

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 December 15, 2021.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm – 7:31pm with a quorum present.

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 as 12/9/2021. The additional funding sources include ARP-ESSER 3 has been submitted and is under review. The CARES ACT – ESSERF has been fully received and deposited. TITLE I funds for 2020-2021 have been fully received and deposited. TITLE IIA funds have been allocated, received and deposited. TITLE IV funding has been allocated, received and deposited. TITLE I funding for 2018-2019 & 2019-2020 has been allocated, received and deposited. TITLE IIA has also been received and deposited. The CSP COVID Grant was submitted on March 1, 2022; we are still waiting to receive it. CAACs received a Special Charter School Aid dispensation marked Senate.

DATA DASHBOARD

Year to Date Attendance Rate – 94.94% (increase of 1.93%)

Virtual Learning Attendance:

- Week Ending 11/19 – 96.90%
- Week Ending 11/26 – 95.45%
- Week Ending 12/3 – 93.54%
- Week Ending 11/12 – 95.54%

Current Immunization Status – 96.9%

Enrollment – 209

SPED Enrollment – 36

POVERTY

- **Housing Updates:**
- Total Number of Families doubled up – 6

- Total Number of Families in Shelters – 1
- **Food Services (12/14/2021)**
- Students with meal code A (HRA) **118**
- Students with meal code 1 (FREE MEAL) **27**
- Students With meal code 2 (REDUCED MEAL) **15**
- **Total number of Free & Reduced – 153/76.55%**

COVID UPDATES

- 224 scholars have been tested as of 12/15/2021.
- 46 scholars tested in December.
- 1 Positive Test Result
- 222 Negative Test Results

*** (3 scholars from 3rd grade have tested positive this since 12/10/2021)***

NEW CHANCELLOR

It was announced that David Banks, Founder of Eagle Academy has been named the next NYC Schools Chancellor. Mr. Banks, like the incoming mayor, are supportive of charters. He says that families of color were not necessarily clamoring for integrated schools, just good ones. He has been a consistent critic of what he considers the overreliance on suspensions in schools and is skeptical of using standardized test scores to judge individual students and schools. Mr. Banks has stressed making better use of digital learning tools to give students access to experiences and educators outside their classrooms. Mr. Banks was an early adopter of a culturally responsive curriculum. Despite the schools' positive qualities, some of the Eagle schools have struggled with performance, particularly in the middle school years. Three of the five Eagle schools in New York have posted middle school test scores that have led to them being ranked some of the lowest-performing schools in the state, which has raised questions about what other support the schools' at-risk students might need; and, some campuses have higher-than-average rates of chronic absenteeism. Still, the New York schools have generally posted graduation rates that are higher than the city average.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm.

Submitted by: *Shirley A. Glasgow, Board Secretary*