



Hebrew Language Academy

CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

6:00 pm

AGENDA

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



Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

6 pm

Minutes

Trustees Present

Elly Rosenthal
Ellen Green
Mike Tobman
Brian Tobin
Alice Li

Also Present:

Daniella Steinberg, Head of School, HLA
Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public
Jonathan Werle, Chief Operating Officer, Hebrew Public
Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public
13 members of the public

I. Call to Order/Public Comments

Ellen Green called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 March 2021 Agenda

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

3. Approval of February 2021 Minutes

Ellen Green asked for a motion to approve, Brian Tobin made a motion to approve the February 2021 minutes. Alice Li seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Leadership Update

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

- Supporting our Students
 - Attendance Procedures 3.0
 - Many updates and revisions to ensure students are coming to school
 - Safety is #1 Priority
 - Teachers connecting with families and social workers
 - Dean of culture and social worker continue to support with attendance
 - Prioritizing social and emotional learning
 - Weekly assemblies
 - Morning meetings
 - At-risk counseling continuing
 - Lunch Bunch
 - Social lunch over Zoom with friends
 - Chugim continuing for remote students
 - Every Wednesday
 - Middle school and lower school
- Reopening Plan
 - K-4 reopening on March 15th for 4 days live instruction
 - Grades 5-8 reopening on April 12
 - Going back to A/B cohorts for two days of live instruction
 - One week after spring break
 - Instructional day begins at 8:45
 - Early drop off available at 7:45 am for families



- Communication
 - Daniella Steinberg hosted the PTO March meeting with over 100 attendees
 - Answered many questions about reopening and health and safety
 - Town Hall with Hebrew Public leadership on March 22nd
- Enrollment
 - 582 students
 - 11 new students over this school year
- Instructional Update
 - Formative assessments in math and ELA for grades 2-8
 - Illuminate (*an online platform*) is being used to administer monthly quizzes and analyze data
 - Teachers participate in “data days” with the Assistant Head of School to make decisions regarding instruction
- Preview of Middle School Electives for Next Year
 - 7-8th grade students
 - Over five different electives to choose from
 - All electives will lead to a regent or big project

5. Network Update

Emily Fernandez, Hebrew Public’s Chief Schools Officer, and Jonathan Werle, Hebrew Public’s Chief Operating Officer updated the board of the following:

- Network Reopening Plan
 - All 4 schools will open for hybrid learning in March and April
 - Following the continuous health and safety updates from the CDC
 - Hebrew Public updated procedures
 - Staff Masking: N-95 & K-N95 will be provided
 - Vaccination Campaign: daily emails to staff encouraging the vaccine
 - Social distancing will remain in place
 - Adjusting student COVID testing: mandating testing for grades 1 and above
 - Building closures: working closely with the Department of Health to avoid unnecessary closure
 - One week of school closure following spring break



- Forward Planning: School Year 2021-22
 - Current considerations
 - Will social distancing guidelines be modified?
 - Addressing the social and emotional needs of students
 - Addressing the academic gaps of students
 - Health and safety as guiding factors
 - The number one priority is creating a safe environment for our school community

6. Adjournment

Ellen Green asked for a motion to adjourn. Brian Tobin made the motion, Mike Tobman seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.