



Board Meeting Agenda

April 12, 2022, 6 pm

Location: Zoom

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

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022, 6 pm

Location: Zoom

Trustees Present

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

Also Present:

Ashley Furan, Head of School, HLA2

Katie Passley, Assistant Head of School, HLA2

Jon Rosenberg CEO, Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

Adam Miller called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

2. Adoption of March 2022 Meeting Agenda

Adam Miller asked for a motion to adopt the March 2022 meeting agenda, Sue Fox made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. Ella Zalkind seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Approval of February 2022 Minutes

Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve the February 2022 meeting minutes, Mike Tobman made a motion to approve, Alice Li seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. HOS Search Update

Jon Rosenberg, CEO of Hebrew Public, briefed the board and members of the public on the Head of School search process. After a lot of thought and care regarding Ashley Furan's succession, Hebrew Public recommends Katie Passley, HLA2's current Assistant Head of School to fill the role of Head of School as of July 1, 2022. She has worked on the HLA2 team since 2018 and stepped in as Interim HOS when Ashley was on medical leave in 2019.

Ashley Furan, HLA2's current Head of School shared many words of praise, respect, and admiration for Katie and is looking forward to HLA2's bright future.

After the brief discussion, Adam Miller asked for a motion to authorize Hebrew Public extending an offer to Katie Passley as Head of School beginning July 1, 2022. Sue Fox made the motion, Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with no abstentions or objections.

Adam Miller thanked Ashley Furan for her amazing service to the school and congratulated Katie Passley on the exciting new opportunity.

Katie Passley shared her gratitude to Ashley Furan for her mentorship and commitment to the school as well as gratitude to the entire Hebrew Public time for all of their support. Katie is committed to improving the educational experience between students and their families as well as raising the bar of academic excellence and love of learning.

5. Leadership Update

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

- COVID-19 Update at HLA2
 - New mask policy launched on Monday, March 7th
 - Moved from mask required to mask optional
 - Working with staff and students to ensure everyone feels comfortable making a choice that works best for them
 - Timeline aligned with DOE schools
 - Weekly testing
 - Received 1 positive student result this week
 - Kids are required to still come to school if they have been exposed, but test negative for COVID-19
 - All kids who were exposed were sent home with two rapid tests
 - Families must self-report results on the first and fifth day
 - The class that was exposed must wear masks for 10 days from the date of exposure
 - Still maintaining temperature checks and remaining diligent
 - Teachers are looking out for any signs and symptoms in their classrooms
 - Will send communications any time someone tests positive
 - Families and staff are encouraged to reach out with any questions
- General Updates
 - State exams & test prep



Hebrew Language Academy 2

CHARTER SCHOOL

- Students in grades 3-5 will take the ELA test next week
- All classes have been practicing interpreting questions and showing their work
- Teachers are ensuring students are thinking critically, calm, cool, and collected
- Staff mid-year reflection meetings
 - All teaching and support staff have had their meetings with the leadership team
 - Leadership team will have meetings with Ashley Furan & Katie Passley
 - Planning for Head of School transition
 - Planning for next year and goal setting
- Busing
 - Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT)
 - Changes in OPT schedules and bus drivers
 - Making sure students get to school safely
 - Families should flag concerns to HLA2 and to OPT directly
 - Continuing to look for Bus Matrons
- School Culture
 - Women's History Month
 - Fierce and Fabulous Woman celebrating during morning meeting
 - March Madness
 - Fun Fridays
 - Twin Day
 - Women's Day (wear purple)
 - Sports Day
 - Class Color Day
 - Superhero Day
 - Silly Hat Day for April 1st
 - March Staff Fun
 - Magical Mondays
 - Spa Day
 - Puppy Party
 - Tasty Tuesdays
 - Yummy food for staff in the building!
 - Swag Wednesdays
 - Thankful Thursdays
 - Celebrating the work of all staff
 - Fun Fridays (spirit days)
- Attendance



Hebrew Language Academy 2

CHARTER SCHOOL

- Large increase in staff and student illnesses not related to COVID-19
 - 70+ students have been absent
- Enrollment
 - 284 students
 - Below budgeted #
 - Financially in a good place
 - Continuing to enroll students
 - Possibly will enroll one more this week
 - The board is encouraged to share job postings with their networks for support staff and lead teaching positions

6. Network Update

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

- Updates to the parent community
 - A formal announcement regarding Katie Passley's new role
 - Facility update
 - Midyear 2023 building opening is still on track
- Pre-K update
 - 1 section of 18 students
 - One budget meeting with a DOE liaison has taken place
 - Funding is more robust, but substantially less than what the school gets for K and up
 - About \$15K per student

7. Public Comments

No members of the public were present.

8. Adjournment

Adam Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 pm, Sue Fox seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The board will meet next on April 12 at 6 pm.