



## **Board Meeting Agenda**

March 22, 2022, 6 pm

Location: Zoom

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

**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

February 15, 2022, 6 pm

Location: Zoom

**Trustees Present**

Will Mack
Stella Binkevich
Sue Fox
Mike Tobman
Adam Miller

**Also Present:**

Ashley Furan, Head of School, HLA2

Brandon Parker, Director of Operations, HLA2

Jon Rosenberg CEO, Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, 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 February 2022 Meeting Agenda**

Sue Fox asked for a motion to adopt the February 2022 meeting agenda, Stella Binkevich made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**3. Approval of January 2022 Minutes**

Sue Fox asked for a motion to approve the January 2022 meeting minutes, Adam Miller 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:

- General Update
  - Test prep season launched
    - Individualized student goals
    - Heavy coaching throughout 3rd-5th grade



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- Heavy coaching throughout 3rd-5th grade
- Small group learning
- Utilizing classroom teachers and members of student support team to lower the student: teacher ratio
- Virtual Family Conferences were held on Thursday February 10th
  - Strong turnout by families
  - Shout out to the Operations Team for ensuring all conferences had translators if needed
- Family Meetings
  - NYS Testing
    - A general meeting led by Ms. Furan and Katie Passley
    - Discussed the format and length of test time
    - The meeting was recorded to share with families who could not attend
  - 5th-grade events
    - The first meeting of many to discuss the first 5th-grade graduating class
      - Senior dance
      - Senior trip
      - Graduation
        - HLA2 on PlayStreet
- Staff Updates
  - All staff are going through mid-year self-reflection meetings, setting personal goals and meeting with coaches
  - Retention conversations
    - Thinking about how we can support staff so we can plan for stability
- Mid-Winter break
  - School will be closed next week!
- School Culture Updates
  - Spirit Days for students to dress down
  - Continuing to plan fun and joyful events for students to participate in
  - Celebrating Black History Month
- Enrollment Update
  - 287 students
    - Up three students since last month's board meeting
  - Continuing to work hard on recruitment
  - Planning class sections for next year with leadership

## **5. Network Update**

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

- HLA2 School Renewal
  - Expecting a decision at the Regents March meeting
- COVID-19 Update
  - Likely to see relaxation on the NY State mask mandate in public schools and Hebrew Public is beginning to prepare potential policy shifts as well as a communication to all school-based staff to solicit questions/concerns/ideas about what that may look like
  - Mask wearing has been an important aspect of the Network's layered mitigation approach, but it came with very serious tradeoffs such as socialization and instructional efficacy
  - With emerging data and shifts in the spread of COVID-19, it is likely more states move away from universal mandates
- Facility Update
  - A communication will be sent out to families with updates regarding the new facility after winter recess
- During the mid-winter recess break, the leadership team including Heads of School will travel to Israel

## **6. Public Comments**

No members of the public were present.

## **7. Executive Session**

Sue Fox asked for a motion to enter executive session, Stella Binkevich made the motion at 6:19 pm, and it was unanimously approved. No votes were taken during this time.

## **8. Adjournment**

Adam Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm, Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The board will meet next on March 22 at 6 pm.