandel
- c. Others Present: Stacey Gauthier, Everett Boyd, Daniel Fanelli, Lucina Hernandez, Jacqueline Ascencios, Darylinnp, Analy Torres, Teresa Flores, Esperanza Marcelo, Eridania Hernandez

3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes – 5 minutes

- a. Approved by acclamation

4. School Management Team Report – 10 minutes

- a. No change in enrollment since last board meeting
- b. No positive COVID cases
- c. Continuing with testing program each week
- d. Continuing distributing take-home tests
- e. Teaching assistant has resigned due to health reasons; position filled with another teaching assistant who will fill the position until the end of the school year. Transition was smooth, and community is grateful for the TA who resigned for her service for the last year and a half
- f. Lottery coming up on April 8. Applicants would fill the spots we have open; we are anticipating that we will be able to fill all the spots on Friday.
- g. Virtual Art Show tomorrow night at PA meeting (First Grade)
- h. Multicultural Festival on May 27, the Friday before the Memorial Day break. We will be using Martin Luther's outdoor space for different activities. First time there has been an in-person event in the last two years!
- i. Field trips are now possible; one has been planned already, and we anticipate that there will be more to come.
- j. We will be having summer school! Stacey: It will be held at Renaissance in Jackson

Heights because the new building will still be setting up. Joint summer school between the two schools. Rising first grade through high school. Classes will be taught by teachers from both schools. Early grade program will be led by teachers from Ren2. Grades 4-12 will be led by Renaissance teachers. Full credit recovery program for high school students. Will be running yearly Compass program as well. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be available. Parents will be receiving letters from their child's teacher letting them know their child should attend. No fee. Renaissance and Renaissance 2 office staff will be working together. Ren2 will simultaneously be moving into its new building!

- k. Ren2 is part of a consortium that is being led by Renaissance called the STOP grant (major federal grant). Program will train staff on identifying child abuse and cyber-bullying, trauma-informed practice, emergency situations, etc.
- l. Recently had meetings with Rashid from ANet. Dan: We've been working with Achievement Network at Renaissance for 6 years; it's the first year for Renaissance 2. Math and ELA skills current grade level standards. 4 assessments for math/ELA during the year (8 total). We look at the data with Rashid, our coach. We've seen student growth in ELA on overall performance. A1 we were at 48% of standards mastered, then 54%, now we are up to 58%. We've seen double-digit growth on some major standards. Based on observations, we are working on introducing more student talk in lessons as opposed to teacher talk.

5. Finance Committee Report – 10 minutes

- a. Dan: We were 50% across the board, new budget items such as furniture will be reflected in the end-of-year budget update. Discussion of federal funding and what was purchased (i.e. technology). Currently working on a working budget; planning another meeting for that.
- b. Stacey: New York State budget impacts our budget, and that has been delayed. It looks like it's going to be a quiet year in terms of us maintaining the 4.7% per-pupil increase. It doesn't look like the charter cap is going to be lifted. Our staff is expanding.
- c. Sign is on the building--Dan shared photos. Discussion about building inspections. Construction company donated hoops to us.

6. Resolution to request a planning year for TRCS 2 High School – 10 minutes

Be it resolved this 6th day of April, 2022, that the Board of Trustees of Renaissance Charter School 2 requests a planning year in SY 2022-2023 to plan and prepare for the addition of a high school in SY 2023-2024. This request for a planning year is pursuant to the charter revision for an enrollment increase and the addition of a high school for TRCS 2 that was passed by the NYSED Board of Regents at their meeting on March 14, 2022.

Resolution passed by acclamation.

This will be submitted, to be updated at a future meeting.

7. Board Members' New Business – 10 minutes

8. Public Speaking – None

9. Adjournment of Public Meeting 5:37 p.m.