



**Renaissance Charter High School for Innovation
Agenda for Meeting of the Board of Trustees
February 28, 2012
410 East 100th Street, New York, NY 10029**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Review Board Minutes from January Meeting**
- 3. Audit Committee**
- 4. Defining Committee work and mission**
- 5. Discussion of June Regents Prep with School Management Team**



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Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
1-18-12**

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- 2. Review Board Minutes from December Meeting**
- 3. Principal's Update**
- 4. Committee Mission and Goals**
- 5. Possible Board Candidates**
- 6. Finance Committee/ Treasurer Report Back**

1) **Roll Call:** Nicholas Tishuk, Frank Saia, Stacey Gauthier and Sona Karia are present.

2) **December minutes reviewed.** Ms. Gauthier moved to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Saia and unanimously approved with minor revisions.

3) **Principal's update:** Mr. Tishuk updated the board on various matters regarding Innovation.

Students at Innovation took Mock Regents during the January Regents week period. This assessment utilizes the structure of actual Regents exams to determine the readiness of students to take the actual Regents exams six months later. Mr. Tishuk will provide a full update on these assessments during the February Board meeting.

Innovation will be attending the charter school advocacy day in Albany on February 7th. Following up on its meeting with State Senator Jeff Klein, Innovation students made a video about cyber-bullying. Several students are studying NYS policies, especially around education. Several parents and students will attend on a bus for that day with a visit set up for Assemblyman Rodriguez's office.

Additionally, Innovation has three project based learning experiences planned for April, in accordance with its mission. Programs will visit Florida, New Orleans and Buffalo/Pittsburgh.

4) **Committee Mission and Goals:** Each Committee is developing a mission and goals. Below are the committees with their chairs:

Finance Committee- Chair Sona Karia, Frank Saia, Nicholas Tishuk

Development/Fundraising-Interim Acting Chair Leanne Sajor, Sona Karia and Frank Saia

Review Committee- Chair Stacey Gauthier, Frank Saia, Sona Karia

Board Development- Leanne Sajor and Frank Saia

5) **Possible Board Candidates:**

Innovation is looking to expand its board and included additional trustees to represent the community. The Innovation board by-laws allow for parent, staff and community members to join the board. The Board development team is planning to meet and discuss membership opportunities with possible candidates to meet this goal.

6) **Finance Committee/ Treasurer Report Back**

Ms. Karia discussed her efforts to identify potential investments and banking options for the school to improve Innovation's options on financial services. Additionally, Ms. Karia met with Ms. DaGiau, Innovation's Associate Director of Finance and accountants from Stamm and Bader. A review of Innovation's finances shows a healthy fiscal position with no significant liabilities.

7) **Public Speaking.** There were no public comments.

8) **Conclusion:** Mr. Saia moved to end the meeting, Mr. Tishuk seconded and the meeting was concluded unanimously.