

**Lerner Jewish Day School**  
**Board Meeting (via zoom)**  
**September 23, 2021**  
7:03 pm - 8:35 pm

Board members present: Israel Abitbol, Ben Goldstein, Jeremy Browner, Dave Michelman, Karl Bongarten, Ron Didner, Matt Slotkin, Jared Goldstein.

Absent: Katherine Leibel.

Lerner staff present: Beth Null, Head of School.

Guest(s): Dori Steinberg, Lerner parent and former Lerner Board member.

**D'var Torah:** delivered by Beth Null.

**Consent agenda** (the June 2021 Board minutes) are approved by a motion initiated by Dave and seconded by Karl. The motion passed unanimously.

Nelly Amariglio and Andrew Sklerov have both resigned from the Board in recent days. We have nine (9) board members remaining. As head of the Governance Committee, Dave will generate leads and provide feedback about prospective board members we should consider adding to our ranks.

**Head of School report (Beth):**

- Covid 19 Operations Update
- Enrollment, Recruitment & Admissions
  - Current enrollment for 2021-2022 is 148 students (85 elementary, 63 preschool).
  - We have a record high retention rate.
- Facilities

**Finance Report (Karl):**

The finance picture indicates a mixed bag. Bonuses paid, new teachers onboarded and yet we are operating at a net negative cash flow. Projections moving forward anticipate we will operate at a net neutral cash flow or better.

**Middle School (Ron):**

- More than 75% of elementary school parents indicate they would “consider” sending their child to a middle school at Lerner.
- The biggest concern seems the question of how we address after school/enrichment activities.
- A full report is forthcoming at our October 2021 meeting. It is suggested we could benefit from a flow chart detailing the steps necessary to get the middle school operational.

**Governance committee (Dave):**

Strategic plan review.

**Board Goals** for the coming year:

1. Middle School
2. Governance improvements/Strategic planning (more focus on process)
3. How do we ensure we're cash positive

**Board Retreat:**

Slated for Sunday, November 14th. What does good governance look like?

Motion to adjourn made by Matt and seconded by Dave. The motion carries without objection and we adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Slotkin  
Secretary