

## 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 20, 2022.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm – 7:38pm with a quorum present.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – Hank Clouden, Board Treasurer**

#### **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 – 93.07**

##### **Attendance Rates:**

Week Ending 3/18 – 95.82%

Week Ending 3/25 – 95.55%

Week Ending 4/1 – 91.55%

Week Ending 4/8 – 88.45%

Week Ending 4/15 – 93.00%

**ELL Enrollment - 4**

**SPED Enrollment – 36**

#### **LOTTERY RESULTS**

**Applications Submitted – 90**

10 – Sibling (5 alumni siblings)

#### **Acceptance Data**

Grade 5 – 2

Grade 4 – 1

Grade 3 – 0

Grade 2 – 0

Grade 1 – 4

Grade K – 23

## **Total of 30 Seats Accepted**

### **Recruitment**

- Virtual Fair Booth will remain open over the summer
- Online application will remain live over the summer
- Instagram Ads
- Updated Advertisements with Community Partners
- Open House with Daycare Providers

### **Food Pantry Distribution**

March 25 – 25 Boxes

April 1 – 25 Boxes

April 8 – 25 Boxes

April 15 – 20 Boxes

**Total:** 95 Boxes

## **ACADEMIC COMPARATIVE DATA – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (iReady Assessment Tool) 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Reading** - 31% of scholars demonstrated improved placement when compared to their beginning of the year (Q1) reading diagnostic.

**Math** - 37% of scholars demonstrated improved placement when compared to their beginning of the year (Q1) Math diagnostic.

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Reading** - 40% of scholars demonstrated improved placement when compared to their beginning of the year (Q1) reading diagnostic.

**(Math)**- 51% of scholars demonstrated improved placement when compared to their beginning of the year (Q1) Math diagnostic.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Reading** - 29% of scholars demonstrated improved placement when compared to their beginning of the year (Q1) reading diagnostic.

**Math** - 31% of scholars demonstrated improved placement when compared to their beginning of the year (Q1) Math diagnostic.

## **ACR PRE-RENEWAL VISIT – MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

All schools going through the renewal process next school year (SY22-23) will be visited this spring. Laurie Hazeley, Senior Director, Charter Authorizing, will conduct our visit. The visit will be comprised of a meeting with the school leader, two/ three observations, and a wrap up meeting. Observation blocks are structured to include a five-minute pre-observation conference, followed by a twenty to thirty minute observation, and then a ten-minute post-observation debrief.

## **SUMMER BOOST**

Former Mayor Michael Bloomberg launched a \$50 million initiative to expand summer programming among New York City charter schools in an effort meant to close learning

gaps widened by the pandemic. The initiative, called “Summer Boost,” will allow any of the city’s charter schools to apply for grant funding to bolster their existing summer programs or launch new ones. The privately funded effort is slated to reach 25,000 students in grades K-8, about 18% of those currently enrolled in city charter schools. **CAACS will be participating in this initiative.** The Summer Boost program will provide a five-week reading and math curriculum as well as teacher training. Participating schools must ensure that students attend at least 80% of the program and must commit to measuring outcomes. Bloomberg will offer funding to nearly every school that applies at a rate of about \$2,000 per student.