



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 18, 2023, 6:30pm-7:30pm.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm with a quorum present.

FINANACIAL COMMITTEE REPORT - VOTE

The financial statements of Cultural Arts Academy Charter School were prepared by Stuart Sabal and the Finance Committee and presented by Henry Clouden, Board 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.

OML Reminder

“As of August 19, 2023, the COVID-19 State of Emergency has been lifted in NYC, which means that the Open Meetings Law is now fully back in effect. In particular, as many board members are joining meetings remotely without properly noticing their remote physical location, several board meetings since August 19, 2023 have not met quorum. As a reminder, any board member that wishes to join a board meeting remotely and count toward quorum must include the physical location of their remote location on the meeting public notice as a possible location for the public to join. Members that join remotely without including their physical location on the notice will not count toward quorum for that meeting. If your board has met remotely (whole or in part) since August 19, 2023, we are asking that you review your meeting minutes to verify:

(a) that any remote locations of board members were noticed properly as locations the public could join the meeting from, and if not, and (b) evaluate if quorum was met with the in-person board members only. If quorum was not met with your in-

person and location-noticed remote board members, unfortunately any votes from that meeting will need to be redone, possibly including your renewal application vote. We'd like to also take this time to remind you to continue to post on your website:

- The physical location(s) of the Board meeting (including the location of any remote board members (that wish to count toward quorum) and the link to join via videoconference (if applicable)
- Board meeting agendas as soon as possible and at least 72 hours before the meeting
- Your Board meeting minutes within two weeks following the Board meeting

We (NYCDOE-Authorizers) continually review these documents and appreciate the timely availability of this information on your website. If your school is having any challenges with this practice, please don't hesitate to reach out."

DATA DASHBOARD

Total # Enrolled Students – 210

Total English Language Learners - 26

Total # of SPED Students – 27

FRL percentage -- 80.66%

Daily Attendance Rate – 92.34 (YTD)

EARLYBIRD GRANT



EarlyBird Education, Inc.
 163 Highland Ave, #1067, Needham, MA 02492
 Fed ID #84-3268727

Prepared for
 Dr. Laurie Midgette
 Founding Principal-CEO
 (646) 895-0770
 lmidgette@caa-ny.org

2023-2024 School Year

Product	Qty	Unit Price	Total
EarlyBird Annual Platform Access and Support Services: Includes technical assistance, product training, district reporting, parent reporting, teacher dashboards and access to Next Steps Resource Platform.	1	\$750	\$750
K Student Licenses	40	\$9	\$360
1st Grade Student Licenses	24	\$9	\$216
K Workshops (cohorts of up to 12 participants)	2	\$500	\$1000
1st Workshops (cohorts of up to 12 participants)	2	\$500	\$1000
SoW reflects licenses for 64 students total	Total		\$3326
Paid by Heckscher Foundation for Children*			\$3326
Amount Due			\$0

* Heckscher Foundation for Children has provided funds directly to EarlyBird on your behalf covering the full cost of EarlyBird, and reflecting your assurances to implement with fidelity, as outlined in the participation requirements and your RFP application responses.

The Heckscher Foundation for Children announced that they have made \$500,000 available state-wide to provide New York charter schools a complete access to

EarlyBird's early literacy assessment (grades Prek-1) at no cost to the school. CAACS submitted an application on September 22, 2023. On October 18, 2023, CAACS was notified that the trustees of the Heckscher Foundation for Children voted that Cultural Arts Academy Charter School receive access to the EarlyBird platform at no cost to our organization. The term of the license is through June 30, 2025. This award letter confirms the following details:

School Years: 2023-2024 and 2024-2025

Kindergarten: 40 students

1st Grade: 24 students

ADVOCACY - National School Choice Week in Albany

On Tuesday, February 6, 2024, NYCSA, in partnership with ParentPowerEDNY, National Parents Union, Empire Center for Public Policy, Families for NYC and other groups from all over New York State, will be taking supporters to the New York State Capitol in Albany to advocate for parent choice. This is a unique opportunity for parents who have children in all types of schools to meet with elected officials and stand united in their right to choose what type of education is best for their children. CAACS is planning to participate in this advocacy initiative.

NYC Kids Rise “Financial Literacy” ELL Family Meeting

CAACS led two presentations for our K-2 families based upon the The “NYC Rise Program”. This non-profit organization allows parents to save for their children’s college education and gives them access to scholarships that are provided. Upon enrollment in this program, parents receive \$100.00 in order to save for college. This program also enables parents/guardians, family members, friends, schools, communities, businesses and government to work together to build assets in the efforts to secure the future of the next generation of world leaders. Below you will find the dates for these presentations:

- 1st Meeting- November 16th, 2023- 5 Parents Attended (K-2nd)
- 2nd Meeting- November 30, 2023-11 ELL Parents (K-2nd)

FLIP CIRCUS

One of our parents donated tickets to the "FLIP CIRCUS" for 100 adults with one child for Monday, December 4, 2023 from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM It was held in Brooklyn, NY at McCarren Park at 50 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11222

Adjournment – 8:03 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Glasgow, Board Secretary