



Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

November 10, 2022, 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom

1. Call to Order & Public Comment Reminder
2. Adoption of the November 2022 Agenda
3. Approval of the October 2022 Minutes
4. School Leadership Report
5. Network Leadership Report
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2022, 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Trustees Present

David H. Sorkin
Noemi Zibuts
Sigalit Grego
Angela Mirizzi-Olsen
Veronica Bakhrakh
Ernest Paige
Bonita Sussman

Others Present:

Misty Awan, Head of School, Staten Island Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, Senior External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order & Public Welcome and Reminder

David H. Sorkin made a motion to open the meeting at 6:32 pm and reminded everyone in attendance in order to sign up to make a public comment prior to our board meeting, email boardsihp@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 the October 2022 Meeting Agenda

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to adopt, Ernest Paige made a motion to adopt the October 2022 agenda, Bonita Sussman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the September 2022 Meeting Minutes

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to approve, Sigalit Grego made a motion to approve the September 2022 meeting minutes, Bonita Sussman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. School Leadership Report

Misty Awan shared a presentation and updates with the board

- Enrollment Updates
 - Currently 82 students in grades K&I
 - Higher than projected
 - Increased enrollment since last board meeting
 - Always enrolling students
- Program Updates
 - Social emotional learning (SEL) is being incorporated into the curriculum
 - The school social worker is leading a class a day
 - Talking about feeling and empathy
 - Big impact, students are sharing how they are feeling when/if something makes them upset
 - OLAM Hour
 - An hour each week where the school builds community
 - Celebrated Rosh Hashanah in classrooms
 - Morah Larisa worked with the kids sharing the importance of the holiday, sang songs, dance, and enjoyed apples & honey
 - Draw Me a City Contest
 - Being shared in Hebrew class
 - Learning about all of the cities the classrooms in the school are named after
- Book Character Day and Fall Festival 10/28
 - Students can dress as their favorite characters
 - Celebrating reading
 - Parade with families at the end of the day
- Back to School Night
 - Opportunity for families to meet teachers and listen to staff members share about what students are learning
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 10/19
 - Members of the community came out to share a special morning at SIHP

5. Network Leadership Report

Valerie Khaytina, Hebrew Public's Chief External Officer updated the members of the public and the board on the following:

- Open Meetings Update
 - The Open Meetings Law was extended through October 2022. It is anticipated that it will not be renewed and now need to consider planning for a hybrid meeting option to maximize board meeting participation by families, Board Members, and staff
 - Hebrew Public and SIHP are exploring ways to ensure that we maximize board and family engagement by offering Hybrid Board Meetings starting in November

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- It is critical that Board Members make arrangements to attend board meetings in person as the law requires our board members to be in person to approve board work

6. Public Comments

No public comments were made during this time.

7. Adjournment

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to adjourn, Veronica Bakhrakh made the motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm, and Sigalit Grego seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The board will meet next on November 10th.