



Hebrew Language Academy

CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

6:00 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comments
2. Adoption of March 2021 Agenda
3. Approval of February 2021 Minutes
4. School Leadership Update
5. Network Update
6. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

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Minutes

Trustees Present

Elly Rosenthal
Ellen Green
Mike Tobman
Brian Tobin
Stella Binkevich

Also Present:

Daniella Steinberg, Interim Head of School, HLA

Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

5 members of the public

I. Call to Order/Public Comments

Ellen Green called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm and reminded everyone in attendance to use the “chat” feature to sign up for public comments or to email the board at info@hebrewpublic.org and the comments will be addressed within 48 hours.

2. Adoption of February 2021 Agenda

Ellen Green asked for a motion to adopt, Elly Rosenthal made a motion to adopt the February 2021 agenda. Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of January 2021 Minutes

Ellen Green asked for a motion to approve, Mike Tobman made a motion to approve the January 2021 minutes. Elly Rosenthal seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Leadership Update

Daniella Steinberg, Interim Head of School, informed the board of the following:

- Supporting Students
 - Continuously seeking family feedback & adjusting the remote learning model
 - Attendance procedures are constantly being updated
 - Prioritizing Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)
 - Weekly assemblies, morning meeting, closing circle
 - At-risk counseling for both adults and children
 - Lunch Bunch launching for middle school
 - A chance for kids to socialize on Zoom, non-academic time
 - Chugim
 - Electives (clubs) on Wednesday
 - Connected to Israel and Israeli culture
 - Krav Maga, Afterschool for lower school families
 - Mark Finkelstein from Network Academy
 - Free classes via Zoom
- Teacher Support Structures
 - Coaching & bi-weekly support
 - Math observation (20-25 minutes)
 - ELA observation (20-25 minutes)
 - Individual coach meeting (30 minutes)
 - Grade meeting (60 minutes)
 - Intellectual prep



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- American Heart Association fundraiser in the lower school
 - “Jump Rope For Heart” over Zoom
 - Families do not have to donate money to participate
 - Top contributors from each grade will get a gift card
- Staff Vaccination
 - Many staff members have received part I of the vaccine
 - Encouraging all staff to sign-up

5. NetworkUpdate

Jon Rosenberg, CEO of Hebrew Public, shared the following:

NEW CASES PER 100K, DAILY	9/21/20	12/8/20	% incr/(decr)	1/12/21	change from	1st week of	change from	change from
					12/8/20		February	1/12/21
					% incr/(decr)		% incr/(decr)	% incr/(decr)
Washington DC	9.1	39.7	336.26%	49.4	24.43%	28.7	-41.90%	215.38%
Philadelphia	5.0	49.4	888.00%	40.5	-18.02%	22.7	-43.95%	354.00%
Los Angeles	9.7	82.5	750.52%	149.8	81.58%	42.1	-71.90%	334.02%
San Diego	8.1	55.0	579.01%	105.0	90.91%	36.5	-65.24%	350.62%
Minneapolis	13.0	90.1	593.08%	35.1	-61.04%	16.5	-52.99%	26.92%
Middlesex Co, NJ	4.3	55.0	1179.07%	75.0	36.36%	43.9	-41.47%	920.93%
Brooklyn, NY	5.2	35.0	573.08%	61.4	75.43%	61.4	0.00%	1080.77%
Bronx, NY	3.4	39.8	1070.59%	71.0	78.39%	72	1.41%	2017.65%
Manhattan, NY	3.3	30.7	830.30%	52.0	69.38%	47.1	-9.42%	1327.27%

Daily cases per 100,000 individuals in a given Community from late September 2020 to the first week of February 2021. The cities represent locations where Hebrew Public has managed and affiliate schools.

- COVID-19 Vaccination
 - The rollout continues to be chaotic
 - Not enough doses of the vaccine for members of the public
 - Appointments are very hard to secure
 - Vaccine eligibility has opened to new groups, but initial groups have not all been able to receive their first dose of the vaccine
 - Daily cases per 100,000 continue to grow but are beginning to go down from the peak
 - New strains of COVID-19 developing and are more communicable
 - Hebrew Public is encouraging all staff to get vaccinated
 - Daily internal newsletter with vaccine updates
 - Network-wide survey to note who received a vaccine dose so far
- Comparing Hebrew Public with NYC Public Schools



- Since December 700 plus NYC public elementary schools have had to close due to COVID-19 cases for at least 10 days due to school-based COVID-19 cases
- 4,000 NYC individual classrooms have had to close due to COVID-19 outbreaks
- Consistency is critical especially for children, the closures are incredibly disruptive to learning-- in many cases, public schools have given their staff and families only hours notice of closure due to testing time turnaround
- The city did not allow charter school students to participate in child care options or COVID-19 testing. Hebrew Public paid for these services for families and staff
- When the COVID-19 data supports reopening, HLA will be ready

6. Adjournment

Ellen Green asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike Tobman made a motion to adjourn. Elly Rosenthal seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.