

## 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 via Zoom on December 16, 2020.

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

### **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.

### **WINTER STORM PREPARATION**

Winter Storm Gail has the potential to bring dangerous conditions to Brooklyn and our entire region through early Thursday morning. A hazardous travel advisory is in effect from Wednesday afternoon through Thursday night. The storm is forecast to bring heavy snow along with strong and potentially damaging wind gusts that will create dangerous blizzard-like conditions. Snow accumulations between eight and 12 inches are anticipated. CAACS Facilities and School Safety Teams are aware and prepared; and will address any problems that may arise because of Winter Storm Gail.

### **DOH UPDATES**

DOH released updated guidelines regarding Orange and Red Zone requirements for schools.

**Mandated Closure:** Effective immediately, schools that have been identified as being in a Red or Orange Zone are no longer required to close in-person instruction following designation. Schools in Red or Orange Zones may remain open but are subject to strict adherence to DOH guidance. Additionally, schools in Red or Orange Zones must complete an attestation on the school survey demonstrating their compliance with the testing requirements found below.

**Requirements of Schools in Red Zones:** Schools in Red Zones must test 30% of the on-site school community (including students, faculty and staff) for COVID-19 for the month following the announcement of a Red Zone designation. Testing should be proportionately spread across the month with 10% the maximum/minimum to be tested biweekly.

**Requirements of Schools in Orange Zones:** Schools in an Orange Zone must test 20% of the on-site school community (including students, faculty and staff) for COVID-19 for the month

following the announcement of an Orange Zone designation. Testing should be proportionately spread across the month with 10% the maximum/minimum to be tested biweekly.

**Schools in either an Orange or Red Zone:** In the event that random sampling generates 9 or more positive cases, or if for a sample size of more than 300 weekly tests achieves a positivity rate of 2% or higher in New York City, or 3% outside of New York City, your school will be required to return to remote instruction.

#### **DATA DASHBOARD**

**Year to Date Attendance Rate – 91.80%**

**Distance Learning Attendance Rates:**

Week Ending 11/20– 92.73 %

Week Ending 11/27 – 91%

Week Ending 12/4 – 91.60%

Week Ending 12/11 – 93.86%

**Current Immunization Status – 99.1%**

The deadline for Immunizations has been extended to January 10, 2021.

**Current Enrollment – 240**

**SPED Student Count – 26**

**Housing Updates:**

Total Number of Families doubled up – 8

Total Number of Families in Temporary Living Quarters – 2

Total Number of Families in Shelters - 4

**Free & Reduced numbers as of 10/21/2020**

Students with meal code A (HRA) **127**

Students with meal code 1 (FREE MEAL) **29**

Students With meal code 2 (REDUCED MEAL) **17**

**Total number of Free & Reduced 175 (72.08% of 240)**

**Technology Updates (as of 12/16/2020)**

**MiFi Devices Issued: 3**

- Family is currently residing in a shelter with no WIFI access
- 2 Staffers with connectivity issues

**iPads Distributed: 22**

**Devices Issued to Staff: 22**

**Chromebooks Issued to Scholars: 160**

**SCHOOL REOPENING 2.0 SURVEY RESULTS PRESENTATION: FAMILIES AND STAFF**