



Board Meeting Via Zoom

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

6 pm

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Reminder for Public Comments
3. Adoption of January 2021 Agenda
4. Approval of December 2020 Minutes
5. Network Update
6. School Leadership Update
7. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

6 pm

**Minutes**

**Trustees Present**

Sue Fox
Stella Binkevich
Adam Miller
Mike Tobman
Alice Li
Will Mack

**Also Present:**

Ashley Furan, Head of School, HLA2

Marie Lucas, Director of Operations, HLA2

Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

**I. Call to Order**

Sue Fox called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm and reminded everyone in attendance to use the “chat” feature to sign up for public comments or to email the board at [boardhla2@hebrewpublic.org](mailto:boardhla2@hebrewpublic.org) and the comments will be addressed within 48 hours.

## **2. Adoption of December 2020 Agenda**

Sue Fox asked for a motion to adopt, Will Mack made a motion to adopt the December 2020 agenda. Stella Binkevich seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **3. Approval of November 2020 Minutes**

Sue Fox asked for a motion to approve, Alice Li made a motion to approve the November 2020 minutes. Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **4. School Leadership Update**

Ashley Furan, Head of School informed the board of the following:

- COVID-19 Reopening Update
  - Officially reopened from the COVID-19 closure on December 7
  - Grades K-8 Hybrid Model
  - Weekly Testing for 100% of staff and 20% of students
  - Continuing to improve the asynchronous program for hybrid students
- Remote Academy Update
  - HLA2 school-specific remote academy began on December 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Formally partnered with HLA in Milbasin which meant teachers for remote academy were from both schools
  - Smaller class sizes comprised of HLA2 students, fully staffed by HLA2 teachers
  - Strengthening communication, community, alignment, and management between remote & hybrid students
  - Town Hall discussing all of these changes was held last week
    - All leadership present
    - Opportunities for families to ask questions
- School Culture
  - HLA2 staff has turned the school into a winter wonderland! Creating joy for students and fellow staff members
  - PJ day
  - Virtual parade
  - Ugly sweater day
  - Weekly community meeting reinforcing OLAM values



- Enrollment
  - Steady, numbers have not changed since last month
  - Total enrollment is 319

## **5. Network Update**

Jon Rosenberg, CEO of Hebrew Public, shared the following with the board:

- School Renewal
  - Next year will be the end of the first term of HLA2's charter
  - Authorized by New York State Education Department
  - Community support will be important and impactful
  - Moving to the Cropsey site will position us for future success
- Pandemic Update
  - A vaccine has been rolled out, but it is unclear if/when school staff will be eligible
  - Regardless of staff vaccination, HLA2 will not be able to go back to 5 days in person for the remainder of the school year because students will not have been vaccinated
  - Mandatory testing guided by data & public health guidelines
  - Masks and social distancing guidelines will still be strictly enforced
  - Increasing number of cases in our community
  - COVID-19 cases are spiking in the City and are only expected to go up
    - 292 new cases in NYC

## **6. Adjournment**

Adam Miller motioned to adjourn. Sue Fox seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.