



## **HLA Board Meeting Agenda**

December 6, 2022, 6 pm

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of December 2022 Agenda
3. Approval of November 2022 Minutes
4. Leadership Report
5. PTO Report
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment



**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

November 15, 2022, 6 pm

Location: Zoom

**Trustees Present**

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| Mike Tobman    |
| Elly Rosenthal |
| Ellen Green    |
| Alice Li       |

**Also Present:**

Daniella Steinberg, Head of School, HLA

Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, Senior External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

18 members of the public

**1. Call to Order/Public Comments**

Ellen Green called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm and reminded everyone in attendance in order to sign up to make a public comment prior to our board meeting, email [boardhla@hebrewpublic.org](mailto:boardhla@hebrewpublic.org). Members of the public who missed the public notices were given a chance to sign up during the meeting using the chat function. Members of the board and staff do not typically respond to public comments at the time they are made. However, unanswered questions will be responded to within a few business days.

**2. Adoption of November 2022 Agenda**

Ellen Green asked for a motion to adopt the November 2022 meeting agenda, Mike Tobman made the motion, Alice Li seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**3. Approval of October 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Ellen Green asked for a motion to approve the October 2022 Meeting Minutes, Mike Tobman made the motion, Alice Li seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**4. School Leadership Update**

Daniella Steinberg, Head of School updated the board on the following:

- General School Update
  - Spirit Week - this week!
    - Monday, Decade Day
    - Tuesday, Twin Day
    - Wednesday, Pajama Day
    - Thursday, Dress to Impress Day
    - Friday, Sweatsuit Day
  - Girls Volleyball is in full swing!
  - Dress down day for Breast cancer awareness last month
    - Student Council led
- Enrollment
  - New students in almost all grades within the last month
  - Kindergarten is capped at 20 students
  - Shifted to accepting students in all grades- new 8th-grade students
    - Previously HLA did not accept students in grades 7 or 8
  - 636 total students
  - Pre-K is a full class of 20 students
    - 2 over the 18 originally planned
    - Not taking more kids this year
- PTO events
  - Recently elected PTO
  - Full calendar for the whole year
  - Penny Wars
    - Competitive & fun!
    - Parents were in the building helping out
  - Touch a Truck event for students in PK-1st grade
    - An event for students to learn more about community workers
      - Garbage truck
      - Police car
      - Fire truck
  - Canned Food Drive
    - Partnered with City Harvest
- Support Staff
  - Hiring more Ukrainian staff for new students who are enrolling every day
  - Supporting with translations and adjustments
  - Looking to find people from our community to come on board and help

- Family Conferences on Thursday
- K-5 Trip to Green Acres Farm at Aviator
  - 11 buses
  - A lot of parents volunteered to join the trip
- New Academic Dean for grades 3-5
  - Looking for someone to add to the HLA team
  - Apart of a robust team of instructional leaders
  - Under Assistant Head of School who will take the lead on literacy intervention
- Assessments
  - Interim Assessments
    - First round of testing has been administered
  - Leveled literacy intervention cycle has begun
    - Supporting small groups
  - MAP Testing
    - Measure of Academic Progress
    - Computer based testing
- Building Security and Updated Measures
  - Working with a new company
  - Updated protocols
    - HLA does not allow parents or guardians to enter the school building without an appointment. If you bring your child to school in the morning, you may walk them to the front lobby door and our staff will let them in and ensure that they get to their class. No family member may enter the building without a visitor pass
    - Pre-K families may enter only with a Pre-K pass
    - If you are at school for an appointment, you must check in with security, present your identification, and obtain a visitor's pass
    - If you would like to meet any member of our school team, you must set an appointment in advance. Please call the main office at 718-377-7200 if you would like to schedule a meeting
    - Teachers and leaders have full schedules and are not able to hold meetings without an appointment
  - Shared with families via email and continue to discuss in person
- HLA Debate Team placed in the top 10 overall across 40 New York Middle Schools, after their first ever debate

## 5. Network Update



Jon Rosenberg, Hebrew Public's CEO shared an update with the board:

- School Safety
  - Reinforced Daniella's message to the school community regarding new safety procedures
  - Asking for community support and patience
- Governors Office announced Security Grant Funding
  - Nonprofit Organizations may apply for \$50 million through the State's *Securing Communities Against Hate Crimes Program*, the most funding ever made available
  - Hebrew Public is intending to apply
- HLA is on the rise with enrollment
  - Continuing to ask the community to spread the word about HLA

## 6. Public Comments

No public comments were made during this time.

## 7. Executive Session

Ellen Green asked for a motion to enter into executive session at 6:25 pm, Mike Tobman made the motion, Elly Rosenthal seconded it, and the motion was carried unanimously.

No votes or motions were made during this time.

Ellen Green motioned to exit the executive session, Mike Tobman seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

## 8. Adjournment

Ellen Green asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. Elly Rosenthal seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned. The board will meet next on December 6th.