



Harlem Hebrew Board Meeting Agenda

October 12, 2022, 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of October 2022 Agenda
3. Approval of September 2022 Minutes
4. School Leadership Report
5. Public Comments
6. Executive Session
7. Adjournment

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022, 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Trustees Present

Tanya Jones
William Allen
Sara Bloom
Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman
Rev. Linda Tarry-Chard

Also Present

Emily Carson, Head of School, Harlem Hebrew
Lauren Murphy, Senior External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

2. Adoption of September 2022 Agenda

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman asked for a motion to adopt the September 2022 agenda. Sara Bloom made the motion to adopt, Tanya Jones seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the August 2022 Minutes

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman asked for a motion to approve, and Sara Bloom made a motion to approve the August 2022 minutes. Rev. Linda Tarry-Chard seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. School Leader Report

Emily Carson, Harlem Hebrew’s Head of School updated the board on the following:

- General Updates
 - Pre-K section this year

- OLAM block launching next week
- Beginning of the year diagnostic testing
 - NWEA MAP Fluency and Growth
- Middle School transitions for ALL classes
 - Currently only specials electives and lunch/recess
- Middle School After-School club applications due on Wednesday
- Busing
 - HHLA works with 3 busing companies
 - Busing for Students with Specific Requirements for It in Their IEPs
 - Busing for Manhattan Students through OPT (NYC Office of Pupil Transportation) provided by DOE
 - Private busing Harlem Hebrew pays to support our students living in the Bronx
 - Operated by a private company, Selby Transportation.
 - If your student's bus is delayed, please contact them directly at 718-881-1010
 - Reminders
 - All requests for adding your student to the bus roster or changing their stop generally take 48-72 business hours
 - Requests for Changes should be directed to the Harlem Hebrew Operations Team in the Main Office at opsteam@harlemhebrewcharter.org OR calling 212.866.4608
 - Students in the 7th and 8th grades that live in Manhattan do not qualify for busing unless they have an IEP that requires busing
 - This is an NYC Policy and not something Harlem Hebrew has the capacity to change
 - HHLA can offer MetroCards to these students if they visit the main office
 - Student Behavior on the Bus
 - HHLA has a very strict Bus Code of Conduct
 - [It can be found linked here](#)
 - Bus Attendants
 - Paid from HHLA budget
 - Actively interviewing potential Bus Attendants since as early as last May
 - This past Monday, two Bus Attendants started at Harlem Hebrew
 - Assigned to the largest Bronx Buses
 - Ms. Schnaduer on Bronx Bus #2 and Ms. Beverly on Bronx Bus #3.

- HHLA hopes to have Bus Attendants on all Bronx Buses as soon as possible
- **Splash Fit & Harlem Hebrew Partnership**
 - Due to contributions from our generous donors, HHLA can offer a limited number of fully funded scholarships to students interested in the Splash Fit Swimming Club
 - If you are interested in having your child participate in the scholarship program for Splash Fit's swimming lessons program
 - Complete [this form](#) by Wednesday, September 21st
 - Families that are awarded scholarships will be asked to submit a small security deposit to ensure their commitment to the program which will be fully refunded at the completion of the semester pending full participation
 - Scholarship recipients will be notified by Friday, September 23rd
- **Upcoming Events**
 - Back to School Night
 - In-person on September 20th from 6-8 pm
 - Opportunity to meet teachers and see the classroom space, and learn more about Harlem Hebrew
 - Spirit Fridays are back!
 - Sept 2 Arabian Leopard Pride
 - Sept 9 Class Color Day
 - Sept 16 Sports Day
 - Sept 23 Tie-dye Day
 - Sept 30 Twin Day
 - Family Hebrew Classes
 - On a few Wednesdays throughout the year, families are invited to join a 45-minute Hebrew lesson with the Dean of Hebrew, Morah Alona
 - Classes are designed to increase Hebrew knowledge and include fun and joy!
 - Family Coffee Chats
 - 5 Fridays throughout the year, families are invited for bagels and coffee for a 45-minute session to learn from key members of the Harlem Hebrew team
- **Enrollment**
 - Currently there is a waitlist for Pre-K
 - Total enrollment number is 475

5. Network Leadership Report

Lauren Murphy shared the following on behalf of Hebrew Public:

- School Openings
 - The Hebrew Public team supported all 5 schools opening within the last 2-3 weeks, specifically, welcoming our newest Staten Island Hebrew Public Families
- COVID-19 Updates
 - Hebrew Public made some changes to the COVID policies from last year based on guidelines from the CDC
 - New policies are subject to change as COVID continues to evolve, and as new evidence emerges about the most effective methods of controlling COVID's spread
 - Optional Masking
 - Staff and students will continue to have the option to wear (or not wear) a mask, except in cases where someone has COVID or has been exposed to someone with COVID
 - Quarantine no longer required in cases of exposure without infection
 - On-Demand rapid testing
 - Schools have rapid test kits available for symptomatic staff and students. Testing will be required on Days 5 and 6 for anyone who has been exposed
 - Reduced quarantine period
 - The quarantine period for someone with a positive COVID-19 test result has been shortened to five days from ten days
 - Learning during quarantine
 - Important to support families and students during quarantine to avoid further learning loss if a student has tested positive for COVID but is asymptomatic so in this situation, Hebrew Public will provide at-home work assignments and school staff will complete a minimum of two progress check-ins during an asymptomatic student's quarantine period
 - These changes are all in support of keeping students healthy while keeping all students in school

6. Public Comments

No public comments were made during this time.

7. Executive Session

Sara Bloom recused herself from participating in executive session.

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman made a motion to enter executive session, Tanya Jones seconded it, and the motion was carried unanimously.

The board completed the CMO evaluation, no votes or motions were made during this time.



Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman motioned to exit the executive session, Rev. Linda Tarry-Chard seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

8. Adjournment

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm. Tanya Jones seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The board will meet next on October 12th.