



Hebrew Language Academy
CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, September 15, 6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments via Board Email
3. Adoption of September 2020 Agenda
4. Approval of August 2020 Minutes
5. Leadership Update
6. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, August 18 @ 6 pm

Minutes

Trustees Present

Elly Rosenthal
Shari Lipner
Ellen Green
Stella Binkevich
Brian Tobin
Mike Tobman

Also Present:

Hadar Dohn, Head of School
Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public
Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public
37 members of the public

I. Call to Order/Public Comments

Shari Lipner called the meeting to order at 6:06 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.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Shari Lipner asked for a motion to adopt, Ellen Green made a motion to adopt the August 2020 agenda. Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Shari Lipner asked for a motion to approve. Elly Rosenthal made a motion to approve the July 2020 minutes. Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Leadership Update

Hadar Dohn, Head of School informed the board of the following:

- Leader Institute was held remotely: July 20-24
- New Staff Institute was held: August 12-14
- All Staff Institute began: August 17
 - Currently virtual
- Meet & Greet with Assistant Head of School & Dean of Culture for K-4: tonight (August 18) at 8 pm
- School leadership over the summer:
 - Multiple working groups & task forces were created to plan and prepare for the year: content and logistics
 - Created multitrack plans for different school scenarios
 - The operations team was preparing the building:
 - Safe spaces
 - Signage
 - Sanitation
 - Getting teachers and families ready for the new year
 - Feedback on the spring remote learning program was gathered from families and teachers
 - Developing best learning practices for the fall
 - Researching past natural disaster recovery relating to education
 - Hurricane Katrina
 - Research shows the first thing an educator needs to do when returning to school (in-person or hybrid) is to accelerate learning while assessing students all the time-- instead of going back to what students may already know
 - Establish a pacing plan for learning, making sure asynchronous learning materials are in sync with what is being taught in school
 - Kids need access to grade-level content, spiral learning, differentiated learning
 - Supporting children with social and emotional growth and personal development

- Response to trauma: all staff are trained- they will have the tools needed to implement in and out of the classrooms
 - Building relationships
 - Mindfulness
 - Recognizing where you are and self-regulating

5. CEO Update

Jon Rosenberg informed the board of the following:

- Hebrew Public, the network that manages HLA hosted a second 90 minute Town Hall meeting last week. Around 150 community members attended
- A survey was sent to families asking them to select the hybrid or remote model for their child(ren). The survey was due on Monday, August 17 but we still do not have a 100% response rate. Operations members are following up with families the entire week
- Currently anticipating school virtually opening on September 8th and the week of September 21 to begin the hybrid (in-person), model
- Offering 4 days a week hybrid instruction for Kindergarten
- Child care partnership with the Kingsbay-Y
 - Will be subsidized by HLA for at least the first eight weeks of school
 - Payment will be on a sliding scale
- Bus transportation is provided by NYC's office of pupil transportation
 - NYC has not announced yet if bussing will be up and running in September
 - If families are conflicted by choosing the remote/hybrid model for their child dependent on transportation, they are encouraged to choose hybrid on the survey form. If transportation is not available by the first day of hybrid instruction, the response can always be changed

5. Adjournment

Shari Lipner moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm.