



Tuesday, February 11th

6:00 PM

2186 Mill Avenue

Board Meeting

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Reminder to Sign Up for Public Comments**
- 2. Public Comments**
- 3. Staff Comments**
- 4. Adoption of January & February 2020 Agendas**
- 5. Approval of December 2019 & January 2020 Minutes**
- 6. Leadership Update**
- 7. PTO Report**
- 8. Adjournment**



Hebrew Language Academy

CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, December 10th

6PM

2186 Mill Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234

Minutes

Trustees Present

Elly Rosenthal

Ellen Green

Mike Tobman*

Shari Lipner

Also Present

Mark Fink, Hebrew Public*

Hadar Dohn, Head of School

Carla Watson-Belomme, PTO Representative

Emily Fernandez, Hebrew Public

Lyvette Robles, Director of Operations

Jon Rosenberg, Hebrew Public

8 HLA Community Members

*by video conference

I. Call to Order

Shari Lipner called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm and reminded everyone in attendance to sign up for public comments if they wished to speak.

2. Adoption of Agenda(s)

Shari Lipner made a motion to adopt the December 2019 agenda. Ellen Green seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Shari Lipner made a motion to approve the November 2019 minutes. Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Leadership Report

Ms. Dohn informed the board of the following:

- I. The following events took place after the November board meeting or will take place in the coming weeks:
 - a. PTO conferences (which had an 84% attendance rate from parents and guardians) took place on November 21st.
 - b. A 7th and 8th grade field trip took place on November 26th.
 - c. Culture Day, with all students sharing food from their own or favorite cultures, took place on November 27th.
 - d. A fifth-grade field trip took place on December 3rd.
 - e. A mandatory conference for parents whose students ride the school buses took place on December 5th with parents/guardians being explained what was required and prohibited on bus rides. Model behavior, seatbelts and respecting other people were emphasized.
 - f. The boys' basketball team's next game will take place on December 12th.
 - g. A party for the undefeated girls' volleyball team will take place on December 17th.
 - h. December 18th will feature a 4th grade science fair.
 - i. There will be an open house for prospective new families on December 18th.
 - j. December 19th will be "ugly sweater day" where everyone is encouraged to wear their ugliest sweater.
 - k. Olan Hour will begin on January 10th with all students able to pick elective classes. Amongst the numerous choices are yoga, dancing, cooking and more!
 - l. *Learning with Leaders* classes will take place every Tuesday beginning after break. Each class will run for 30 minutes with parents and guardians invited to come to the school to learn about aspects of education they might find interesting. A schedule of classes is available at the main office and will be posted on the school's website.
 - m. To focus on the needs of the students, the 3rd grade now has one ICT class. The new teacher in that class was previously a 6th grade teacher.
 - n. The school has some new instructors who have enthusiastically begun after the Thanksgiving break.

5. PTO Report

The PTO report contained the following updates:

1. The Bookmobile will be at the school on December 16th.
2. The School Holiday Party with proceeds going to fund school events, will take place from December 13th to 19th.
3. The PTO will meet next on December 11th.

6. Public Comments

1 HLA Community Member asked about incidents during pickup and school security.

1 HLA Community Member asked about the attendance at the mandatory bus meetings and consequences for infractions.

1 HLA Community Member asked about the ELA curriculum and what happens when a teacher goes out on maternity/paternity leave.

1 HLA Community Member commented on bullying and broken personal property.

1 HLA Community Member asked about Hebrew spelling bees.

7. Adjournment

Shari Lipner made a motion to adjourn. Elly Rosenthal and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.



Hebrew Language Academy
CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, January 14th

6PM

2186 Mill Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234

Minutes

Trustees Present

Elly Rosenthal
Shari Lipner
Mike Tobman *

Also Present

Hadar Dohn, Head of School

Lauren Murphy, Hebrew Public

Carla Watson-Belomme, PTO Representative

Emily Fernandez, Hebrew Public

Lyvette Robles, Director of Operations

Marsha Mizrahi, PTO President

Carla Watson-Belomme, PTO Representative

4 HLA Community Members

*by video conference

1. Call to Order

Shari Lipner called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm and reminded everyone in attendance to sign up for public comments if they wished to speak.

2. Adoption of Agenda(s)

The agenda could not be adopted as there was no quorum. The agenda will be adopted at the next meeting where there is a quorum present.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes could not be approved as there was no quorum. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting where there is a quorum present.

4. Leadership Report

Ms. Dohn informed the board of the following:

1. The following events took place after the December board meeting:

- a. December 18th was the 4th grade science fair, many awards were given out to participants.
- b. Billion Oyster Project is a pilot program for middle schoolers which began in late December. Students wrote essays in order to be considered for participation. The students meet during lunch and after school. The teachers running the program are donating their time.
- c. There was an open house for prospective new families on December 18th.
- d. December 19th Olam awards were issued by teachers and given to the students who represent the letters best.
- e. January 9th was the Winter Wonderland dance run by Mr. Leister. It was a lot of fun for the students.
- f. *Olam Hour* began on January 10th. All students picked elective classes they were interested in learning more about. Amongst the numerous choices are yoga and cooking are the most popular with three sections each.
- g. *Learning with Leaders* classes is now taking place every Tuesday for six weeks. All classes are 30 minutes where parents and guardians invited to come to the school to learn about aspects of education they might find interesting.
- h. January 14th was the first day of the ELA interim assessment, day two took place the next day.

- i. January 15th Kadima Hebrew after-school class began. It is run by the Hebrew director and assistant director. They have four groups of students and it is an opt-in option.

2. The following are updates made to the Culture of the school:

- a. Busing
 - i. Bus behavior has improved greatly by holding the children and parents more accountable for their actions. The number of incidents has reduced significantly.
- b. Alternative Instruction
 - i. A select number of students are receiving alternative instruction from the Dean of Culture for a specific amount of time. They have choice of art, gym, and music.
- c. Parent Communication
 - i. Communication has increased & become more thorough between the school and parents allowing for a stronger partnership. The number of face-to-face meetings has increased as well.

5. PTO Report

The PTO report contained the following updates:

1. The Holiday sale took place in late December.
2. The PTO is looking for volunteers to help with fundraising for the school.
3. February 9th they are hosting Cookies & Canvas event run by Mr. Powell

6. Public Comments

- 1 HLA Community Member commented on Olam Hour and expressed their child's satisfaction with the program.
- 1 HLA Community Member asked how often the children's selections will change for Olam Hour per year.
- 1 HLA Community Member commented on the improvement of children's behavior and staff response to poor behavior.
- 1 HLA Community Member asked when the 8th grade will begin to read a novel.

7. Adjournment

Shari Lipner made a motion to adjourn. Elly Rosenthal and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.