



Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

April 20, 2023, 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order & Public Comment Reminder
2. Adoption of the April 2023 Agenda
3. Approval of the March 2023 Minutes
4. School Leadership Report
5. Network Report
6. Public Comments
7. Executive Session
8. Adjournment

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023, 6:30 pm

Trustees Present

David H. Sorkin
Sigalit Grego
Bonita Sussman
<i>(Prospective Board Member)</i> Rachel Amar
Yelena Sklyar
Ernest Paige

Others Present:

Misty Awan, Head of School, Staten Island Hebrew Public
Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public
Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public
Lauren Murphy, Senior External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to open the meeting at 6:45 pm. Sigalit Grego made the motion and the meeting was called to order.

2. Adoption of the March 2023 Meeting Agenda

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Yelena Sklyar made a motion to adopt the March 2023 agenda, Ernest Paige seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the February 2023 Meeting Minutes

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Sigalit Grego made a motion to approve the February 2023 meeting minutes, Yelena Sklyar seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. School Leadership Report

Misty Awan shared a presentation and the following updates with the board:

- Student Recruitment
 - Enrollment is at 87 students
 - Second mailer hitting mailboxes this week
- Academic Updates
 - 78% of students are reading at or above grade level

- 66/85 students!
- Benchmarks change throughout the year
- Partner reading taking place in the classroom, reading and asking questions while they read
- Practicing writing in the classroom
- Kindergarten
 - Learning about bugs
 - Investigating bugs and insects
 - Looking at differences in all insects
 - Students are having a lot of fun!
- School Highlights
 - Purim Celebrations 3/10
 - Ramadan OLAM 3/24
 - Field Trip to Snug Harbor
- Upcoming Events
 - Glow Stick Party
 - Staff Appreciation Week
 - Women's History Month
 - School Lottery
 - Spring Break!

5. Network Update

Valerie Khaytina updated the board on the following:

- Recruitment update
 - Exceeding expectations with student enrollment for next school year
 - The lottery is taking place next month
 - Tours of the building are always available for new families interested
- Local officials' relationship-building
 - Councilman David Carr met with Valerie and David
 - Attorney General Michael E. McMahon toured the school
 - Funding has been requested for next fiscal year to support transportation costs
- Idan Raichel Fundraiser - June 7, 2023
 - Hebrew Public's annual fundraiser
 - Invitations will be shared next week
- Harlem Hebrew Closure
 - The school closing is due to longstanding enrollment challenges in a very crowded Harlem school market and declining city enrollment
- Recap Capstone Trip
 - Hebrew Public students from around the country participated in the 10-day trip to Israel, it was very exciting and a memorable experience for all

6. Public Comments

No public comments were made during this time.

7. Executive Session

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to enter into executive session at 7:05 pm, Sigalit Grego made the motion, Yelena Sklyar seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

No votes were taken during this time.

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to exit the executive session at 7:30 pm, Ernest Paige made the motion, Bonita Sussman seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Adjournment

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Yelena Sklyar made the motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm, Sigalit Grego seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. The board will meet next on April 20, 2023.