

Meeting Agenda for January 29th, 2019

Renaissance Collegiate Academy-Board Meeting Tuesday, January 29, 2019

7:00pm

Location: Agape Worship Center, International, 424 Lee Road, Columbia SC 29229

Commencement Time: 7pm

1.Meeting Opening

- 1.1 Welcome
- 1.2 Roll Call
- 1.3 Previous Minutes
- 1.4 Review of the School's Mission and Vision

Mission

The mission of Renaissance Collegiate Academy is to provide ALL children regardless of their backgrounds, or socio-economic status with the academic foundation and ambition to earn a college degree and pursue a career. Through the transformation of students into scholars, we intend to produce critical thinkers, innovators, life-long learners and thought leaders of the next generation for whom college is a next step.

Consistent with the purpose of charter schools in South Carolina, Renaissance Collegiate Academy intends to employ flexible and innovative ways of educating children within the public school system to close the achievement gaps between traditionally low performing student groups and high performing student groups. Through providing increased learning opportunities for traditionally underserved students, Renaissance Collegiate Academy will assist South Carolina in reaching academic excellence for all children.

Vision

The reason why we exist is to ensure that matriculating eighth grade students are fully prepared for the demands and opportunities of a rigorous secondary school of their choice. The preparation that scholars will receive at RCA will greatly increase their academic and career aspirations, and positively affect the social, cultural and economic trajectory of families in the midlands, and ultimately the communities in the Northeast Columbia areas that we serve. Scholars will graduate with the academic skills, social-emotional skills and character strengths that rival the outcomes of the best schools in the country. Thus, Renaissance Collegiate Academy ensures that – at each grade level prior to the eighth grade year – all scholars are firmly and measurably on the path to success in high school and ultimately college.

- 1.5 Review of the School's Goals

Goal #1-Renaissance Collegiate Academy will assist South Carolina in reaching academic excellence.

Goal #2-Renaissance Collegiate Academy will improve student learning as evidenced by individual student learning gains on a school administered nationally normed assessment. (MAP/NWEA)

Goal #3-Renaissance Collegiate Academy will increase learning opportunities for students as evidenced by the results from annual student and parent climate surveys.

Goals #4-Renaissance Collegiate Academy will establish new forms of accountability for schools, as evidenced by the school’s sound financial management practices and results.

2. Matters of Decision

2.1 Cap on the number of Grades (Enrollment goal is 100-120 students)

- At 100 students our budget numbers break even.
- At 120 students our budget gains some wiggle room.

2.2 Negotiated services from Richland School District 2

3. Matters for Discussion

3.1 Update on School Facilities Site/Department of Transportation

3.2 Report on First Community Informational Meeting

- Attendance Numbers
- Number of Registrations
- Goal of Community Informational Meetings
- Main Questions Parents are raising

3.3 Scale and scope of the Grades we want to have in YEAR ONE

- K—Must be 5 years old on or before September 1st in the school year that you are enrolling.
- 1st—Must be 6 years old on or before September 1st in the school year that you are enrolling.
- 2nd—Must be 7 years old on or before September 1st in the school year that you are enrolling.
- 3rd—Must be 8 years old on or before September 1st in the school year that you are enrolling.
- Keep in mind it is not wise to have State Testing grades in your first year. (Grades 3-8)
- For 100 students:- 15 scholars per class, 6 classes of 15, and 1 class of 10, 7 Lead Teachers, 3-5 Assistant Teachers

Grade	Class Size	Teachers	Assistant Teachers
K-1	15	1	1
K-2	15	1	1
1-1	15	1	1
1-2	15	1	1
2-1	15	1	1
2-2	15	1	1
6-1	15	1	
7-1	15	1	

- For 120 students:- 15 scholars per class, 8 classes of 15, 8 Lead Teachers, 8 Assistant Teachers

3.4 Key developments toward opening...

- a. Curriculum Scope and Sequence Development-K-2nd grade is almost complete
- b. Facilities and DOT final approval is still pending.

c. Registration numbers are hovering around 80s. We need to get final push to 120-150 or so. This way we develop a waiting list.

3.5 Fundraising Plan

4. Matters for Noting

4.1 Diversity which is a concern of many charter schools is NOT going to be a concern of ours considering the numbers and the interests shown.

5. Meeting Finalization

5.1 Review actions to be taken

5.2 Next meeting

5.3 Meeting close