

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 via Zoom on January 20, 2021.

IN ATTENDANCE: Henry Clouden III, Treasurer
Cheryl Pemberton-Graves, Vice-President
Chrysetta Patterson, Member
Dean Sadek, Member
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.

DATA DASHBOARD

Year to Date Attendance Rate – 91.51%
Current Immunization Status – 99.1%
SPED Student Count – 26
Free & Reduced numbers as of 1/20/2021
Total number of Free & Reduced – 175 scholars or 72.3%

Technology Updates (as of 1/20/2020)

MiFi Devices Issued: 3
iPads Distributed to Scholars: 23
Devices Issued to Staff: 23
Chromebooks Issued to Scholars: 163

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Begins MARCH 1, 2021 - Currently, 90 scholars registered for virtual learning. CAACS-Online registration ends Friday, January 22nd. CAACS will be offering a one-time building walkthrough on February 1, 2021, from 10am – 2pm to see the safety measures we have in place in our safety-renovated school building.

CAACS has partnered with Healthy Roster, a daily screening platform.

A mandatory **Virtual Daily Screening Training** will take place on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00pm for all families that will be participating in in-person instruction.

MONTHLY COVID TESTING

CAACS will be seeking parents' consent to test their scholars **MONTHLY** for COVID-19 infection. **How often?** The NYCDOE has arranged for their laboratory and

provider testing partners to come to every school **at least once a month** to test some of the students and staff. ***If parents consent***, scholars may be selected for testing on one or more of these occasions. In addition, scholars may also be tested throughout the school year (1) in accordance with state and city mandates, such as weekly testing in schools in Yellow Zones, or (2) if they exhibit one or more symptoms of COVID-19, or (3) if they are a close contact of a student, teacher, or staff person with COVID-19 infection.

SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE:

Effective January 3, 2021, the timeframe for individuals exposed to confirmed COVID-19 cases and the resulting interventions, such as classroom closures and building closures have also changed from 14 days to 10 days.

ONSITE HEALTH CLINIC PROPOSAL

Under the supervision of two doctors, the Nurse Practitioner would complete medical components in planning, developing, and implementing a comprehensive school health program with the goal of providing services to promote health and wellness within the school.

VACCINATIONS

Phase 1B of the state's Vaccination Plan began Monday, 1/11/21 and included those who work in education, specifically "teachers and education workers." The NYCHA Association's position on Phase 1B vaccinations is that all school staff **"should"** receive the vaccine and that "education workers" includes all school-building employees.

NYC Department of Health School Liaison Program

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (NYC Health Department) has included CAACS in the Nonpublic Schools Liaison Program in 2021. This program was initiated to facilitate communication between schools and the NYC Health Department to ensure you have timely and accurate information and resources related to COVID-19.

CAACS has been assigned a liaison who is our direct line of communication with the NYC Health Department and will help answer our questions and concerns on the many ways COVID-19 has been impacting our school, including NYC and New York State COVID-19 requirements and processes like routine testing, contact tracing and vaccines. More information on vaccines will be shared soon.

EDUCATION BUDGET

Governor Cuomo released his 2021-22 Proposed Executive Budget. With new federal coronavirus relief, schools across New York would receive a \$2.1 billion increase in overall funding next school year under Gov. Andrew Cuomo's budget proposal. **The charter tuition rate will be decreased to maintain parity in funding with school districts.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.