

RENAISSANCE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
Board of Trustees
Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 12:30 PM
Location: 299 Kirk Road Rochester, New York
MEETING MINUTES

Mission: *Renaissance Academy Charter School of the Arts will provide children an enriched and rigorous educational experience through the infusion of the humanities and arts rooted in a culture of high academic standards leading to success in college and careers.*

Welcome/Call to Order and Introductions

- **Members Present:** Steve Gordon, Bert Brinkerhoff, Natalie Washington, Thomas Merkel, Linda Dickey, Amy Reingold, Alan Caine, Louis Spiro
- **Members Absent:** Aaron Rosen
- **Others Present:** Craig Eichmann, Harry Marino, Alan Lockwood, Kristin Loftus

Steve Gordon, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

[Note: Single items can be removed from the list and considered separately at the request of a Board of Trustees member]

- **Motion 74.1 to approve Consent Agenda for Items listed below:**
- **(Motion to approve: January 15, 2020 Agenda.)**
- **(Motion to approve: Minutes from December 4, 2019 Board Meeting.)**
- **Motion to approve: Alan Caine****Seconded: Lou Spiro**
- **Ayes: 9 Nays: 0**

Chief Educational Officer Report [Dr. Donna Marie Cozine]

Report given by Mrs. Kristin Loftus, Math Specialist and Administrative Intern. Mrs. Loftus reported that we have current data on math interim assessments and i-Ready diagnostics that reflects improvements and provides teachers with areas that should be focused on. The Director of Arts is meeting with the instructional coaches to identify curricular areas upon which arts integration can focus during the second half of the year.

Mrs. Loftus provided an overview of our Key Design Elements (KDE) – More Time on Task and Extensive Support for our Students and their Families. All RA Key Design Elements are available for review on the school website.

Mr. Gordon thanked Mrs. Loftus for her report.

Academic Committee Report [Tom Merkel]

Mr. Tom Merkel reported that the academic committee is working very hard to assist in increasing teacher proficiency. The committee is reviewing the best dashboard design to use for future reporting of academic progress that would include a longitudinal review over time for various cohorts.

- **Motion 74.2 to support Achievement First Navigator application for 2020-2021 school year:**
- **Motion to approve:** Amy Reingold **Seconded:** Lou Spiro
- **Ayes: 9 Nays: 0**

Development Committee Report [Ms. Amy Reingold]

Mrs. Amy Reingold reported that our Fall campaign and ROC the Day were both successful. The committee is focused on the upcoming Reach for the Stars Gala. We have Alan Lockwood as honorary chair. Norma Holland secured as emcee and are currently canvassing for silent auction items. The mailings for sponsors for the event have also been sent out.

Finance Committee Report (Mr. Bert Brinkerhoff)

Mr. Bert Brinkerhoff referred the board to the report in the packet. We are in favorable standing at the halfway point through the fiscal year. Our expenses did come in lower than anticipated.

We have converted to the online Quickbooks with training provided to Craig Eichmann and Nancy Goethel. Mr. Craig Eichmann will be utilizing Quickbooks to input the budget for 2020-2021.

Human Resources Committee Report [Ms. Natalie Washington]

Natalie Washington met with Jill and clarified the role of the committee with a focus on the framework to aligned to the benchmark as defined by the SED. A tool will be utilized to achieve this. The committee will focus on the evaluation process for the CEO.

Governance Committee Report [Dr. Aaron Rosen]

Mr. Louis Spiro reported that Cheryl Hayward is waiting just for fingerprints and then her application will be ready for review/approval in the February meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Public Comments

N/A

Adjournment

There being no further business Mr. Steve Gordon called for a motion to adjourn the January Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Motion 74.3 to approve adjournment:

- **Motion to approve:** Natalie Washington **Seconded:** Amy Reingold
- **Ayes:** 9 **Nays:** 0