

The Renaissance2

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Charter School

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December 6, 2017

The Renaissance Charter School 2

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

1. Meeting convened at 8:03
2. Roll Call: Present: Everett Boyd, Rachel Mandel, Elizabeth Perez
Absent: Natalie Hardcastle and Conor McCoy
Also Present: Stacey Gauthier, Daniel Fanelli,
Quorum met
3. Review and Approve Minutes of October 5, 2017 Meeting:
Motion to approve by Rachel Mandel and seconded by Elizabeth Perez. Motion passed by acclamation.
4. Updates on progress toward opening of TRCS2:
 - a. Facilities - Daniel Fanelli
 - i. The “ice cream factory” site is no longer available
 - ii. Met with Civic Builders. There is a new site on Skillman, a stand-alone building, three floors within site. The amount of money limits what we can do. Continuing to work with CB, who have reached out to the owners of the property in regards to how many floors we can occupy. That is in the process of being negotiated. Phone call with CB Wednesday December 13.
 - iii. One more site--10-27 46th Avenue in LIC, being renovated. Waiting to hear back from the owner of that property.
 - iv. Since we have not secured a lease, it has pushed our timeline a little further back.
 - b. MOA between TRCS and TRCS 2 - Stacey Gauthier and Matthew Delforte –
Productive meeting at our law firm yesterday, with attorneys Matthew Delforte and Fred Berman. Hope to present a draft of agreement between two schools at next Board meeting or the meeting after to define organizational structures re: funding and staffing. This will be vetted with SED. As a conversion school we’re treading on new territory.
 - i. Working actively on a number of specific items that SED has requested as the authorizer. Operational control of TRCS 2 by TRCS as well as start-up costs and outlays that TRCS will be making as well as issues related to how staff are used and shared to the extent that they will be shared and defining roles of specific titles. We intend to have a draft prior to the end of the year that will be shared with the board, for its approval.

- ii. One complication is the facilities, which drive much of our decision-making. We may need to incubate in a temporary facility, until a permanent facility is secured. The staffing plan will have to be modified if we need to change the number of classes due to incubation. Also, we may need to look at our grade configuration. People don't always want to travel or move from one location to another with their younger kids.

- c. Request for planning year from NYSED - Everett Boyd - Due to the prospect of not being able to house the school until at least 2019, we need to ask for a planning year from SED. We've been in communication with them about the need to extend our term. Our charter says we will open by 2018, but that will be impossible under the present circumstances. We need a resolution authorizing the chair, Everett Boyd, to write a letter to SED on our school letterhead that says that the board is requesting a delay in opening the school until the year 2019, with a planning year to begin in 2018.
 - i. Motion by Rachel Mandel to approve the following resolution: "Be it resolved that The Board of Trustees of The Renaissance Charter School 2 authorizes the chair, Everett Boyd, to write a letter to NYSED Charter School Office, requesting a planning year beginning in 2018 and a delay in opening the school until 2019."

Motion seconded by Elizabeth Perez. Resolution passed by acclamation.

5. Board Meeting Calendar - must have 12 meetings within the year:

Plan to meet in the first week of each month, as of now, these are open dates:

- October 5 (scheduled and held)
- December 6 (scheduled and held)
- January 3 (proposed)
- February 7 (proposed, after TRCS BOT Mtg.)
- March 7 (proposed)
- April 11 (proposed, after CSG Mtg.)
- May 2 (proposed, after TRCS BOT Mtg.)
- June 6 (proposed, after TRCS BOT Mtg.)
- July (TBD)
- August (TBD)
- September 5 or 12 (proposed)
- October 3 (proposed)
- November 7 (proposed)
- December 5 (proposed)

Suggestion that this proposal be circulated among the board members. At the next board meeting we can vote to adopt the calendar. The current board has 5 members, as designated by the SED. A quorum is 3.

Minutes to be sent to our authorizers and posted to the website.

7. Public speaking - NONE

8. Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.