

**MINUTES OF THE 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 August 23, 2023 at 6:30pm.

IN ATTENDANCE: Henry Clouden III, Treasurer
Cheryl Pemberton-Graves, Vice-President
Chrysetta Patterson, Member
Shirley A. Glasgow, Secretary
Dean Sadek, Member
Dr. Kimberlee Pierre
Dr. A.R. Bernard, President
Dr. Laurie B. Midgette, Principal (*non-voting*)

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm – 8:01pm with a quorum present.

VOTE

As Per the CAACS Bylaws Election and Term of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees shall serve for three terms. All appointments and nominations to the Board shall be completed by the next annual meeting. Each Trustee shall hold office until the expiration of the terms for which he or she is elected, and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified, or until his or her prior resignation or removal.

Chrysetta Patterson made a motion to make an election by voice vote unanimous, seconded by Dr. Kimberlee Pierre; so each vote was made by ballot. Since there were no "no" votes, the re-election of the current board was unanimous. The Board expressed that they were humbled and honored to be re-elected to serve the scholars, educators, and families of our school for another 3 terms.

VOTE

The financial statements of Cultural Arts Academy Charter School were prepared by Stuart Sabal and the Finance Committee 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.

COVID UPDATE

The New York State Department of Health is reporting an increase in COVID-19 hospital admissions. Hospital admissions increased 22%. The Governor and the New York State Department of Health said that New Yorkers should prepare for the updated COVID-19 vaccine tailored to guard against new variants expected to arrive in pharmacies and doctor's offices this fall, especially as the number of reported COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations has increased in recent weeks.

The Department of Health reminds New Yorkers that those who have symptoms should test for COVID-19, and those who test positive should contact their health care provider about treatment.

BUS STRIKE

The NYC Chancellor said that a school bus driver strike could disrupt the beginning of the school year, A strike could affect between 85,000 and 150,000 students and families, including our 88 families at CAACS.

NEW CLASS SIZE LAW

Under the new state law,

- Classes may not exceed 20 students in kindergarten through third grade,
- 23 students for grades 4-8,
- 25 students in high school.
- Physical education and classes involving “performing groups (i.e., dance)” are limited to 40 children.

DATA DASHBOARD - ENROLLMENT

- Total# of Enrolled students –211
- Total# of ELL’s - 25
- Total# of SPED Students -25

SUMMER BOOST DATA

GRADE 1

ELA

- 53% of scholars scored advanced (an increase of 12%)
- 20% of scholars scored proficient (a decrease of 21%)
- 20% of scholars scored basic (an increase of 2%, but no actual student movement)
- Lastly 7% of scholars scored below basic. (An increase of 7%.)

MATH

- 53% of scholars scored advanced (an increase of 24%)
- 47% of scholars scored proficient (a decrease of 18%) No scholars scored at the basic or below basic level for math, a decrease of 6 % in the positive direction.

GRADE 2

ELA

- 0% of scholars scored advanced (No change)
- 23% of scholars scored proficient (a decrease of 8%)
- 54% of scholars scored basic (a decrease of 2%) and lastly
- 23% of scholars scored below basic. (An increase of 10%.)

MATH

- 69% of scholars scored advanced (an increase of 31%)

- 23% of scholars scored proficient (a decrease of 21%)
- 0% of scholars scored basic (a decrease of 19%) and lastly 8% of scholars scored below basic. An increase of 8%.

GRADE 3

ELA

- 0% of scholars scored advanced (No change)
- 0% of scholars scored proficient (No change)
- 56% of scholars scored basic (an increase of 6%) and lastly 44% of scholars scored below basic. (A decrease of 6%.)

MATH

- 0% of scholars scored advanced (No change)
- 33% of scholars scored proficient (an increase of 3%, but no actual student movement, this percentage change is due to missing student data)
- 33% of scholars scored basic (an decrease of 17%, but no actual student movement)
- Lastly, 11% of scholars scored below basic. (A decrease of 9%.)

GRADE 4

ELA

- 18% of scholars scored advanced (No change)
- 47% of scholars scored proficient (an increase of 6%)
- 35% of scholars scored basic (No change from pre assessment)
- Lastly, 0% of scholars scored below basic. A decrease of 6%.

MATH

- 41% of scholars scored advanced (an increase of 12%)
- 41% of scholars scored proficient (an increase of 12%)
- 18% of scholars scored basic (A decrease of 6%.)
- Lastly, 0% of scholars scored below basic. (A decrease of 6%.)

GRADE 5

ELA

- 33% of scholars scored advanced (an increase of 25%)
- 25% of scholars scored proficient (a decrease of 33%)
- 33% of scholars scored basic (An increase of 8%.)
- Lastly, 8% of scholars scored below basic. (No Change from pre-assessment.)

MATH

- 25% of scholars scored advanced (an increase of 25%)
- 42% of scholars scored proficient (No Change)
- 25% of scholars scored basic (A decrease of 25%.)
- Lastly, 8% of scholars scored below basic. (No Change from pre-assessment.)

*Respectfully submitted,
Shirley A. Glasgow, Board Secretary*