

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 at 1400 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York 11212 on **April 19, 2023**.

Dr. A.R. Bernard, President
Henry Clouden III, Treasurer
Cheryl Pemberton-Graves, Vice-President
Chrysetta Patterson, Member
Shirley Glasgow, Secretary
Dr. Kimberlee Pierre, Member
Dr. Laurie B. Midgette, Principal

The meeting was called to order at 6:39pm–7:43pm with a quorum present.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Hank Clouden, Board Treasurer

AUDIT UPDATE - The FY21-22 Audit is complete. The the Federal Audit Clearinghouse (FAC) accepted our Single Audit submission. No further action is needed. The audit report for the year ended June 30, 2022 did not contain any findings and questioned costs.

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 flow for one month, with the accompanying supplemental information. These statements were discussed in detail. There is sufficient cash to fund monthly operations. The per-pupil invoice has been updated and resubmitted for approval. The additional funding sources have been submitted and are under review.

DATA DASHBOARD

- **Year to Date Attendance Rate – 92.17%**
- **Current Immunization Status – 89.70% (22 ELL students have provisional status)**
- **Current Enrollment – 211 (ATS 234)**
- **SPED Enrollment – 26**
- **ELL Enrollment – 22**
- **Temporary Housing – 21**
- **COVID Vaccinations (per ATS) – 65 - (ATS is currently tracking Pfizer)**
- **FRPL on 4/19/2023 - 82.46%**

LOTTERY RESULTS

New Parent Orientation – May 10th

AM Session 9:00 am – 10:00 am

PM Session 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm (RSVP mandatory)

Lottery Applications Report

Grade Level	Paper	Online
Grade K	9	54
Grade 1		8
Grade 2	1	7
Grade 3		2
Grade 4	1	6
Grade 5		8
Total # of Applicants	11	85

Number of Acceptance Letters that went out – 85

Lottery Acceptances Report – 4/19

Grade K	19
Grade 1	3
Grade 2	2
Grade 3	3
Grade 4	3
Grade 5	
Total	30

Number of Acceptance Letters received - 30

SUMMER BOOST GRANT

CAACS applied for another **grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies** to offer a **summer learning camp** to 75 of our **scholars who are most in need** of this support for post-pandemic learning recovery. **CAACS has been awarded an initial \$128,800 grant, with an additional \$9,200 waiting to be approved.** If approved, our total allocation will be \$138,000.

NYS Charter Schools Act 25th Anniversary

Former New York Governor George Pataki will be the Honored Speaker at our upcoming celebration to recognize the 25th anniversary of the New York State Charter Schools Act. As a long-time supporter of public charter schools, Governor Pataki was responsible for bringing charters into New York when he signed the NYS Charter Schools Act of 1998 into law. His commitment to the hundreds of thousands of students and families served by public charter schools throughout the state is something to be admired and we look forward to hearing his reflections at the event. **The anniversary celebration will take**

place on Thursday, May 18, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m. at Inside Park at St. Bart's (325 Park Ave, New York, NY) and will include a cocktail reception and related programming. The event will also feature student performances as well as additional guest speakers from throughout the charter community.

RENEWAL UPDATE

CAACS Leadership and Board met with the DOE Authorizer, Erin Cochran to go over the Chancellor's recommendation on April 4th. Our school's **renewal recommendation (3 YEARS)** is currently scheduled for the May NYS Board of Regents meeting.

Charter School Performance Conditions

When the NYC DOE identifies performance concerns at the time of renewal of a Chancellor-authorized charter school, a school may be granted a renewal with conditions related to these areas of concern. Conditions may be assessed for academic, fiscal, operational/governance performance or compliance-related concerns. Conditions are aligned to the standards set forth in the NYC DOE Charter School Accountability Framework and set performance expectations for the charter term. If conditions are not met in school's renewal charter term or the established timeframe, this could result in probation and lead to revocation of the charter or non-renewal of the charter by the NYC DOE if not successfully addressed.

- The school will maintain **at least 85% of the authorized enrollment** over the course of the charter term.
- **By August 31, 2023**, the school will provide the authorizer with a detailed plan to improve its short- and long-term financial indicators. Upon approval of the plan, the school will report by May 1 each year of the charter term on the progress of those plans toward the ultimate goal of meeting its short-term financial targets as defined in the NYCDOE Accountability Handbook and of growth toward meeting the long-term financial targets as defined in same.

Adjournment - 7:43pm