



Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

May 26, 2022, 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order & Public Comment Reminder
2. Adoption of May 2022 Agenda
3. Approval of April 2022 Minutes
4. Approval of Sublease Agreement
5. Leadership Update
6. Network Update
7. Public Comments
8. Adjournment

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2022, 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Trustees Present

Noemi Zibuts
David H. Sorkin
Bonita Sussman
Yelena Sklyar
Ernest Paige
Angela Mirizzi-Olsen

Others Present:

Lissette Roman, Head of School, Staten Island Hebrew Public

Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

David Sorkin asked for a motion to open the meeting at 6:33 pm.

2. Adoption of the April 2022 Meeting Agenda

David Sorkin asked for a motion to adopt, Yelena Sklyar made a motion to adopt the April 2022 agenda, Ernest Paige seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the March 2022 Meeting Minutes

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to approve, Yelena Sklyar made a motion to approve the March 2022 meeting minutes, Angela Mirizzi-Olsen seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Leadership Update

Lissette Roman, Staten Island Hebrew Public's Head of School updated the board on the following:

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- Student Recruitment
 - Informational opportunities
 - May Enrollment Sessions
 - Parents will come to the building, and staff will support families and assist in enrolling on the spot
 - Student interest
 - 199 applications to date
 - KG - 124
 - 1st - 75
 - 92 applications accepted
 - KG - 53
 - 1st - 39
- Hiring Update
 - Two teacher offers out
 - Interviews will continue after spring break
 - Still looking for two Gen Ed teachers and two SPED teachers
- Community partnership support
 - June 3rd school tour event
 - Encouraging community participation
 - Working with the Dean of Culture to plan events for the families enrolled prior to school starting
 - It's important for our families to make connections ahead of September
- SI Hebrew Public Project Plan
 - Key Areas of Focus
 - Building development
 - Painting 4th floor
 - Ordering furniture for school
 - Finalizing the order
 - Systems creation
 - Meeting with leadership team to review arrival/dismissal process
 - Ensuring a smooth opening
 - Enrollment
 - Priority
 - Personal touchpoint, calling families to walk them through the online application process

5. Network Update

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Jon Rosenberg, CEO of Hebrew Public updated the board on the following:

- Ukrainian Refugees
 - HLA & HHLA have students who just arrived
 - Hebrew Public is connecting families to programs to ease their transition
 - English language learning in place
 - Collecting donations for basic needs
 - Clothing
 - School supplies
 - As Chief External Officer, Valerie Khaytina previewed last month, Hebrew Public has the ability to communicate with these families in their native language. Valerie has been working tirelessly to be in touch with families who are looking to enroll in one of our schools
- SI Hebrew Public Enrollment (from Network perspective)
 - The final numbers will vastly differ from the lottery date to the start of school
 - Budget has shifted conservatively
 - Real-time revisions will be taking place
 - Budgeting for 70 students
 - Data suggests (from other schools) mid-60s
 - High importance of enrollment and the need for 100% board participation in gaining students and spreading the word about SI Hebrew Public
- Facility Update

Jon spoke to the board about the progress of the building. The construction is coming along really well, and the builders are confident it will be done on time for a September opening. Nevertheless, there needs to be a plan in place in case the facility is not complete. The COO, Certificate of Occupancy is needed before the school can open, and historically it has been known to take some time.

The board had a brief discussion on potential incubation spaces in the same school district. Trustees are encouraged to use their social and personal connections to inquire about appropriate spaces for rent.

6. Public Comments

No members of the public were present during this time.

7. Adjournment

David H. Sorkin made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm, Yelena Sklyar seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The board will meet next on May 26th.