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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1400 Linden Boulevard
Brooklyn, New York 11212
Wednesday, February 16, 2011
6:00pm-8:00pm

AGENDA

Business Meeting (Closed)

- A. Call To Order
- B. Roll Call (Attendance)
- C. Approval of January Minutes
- D. Reports: Budget and Finance, Curriculum and Instruction, Facilities and Operations
- E. Calendar of Meetings and Events
- F. General Meeting
- G. Adjournment

General Meeting (Open)

- Opening of the new Parent Resource Center
- The "I Care" Parent Involvement Curriculum with Mrs. Monique Burrowes and Ms. Raquel Scott
- Midyear Data Presentation with Dean T.S. Hoard, Director of Content and Curriculum and Dean Daniel Jean-Toussaint, Maria Kakakios-ELA Kindergarten Teacher, Christina Doyle-Science Teacher

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
THE CULTURAL ARTS ACADEMY
CHARTER SCHOOL AT SPRING CREEK**

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cultural Arts Academy Charter School at Spring Creek was held at 1400 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York 11212 on February 16, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

IN ATTENDANCE: CHERYL PEMBERTON
 HENRY J. CLOUDEN III
 CHRYSSETTA PATTERSON
 SHIRLEY GLASGOW
 SUSAN FOX

ALSO PRESENT: LAURIE B. MIDGETTE, Principal
 STUART SABAL, CPA
 LARRY H. WEISS, ESQ.

The meeting was called to order. The Minutes of the meeting on January 19, 2011 were accepted on motion of CHERYL PEMBERTON, which was seconded by CHRYSSETTA PATTERSON and unanimously passed.

“I CARE” PARENT INVOLVEMENT CURRICULUM

MRS. MONIQUE BURROWS and MS. RAQUEL SCOTT discussed materials and programs they were working on developing to encourage participation by parents.

A MID-YEAR DATA PRESENTATION was presented by DEAN T. S. HOARD, the Director of Content and Curriculum and, DEAN DANIEL JEAN-TOUSSAINT, MARIA KAKAKIOS – ELA Kindergarten Teacher and CHRISTINA DOYLE – Science Teacher.

The presentation included statistical analysis of the students’ performance on the Midterm Examination. The overall performance varied from class to class but appeared to be well above the statistical comparison to the New York City School System and to reported results of other charter programs. For those students identified as falling in the lower quadrant(s) in test results, a program was designed to provide additional educational assistance after school, (academic intervention). For the students showing high levels of ability and interest, a chess club has been organized and instruction is being given to those students by DEAN DANIEL JEAN TOUSSAINT and one or two other teachers.

A short video was presented of three students at the school who were asked about what they were learning in school, who their favorite teacher(s) were, what their favorite subject was,

and what they liked about the Charter School. The Board of Trustees was visibly impressed by what they heard and saw.

The Deans explained the data from the midterms and how they were working with the Principal, LAURIE MIDGETTE to develop innovative strategies and proposed actions/interventions to cover any subject areas where the levels of correct response were less than expected. The Data Inquiry Process included an analysis of:

1. The Questions
2. The Data
3. Questions about the Data
4. Interpretation of the Data
5. Proposed actions/interventions

Professor Kakakios presented graphs and analysis with respect to the English Language Program and the correlation of overall performances on subject examinations with reading skills.

Professor Doyle presented an outline of the Science program.

FINANCIAL REPORT

STUART SABAL and HENRY CLOUDEN presented the financial report. The need for fundraising and grants was discussed in view of the indefinite timing of city, (state) funding.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

LAURIE MIDGETTE advised that:

February 7, 2011 was Advocacy Day – 112 people went to Albany including parents and students.

February 9, 2011 was a Workshop for Parents of Special Needs Children where providers of Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy and Physical Therapy appeared and provided insight as to the various materials and techniques that were available. Nine parents attended.

March 7, 2011 – Women’s History Month

March 9, 2011 – Fitness Month – For students, Parents and Staff

March 10, 2011 – Jump Rope for Heart

April 27, 2011 – Parents Meeting regarding third quarter grades for Kindergarten

April 28, 2011 – Parents Meeting regarding third quarter grades for first graders

A Parent Resource Center was opened on February 4, 2011, (the 100th day of school) with the mission of child development and enhancing parenting skills.

After discussing the aforesaid matters, a Motion was made by HENRY CLOUDEN to adjourn which was seconded by CHERYL PEMBERTON and unanimously passed.

(Following the end of the meeting, those in attendance toured the Parent Resource Center).

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for March 9, 2011.

Dated: February , 2011


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