

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL 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 virtually on Zoom on November 18, 2020.

IN ATTENDANCE:

- Henry Clouden III, Treasurer
- Shirley A Glasgow, Secretary
- Cheryl Pemberton-Graves, Vice-President
- Chrysetta Patterson, Member
- Dean Sadek, Member
- Dr. AR Bernard, President (via phone)
- 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 – 92.84 %

Distance Learning Attendance Rates:

Week Ending 10/23 – 93.06 %

Week Ending 10/30 – 92.53 %

Week Ending 11/6– 92.80 %

Week Ending 11/13– 93%

Current Immunization Status – 98.7%

Current Student Count – 239

SPED Student Count – 26

Housing Updates:

Total Number of Families doubled up – 8

Total Number of Families in Temporary Living Quarters – 2

Total Number of Families in Shelters - 4

Free & Reduced numbers as of 10/21/2020

Students with meal code A (HRA) 124

Students with meal code 1 (FREE MEAL) 24

Students With meal code 2 (REDUCED MEAL) 14

Total number of Free & Reduced **162 is 67.783% of 239**

Technology Updates (as of 11/18/20)

WiFi Devices Issued: 3

- Family is currently residing in a shelter with no WIFI access
- 2 Staffers with connectivity issues

iPads Distributed: 22

Devices Issued to Staff: 22

Chromebooks Issued to Scholars: 156

FUNDING SOURCES

SPECIAL NYC CHARTER FUNDING - (RECEIVED & DEPOSITED)

CARES ACT -- (SUBMITTED & UNDER REVIEW)

TITLE FUNDS (\$120,808.00)

TITLE I (20% ALLOCATED)

TITLE IIA (20% ALLOCATED)

TITLE IV (0% ALLOCATED-BEING RESEARCHED)

(20% WAS ALLOCATED BUT NOT RECEIVED-PASEK CONSULTING IS CURRENTLY MAKING CONTACT TO ASCERTAIN FUNDS STATUS)

Updated Guidance on Limited Temporary Enforcement of Student Immunization

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) has extended the deadline for certain students to submit proof of immunization until December 11. The extension only applies to students who are taking classes exclusively from home. In-person students who have not submitted proof of immunization must be excluded from attending classes, consistent with the requirements of Public Health Law section 2164(7).

Reporting COVID Cases

Charter schools in private space or stand-alone DOE space should contact the DOHMH via phone at (866) 692-3641.

NORTHWELL PARTNERSHIP

Northwell Direct will provide Cultural Arts Academy with a progressive engagement of services to maximize support for your reopening and ongoing business operations, including:

- Utilization of medical interpretation of guidelines from CDC, OSHA and other regulatory bodies
- Appropriate medical advisory services based on the latest research
- Combining education and safety measures to minimize risk to your workforce

DOE Services in Case of District School Closure

There's so much about COVID that we still don't know. But it is clear that COVID can have devastating long-term effects for some people. Known as "long-haulers," these individuals struggle with symptoms that last for months after catching COVID. One of the most concerning symptoms is chronic fatigue, which can make it difficult to even do simple daily tasks. It's important that we all take COVID seriously. Even if you're younger or in good health. Wear a mask, social distance, avoid gatherings—and together let's work to stop the spread.

If the Mayor closes district schools, **charter schools in private space may choose to remain open**. DOE led services (bus service, nursing and school crossing guards) will continue to be

provided to those schools. School food will be provided at central meal hubs. For services to continue, charter schools must inform our office so that the services can be coordinated.

The NYC Commissioner of Health issued an Order requiring all NYC nonpublic and charter schools that are not located in a NYC Department of Education school building to adhere to additional COVID-19 risk-reduction measures. This Order amends and replaces the Order I issued on September 28, 2020, regarding additional requirements for certain schools in certain ZIP codes. This Order shall be effective immediately and remain in effect through the end of the 2020-2021 school year, including any summer school sessions during 2021, or such earlier time as I may indicate, subject to the authority of the Board of Health to continue, rescind, alter or modify this Order pursuant to Section 3.01 of the Health Code. Failure to comply with an Order of the Commissioner is a violation of the Health Code and a misdemeanor for which you may be subject to civil and criminal penalties, including fines, forfeitures, and imprisonment.

The required COVID-19 risk-reduction measures are:

- Everyone on school grounds must stay at least 6 feet apart at all times, except in emergencies or when doing so would create a safety hazard, **or** when physical barriers are put in place between people in accordance with New York State guidance for in-person instruction at pre-kindergarten (pre-K) to grade 12 schools.
- Everyone must wear a face covering at all times on school grounds and during off-site school activities, except for people who cannot wear a face covering because of developmental, medical or age reasons. Face coverings may be removed when eating or drinking during snack and mealtimes, during scheduled face covering breaks consistent with guidance issued by the NYC Health Department, and during naptimes.
- Schools must coordinate with the NYC Health Department and NYC Test & Trace Corps (part of NYC Health + Hospitals) to identify, isolate and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Schools must report every case of COVID-19 to the NYC Health Department by calling 866-692-3641 and cooperate with the NYC Health Department regarding closing and opening classrooms or schools.

NYSED State Testing Update

NYSED and the Board of Regents continue to be mindful of the many uncertainties faced statewide and nationally, and we will continuously monitor the situation and provide updated guidance, as the situation requires. At this time, **no final decision regarding the Spring 2021 Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests has been made.** Keeping this in mind, CAACS has to order exams and prepare should it be deemed feasible to proceed with the Spring 2021 test administrations in person in schools throughout the State.