HLA2

Hebrew Language Academy 2

CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Meeting Via Zoom

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

6 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Reminder for Public Comments

3. Adoption of December 2020 Agenda

4. Approval of November 2020 Minutes

5. School Leadership Update

6. Network Update

7. Adjournment

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Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

6 pm

<u>Minutes</u>

Trustees Present

Sue Fox
Stella Binkevich
Adam Miller
Ella Zalkind
Mike Tobman

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
Jonathan Werle, Chief Operating Officer, Hebrew Public
Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

Adam Miller called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 and the comments will be addressed within 48 hours.

2. Adoption of November 2020 Agenda

Adam Miller asked for a motion to adopt, Will Mack made a motion to adopt the November 2020 agenda, Ella Zalkind seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of October 2020 Minutes

Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve, Will Mack made a motion to approve the October 2020 minutes. Sue Fox seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Board Action: Charter Amendments for Board Approval

Over the course of HLA2's existence, a number of things have changed that require an update to the charter. These amendments were presented to the board last month and community members were asked for feedback.

- **Resolution re: Addition of English Language Learner weight of 1.25 to the lottery in order to increase the chances of ELL students gaining admission to the school**

- **Resolution re: Updating HLA2's mission statement to align with the Hebrew Public mission statement**

- **Resolution re: Update to HLA2's key design elements (KDEs)**

  Resolution re: Update to HLA2's Organizational Chart

Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve the four resolutions above. Mike Tobman made a motion to approve all four resolutions. Sue Fox seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Board Action: Approve HLA2's Safety Plan

HLA2's safety plan was presented to the board ahead of the meeting for their review. Schools are at risk of acts of violence and natural and man-made disasters. Emergencies in schools must be addressed in an expeditious and effective manner. The Hebrew Language Academy 2 Charter School-Wide Safety Plan, which includes a comprehensive Emergency Response Plan, was developed to prevent or minimize the effects of serious violent incidents and emergencies, to facilitate coordination with local resources in the event of such incidents or emergencies, and generally to give direction in situations involving the safety of the school community. Planned and practiced responses to emergency/crisis situations may mean the difference between life and death.

Adam Miller asked for a motion, Will Mack made a motion to approve HLA2's safety plan. Mike Tobman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

6. School Leadership Update

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

- School Culture and Keeping Connected to students virtually
    - Movie Night
    - Draw Me a City competition
    - Jersey Day
    - An Election was held for a school mascot
        - HLA2 Dragon was elected!
- Family Survey Data, Input, and Feedback
    - A high percentage of families participated and there was overwhelmingly positive feedback. Below are some highlights:

Communication:

- 99% of respondents shared that they have received enough information about our School's response to Covid
- 90% have received clear communication about their child's schedule and teacher

Technology:

- 91% agree that the School has provided them with enough technology to support remote learning
- 85% agree that technology issues are resolved quickly and effectively
- 84% are comfortable supporting their child with remote learning technology and tools

In-Person Learning under our Hybrid Model:

- 99% are satisfied with the School's health and safety efforts
- 96% said their children look forward to attending school in person
- 85% believe the work their child receives is appropriately challenging
- 100% are satisfied with our child care partnership with the Jewish Home

Based on feedback, HLA2 is working closely with families to ensure they receive internet connection support from a school-sponsored provider as well as working closely with teachers to ensure we are aligned with providing tech support to families.

- HLA2 remains fully enrolled
- Attendance remains strong
    - Operations and the Culture team along with the school social worker is reaching out to those who do not attend
- Weekly Wednesday Community Meeting
    - Keeping kids and families connected

7. Network Update

Jon Rosenberg shared the following with the board:
- Covid Closures/Reopening
    - Once NYC reached 3% covid cases, public schools were required to close
    - Although not mandated by the City, Hebrew Public network schools made the call to close the buildings as well
    - Commuting safety was a major factor in the decision, if the City rate is high, we had to consider how our staff and families are getting to the buildings
    - We are offering partnered childcare for our staff and our families
        - Scholarships provided by Hebrew Public
- State and City Budget
    - Still very much unknown
    - According to the Governor, there is a possibility per-pupil funding might drop during the remaining of this year and next year

8. Adjournment

Adam Miller motioned to adjourn. Sue Fox seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.