

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CULTURAL ARTS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cultural Arts Academy Charter School was held on February 26, 2024.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Henry Clouden III, Treasurer
- Shirley A Glasgow, Secretary
- Cheryl Pemberton-Graves, Vice-President
- Dean Sadek, Member
- Chrysetta Patterson, Member
- Dr. AR Bernard, President (via phone)
- Dr. Laurie B. Midgette, Principal

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

VOTE

The financial statements of Cultural Arts Academy Charter School were prepared by Stuart Sabal and presented by Henry Clouden, Treasurer. The Board reviewed related statements of activities and cash flows for one month, with the accompanying supplemental information. These statements were discussed in detail. There is sufficient cash to fund monthly operations.

Per Pupil Funding Rate for 2024-2025 - The estimated per-pupil funding rate for next year is \$19,044, an increase of 3.8% from the current year. This is a preliminary estimate and is subject to change. In May, the DOE will update the 2022-23 AOE again at which point the figure will be final and the per pupil amount for 2024-25 will be final as well. (Historically, revisions from December to February are more significant than the revisions from February to May.) We will keep you updated and suggest that, for the time being, schools consider using this updated estimate in their planning for next year.

DATA DASHBOARD

- Enrollment – **212**
- English Language Learners – **25**
- SPED Students – **27**
- FRPL - **81.63%**
- Daily Attendance Rate – **91.15** (YTD)

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

In reference to **the Beginning of the Year (BOY)**, versus **the Middle of the Year (MOY)** data CAACS experienced tremendous growth. **Our 5th Grade** began the year with 51% of scholars “At-Risk”, or two or more grades below level regarding Math. However, by January scholars demonstrated an improvement of 18%. In addition, scholars who were classified as “Proficient” in this group grew by 15%. **Our 4th Grade Team** their scholars showed growth of 20%, moving our “At-Risk” scholars from 50% to 30%. More importantly, scholars who are classified as “Proficient” grew from 0% to 13%! It was **our**

3rd Grade Team who performed the best overall. In other words, their At-Risk scholars DECREASED by an amazing 52%, going from 78% to now 26% of scholars that are two or more grade levels below!!! Due note, many scholars moved into the “Approaching” bucket (+48%), and the “Proficient” bucket (+5%) respectively.


SNOW DAY SURVEY

CAACS had to pivot to CAACS-ONLINE virtual learning on Tuesday, February 13. Scholars were provided Chromebook devices to take home and were expected to log on and participate in their classes from home.

CAACS FAMILY SURVEY: SNOW DAY VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Q5 How would you rate your scholar(s) experience with online learning on Tuesday?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 2

4.4 
average rating



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
♡	0.00%	2.17%	13.04%	28.26%	56.52%		
	0	1	6	13	26	46	4.39

FINLAND VISIT

March 23-30, 2019, Dr. Midgette was invited to participate in an Education Tour in Finland. Year after year, Finland tops international lists for education, and their students consistently perform among the top nations on the PISA. Dr. Midgette participated in a professional development workshop at the University of Helsinki entitled, “Student Centered Pedagogy and Project Based Learning with Petteri Elo”, a renowned Finnish educator, trainer, and consultant from Finland who has an extensive career in teaching, training and hands-on pedagogical and curriculum development. Professor Petteri Elo visited the US and stopped by CAACS on February 1, 2024. During his visit to CAACS, Dr. Midgette connected him with NYSED because she believed it is aligned to the NYSED pilot's work on project-based learning.

The **next meeting** of the CAACS Board of Trustees is **Monday, MARCH 18, 2024** at 6:30pm.