



Hebrew Language Academy

CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of May 2021 Agenda
3. Approval of April 2021 Minutes
4. School Leadership Update
5. PTO Update
6. Network Update
7. Public Comments
8. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

6 pm

Minutes

Trustees Present

Elly Rosenthal
Ellen Green
Mike Tobman
Stella Binkevich
Alice Li

Also Present:

Daniella Steinberg, Head of School, HLA

Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

20 members of the public

I. Call to Order/Public Comments

Mike Tobman called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and reminded everyone in attendance to use the “chat” feature to sign up for public comments or to email the board at info@hebrewpublic.org and the comments will be addressed within 48 hours. Jon Rosenberg stated there will be a solution for members of the public to ask questions and share comments audibly by the May meeting.



2. Adoption of April 2021 Agenda

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to adopt, Ellen Green made a motion to adopt the April 2021 agenda. Alice Li seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of March 2021 Minutes

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to approve, Alice Li made a motion to approve the March 2021 minutes. Ellen Green seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Leadership Update

Daniella Steinberg, Head of School, informed the board of the following:

- Staff Values and Goals
 - “At HLA, We believe in working collaboratively to support KIDS and to provide them with joyous and rigorous instruction, while preparing them to become global citizens and amazing humans. We are willing to do what it takes to support kids even if it means going the extra mile because we believe kids come first always. We are committed to ensuring that our kids and families have what they need to succeed.
HLA is rooted in treating each other with respect, kindness and always assuming the best. Our foundational norms allow us to operate as a family and be an important pillar in the community.”
 - The above statement will be read at every internal meeting. It was written collectively by all HLA staff
- Recruitment Update
 - Virtual open house presentations
 - Kings Bay Y
 - Infinity Preschool
 - School tours with Hebrew Public’s External Relations team
 - In-person and ongoing tours
 - Prospective families have received personal calls from leadership
 - Paint and Sip event for prospective families
 - Current and new family outdoor gathering event on May 2 at Lindower Park
 - A short marketing and recruitment video was previewed



- Reopening Update
 - Reopening for all grades on Monday, April 12
 - Updated 3-foot requirement from the CDC
 - Grades K-6 will receive live instruction for 4 days
 - 7-8 grades joining the hybrid reopening will maintain cohort A/B schedules
 - Early drop off available 7:45
 - Instructional Day begins at 8:45
- Zoom session for current families with Dr. Annette Hernandez Ph.D. on April 14th at 7 pm
 - Licensed clinical psychologist with two decades of clinical experiences working in a variety of treatment settings
 - Strategic planning for families to support their children
 - Setting kids up for success
- Culture Team Update
 - A new staff structure has been created to provide high level, proactive SEL and culture support
 - Director of Culture
 - 2 Assistant Deans (one for lower school and middle school)
 - Guidance Counselor, grades 5-8
 - Social Worker, grades K-4

5. Network Update

Jon Rosenberg, Hebrew Public's CEO, informed the board of the following:

- March 22 Town Hall for HLA community
 - Hebrew Public Leadership & Daniella Steinberg presented
 - Recap of Hebrew Public's Response to COVID-19 and what was learned
 - The Spring Reopening Plan
 - Summer Programming and the 2021/22 School Year
- Hebrew Public NY schools will no longer follow NYC COVID-19 guidelines for building closure in regards to the two or more confirmed unrelated cases rule
- Hebrew Public is now working closely with the Department of Health
- Predicting a very low rate of long term closures between now and the end of the school year



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- Charter sector won a lawsuit against NYC around the obligation to provide COVID-19 testing in charter schools
 - NYC was previously only providing testing to District schools
 - Hebrew Public is currently still paying 3K per week for private testing
- Summer 2021
 - Designing 4 different programs to bridge the gap our students are facing
 - Individual/small group tutoring
 - Intense support instructional services
 - Mental health support for trauma
 - Subsidized day camp model with Shorefront Y partnership
 - In-person, outdoor activities
 - Hebrew language component for one hour a day
 - A few number of children with significant need will be selected to attend the residential camp, Ramapo for Children
 - Student selection will be based on academic performance 2020-21 and school staff input on who will benefit the most from participation
 - Those who do not qualify for participation in the tutoring program, Hebrew Public staff will try to connect them with other potential programs but will not be able to subsidize the cost
- Prediction for Fall 2021
 - Hopefully back to full-time in-person learning by September
 - Social distancing standards are changing
 - Accelerated rate of vaccinations
- Hebrew Public's number one priority is the health and safety of all students and staff

6. Executive Session

No votes or actions were taken during this time.

7. Adjournment

Mike Tobman made a motion to adjourn, Ellen Green seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.