

The Renaissance

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APPROVED FEBRUARY 6, 2019

January 9, 2019

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting convened at 5:14 PM.

Board members in attendance: Everett Boyd, Liz Perez, Natalie Hardcastle, Rachel Mandel, Conor McCoy

Other attendees: Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli, Matthew Delforte

1. Roll Call
2. Review and Approve Minutes of December 5, 2018, Sessions I and II. Minutes approved.
3. Updates on progress toward opening on TRCS2
 - a. Facilities Report -
 - i. Barone Management, LLC
 1. Lease: non-confidential--currently in negotiation. Meeting scheduled with us, Matthew and Fred, Barone and their lawyers to continue to discuss the lease next Wednesday. We have a meeting with an outside architectural firm as well. We had one meeting with them. Also a meeting with Barone and PSF. They could be involved to various degrees. Also happening next week.
 2. Public Outreach--December 7, Stacey, Everett and Dan went to a Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in East Elmhurst with Danny Dromm. Various political personages were there--community board members and active community members. Discussed Renaissance and our program; they all love Renaissance. We find that if we build relationships first, we are less likely to see opposition.
 3. Plan Review
 - ii. Civic Builders--still engaged; we have a call coming up with them in the next couple of weeks. We will continue to pursue other possibilities

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until we sign this lease. The focus is on Barone, but we want to keep our options open. We will be having a consultation with a tax attorney.

4. Approval of 2019-20 Planning Year--we had to send a lot of items to the SED, especially regarding budget and cash flow. They were sent on the 21st of December.
 - a. Planning Year Board Activities
 - i. Reviewing and approving school policies--first the board has to approve, then we have to approve. We already have most of the policies written, since Ren1 already has a book of policies. Everett has already started to work on those and will send around so we can make tweaks.
 - ii. We still haven't received our tax-exempt status from the IRS. We had to publicize our non-discriminatory policy, which was done, and all information was submitted to the IRS by January 2. We are waiting to find out whether that was accepted.
 - iii. Reviewing and becoming familiar with "NYSED CSO Performance Framework." We've been asked to familiarize ourselves with this as a board. We have asked our insurance agent to get DNO insurance now that the school is doing real business. We submitted those applications before the winter break. Board members will be protected. We are also looking to get some sort of employee insurance. Once that happens, Mike Brooks will come to a board meeting and explain everything.
 - iv. Facilities-related updates and tasks

CSP Grant--we applied for this last year in July, approximately \$800,000. We have not accessed any money. We put together a preliminary budget and essentially created a timeline of tasks as well as when funding will be disbursed. We were waiting for planning year approval to move forward. We will send around preliminary budget so people can see breakdown. We have to approve that as a board and submit that to the SED. We need to put together a calendar so we can keep the approval timeline moving ahead. This is per our pre-opening checklist (portal). Our timeline will eventually include staffing and student recruitment/enrollment, etc. We also discussed putting together a Data Dashboard.

Ren1 has been told as part of the renewal process that we need at least 12 meetings per year. Further conversations to be had.
5. Public Speaking
6. Adjournment of Public Session 5:41
7. Convene Confidential Session
8. Meeting Adjourned 5:56