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Public Meeting of The Board of Trustees on May 7, 2014

- 1) The Chairperson called the meeting to order with a welcome message at 6:52 PM
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call was taken:
 - Everett Boyd – present
 - Stacey Gauthier – present
 - Sandy Geyer – present
 - Justin Ginsburgh – present
 - Chester Hicks – present
 - Monte Joffee – present
 - Margaret Martinez-DeLuca –absent
 - Francine Smith – absent
 - Helen Zumaeta – present

Also present: Dennis Stamm, CPA; Denise Hur, Director of Operations and Finance; Matthew Delforte, School Counsel

- 4) The Minutes of the February 12, 2014 were approved with one amendment (see Feb. Minutes)
- 5) The FY 2015 Working Budget was approved.
The following details were discussed:
 - The budget includes a 4% raise for the fiscal year
 - Special Ed funding still needs to meet our pupil count and services
 - The building rent will not be increased
 - Pension funds are included
- 6) The Report on Collaborative School Governance Committee Priorities and Goals were reported by Everett Boyd, The CSG Chair. (report attached)
The following topics were discussed:

“Developing Leaders for the Renaissance of New York”

7) The School Management Team Report was delivered by Stacey Gauthier (See Packet)

- Charter School Advocacy: Coalition of Community Schools (see attached)
- 2014-2015 Staff Assignments
- Confirmation that The Chancellor has officially eliminated School Report Card Grades
- The Chancellor will be visiting our school on May 20, 2014
- The Chancellor has outlined the initiative to become a Learning Path School
- We will be publishing our Global Lab Curriculum
- Stacey present at Councilman Dromm's Panel on Education
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- Space has been allocated to accommodate a pre-K, moving several classrooms and programs.
- Question: will a UPK program at TRCS qualify those students for entrance as TRCS Kindergarten? Answer: Not necessarily, if precedence in other pre-K programs in elementary schools is followed. That question will be posed by the SMT in their application process.

The following resolution was proposed in support of our application to host a UPK:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Board of Trustees of The Renaissance Charter School authorizes the Principal and her designees to explore and apply for a UPK program subject to the final approval of The Board of Trustees of The Renaissance Charter School.

8) Board Committee Reports

The Education Committee wants to align its goals with our renewal process. The committee wants to meet with Stacey to discuss goals and concerns for next year. The committee also wants to meet with the PLC coaches to discuss how best to align the activities of the coaches with the vision and mission of the school as we move from this year to next.

9) Board Members New Business (None)

10) Public Speaking (None)

11) Adjournment of Public Session: 8:49PM