



## **Board Meeting Agenda**

January 25, 2022, 6 pm

Location: Zoom

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of the January 2022 Agenda
3. Approval of the December 2021 Meeting Minutes
4. School Leadership Update
5. Network Update
6. Executive Session
7. Public Comments
8. Adjournment

**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

December 14, 2021, 6 pm

Location: Zoom

**Trustees Present**

Ella Zalkind
Stella Binkevich
Alice Li
Sue Fox
Mike Tobman
Adam Miller

**Also Present:**

Ashley Furan, Head of School, HLA2

Jon Rosenberg CEO, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

Jennice Hyde, Managing Director of Talent, Hebrew Public

**1. Call to Order**

Sue Fox called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**2. Adoption of December 2021 Meeting Agenda**

Adam Miller asked for a motion to adopt the December 2021 meeting agenda, Sue Fox made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Ella Zalkind seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**3. Approval of November 2021 Minutes**

Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve the November 2021 meeting minutes, Sue Fox made a motion to approve, Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**4. Leadership Update**

Ashley Furan, HLA2's Head of School updated the board on the following:

- **Health & Safety**
  - Strong mask-wearing habits
  - COVID-19 testing is all clear this week
  - Emergency drills being performed

- Safety measures are effective
- Pushing out consent for testing to families who haven't consented yet (holiday season increase in traveling and gatherings)
- Bus Attendants Needed
- F&P Testing
  - I:I independent reading level assessments
  - In the new year, teachers will be adjusting groups as needed
- Communicated today - Winter break remote days
  - December 23rd students and staff working from home
  - January 3rd staff will be in the building prepping physical space to prepare to welcome students back
  - Supporting staff and families with travel flexibility
- Continuing to Build a Joyful School Culture
  - Spirit Fridays
    - College day
  - Evening movie night
  - Annual pot luck for staff
  - Team and family toast
    - Everyone on staff gets one person to shout out
- 3 New Staff Members
  - Countless screenings are being done by the Leadership and Talent Team
  - One new teacher will be joining after winter break and one returning from maternity leave
- Enrollment
  - 317 projected, currently 290 students
  - Students lost
    - Transferred out of state
    - Working with the Operations team to get out offers for all grades except 4th grade which is at capacity

## 5. Network Update

Jon Rosenberg, Hebrew Public's CEO briefed the board on the following:

- COVID-19
  - Omicron variant– initial evidence suggests
    - Much more transmissible
    - Likely less severe
  - Revision of quarantine guidelines as children get vaccinated
    - Anticipating a likely change in policy in January
    - Rolling out carefully and thoughtfully with leadership in January



**Hebrew Language Academy 2**  
**CHARTER SCHOOL**

- Enhanced virtual instruction through synchronous learning
  - Zoom rooms
- Ex: currently all students in a class must quarantine if they are exposed, but moving forward we will allow students who are vaccinated to come back to school after a negative test if synchronous instruction is in place
- Pre-K
  - Still awaiting a decision for approval, 95% or higher likelihood of being approved
  - Site visit was already conducted
  - No indication so far that we would be denied
- Facility Update
  - Delayed construction at Cropsey site
  - Meaningful options
    - 1 or more grades to HLA on a short term basis
    - Wedging into current building
  - Continuing to look for other options
    - DOE spillover space
    - Second call with DOE this week, no news as of yet
    - Private space turned up nothing thus far
  - DBI (Building project management) call later this week with Ashley about ideas for the current space

## **6. Public Comments**

No members of the public were present.

## **7. Executive Session**

Adam Miller made a motion to enter executive session at 6:19 pm, no votes were taken during this time.

## **8. Adjournment**

Adam Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 pm, Sue Fox seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The board will meet next on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.