

# Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS) Board of Trustees Meeting

April 16, 2020

1:30-2:15 PM

**Virtually via Zoom**

## Minutes

### **Trustees Present**

### **Trustees Not Present**

Jon Rosenberg	Klissa Thomas
Max Weisman	
Maria Pajil Battle	
Hedra Packman	
Fernando Treviño-Martínez	
Chanel Ward	

### **Also Present**

Emily Hurst; Executive Director, Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS)

Elyssa Yuen; Head of School, Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS)

Victoria Zayat, Kindergarten Teacher, Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS)

Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public

### **I. Call to Order**

Maria Pajil Battle called the meeting to order at 1:34 PM.

### **II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes – April 2, 2020 (Schedule A)**

Hedra Packman made a motion to approve the prior meeting minutes. Chanel Ward seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **III. Leadership Reports**

- I. Emily Fernandez, Hebrew Public's Chief Schools Officer, presented on the Continuity of Education Plan
  - a. Goal: Our remote learning program aims to: 1) maintain connection and foster a community for and between all students; 2) ensure students maintain academic progress at the time of closure and drive towards mastery of new essential concepts and skills; and 3) connect families with the resources and tools to help weather this crisis.
  - b. Platform: Shifted from Google Meet to Zoom for screen share, participation & video engagement; enabling password and waiting room

- functions for increase in security. Shifting to Seesaw so that teachers can provide meaningful feedback to students and assign independent work.
- c. Synchronous vs. Asynchronous: Explored needed to shift to completely asynchronous model, but families expressed gratitude for the live sessions in giving structure to the day, opportunities for students to connect with each other, and more engaging instruction.
  - d. Internet and technology access: Team is working hard to support every family who needs internet in accessing publicly available options prior to rolling out Phase III. Mobile hotspots, hotspots around the city, connecting families with Comcast, exploring jetpack (wireless device). Plan to deliver at least 66 devices by week of April 20th
  - e. Grading: Feedback to students that is rubric-based or comment-based, tracking this data internally and then communicate progress with families in a modified way. Planning on family conferences via Zoom in late May
  - f. Attendance: Designing an intentionally flexible approach to provide a variety of opportunities for families to participate based on each family's unique needs and schedule. Data for leadership to track efficacy with online engagement. Nikki Pullin, Dean of Culture, will be creating attendance campaign based on attendance data from first three weeks of online learning
2. Elyssa Yuen presented on work to ensure meeting the FAPE and providing for all students, including restarting related services.
  3. Emily Hurst presented on the Consideration of Charter Funding Resolution including background on the proposed funding cuts and devastating potential impact.

#### **IV. Board Actions**

1. Approval of Continuity of Education Plan (Schedule B)
  - a. Hedra Packman made a motion to approve the Continuity of Education plan with edits needed prior to posting. Maria Trujil Battle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Approval of Consideration of Charter Funding Resolution (Schedule C)
  - a. Fernando Treviño-Martínez made a motion to approve a resolution opposing Governor's budget proposal pending final approval of language revisions to include all suggestions from the Board). Hedra Packman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **VII. Closing and Adjournment**

Hedra Packman moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 PM.