

**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 via Zoom on October 20, 2021.

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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 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 – 92.05%

Current Immunization Status – 96.50%

Current Enrollment– 217

SPED Enrollment– 32

Poverty Data

Housing:

Total Number of Families doubled up – 6

Total Number of Families in Temporary Living Quarters – 2

Total Number of Families in Shelters - 1

Families who qualify for Free & Reduced Lunch 153/70.50%

Technology Updates

Chromebooks Issued to Scholars: 160

Staff Issued Devices: 8

After School Activities - Apollo After School Program

- 3-day program - 9 students enrolled
- 4-day Program – 14 students enrolled
- Friday Learning Hub – 5 students enrolled

Apollo Afterschool Student Breakdown

- 5th Grade – 5
- 4th Grade – 3
- 3rd Grade – 3
- 2nd Grade – 4
- 1st Grade – 4

- Grade K – 2

CAACS Peace Players Girls Basketball League - 31 total

Apollo Afterschool Student Breakdown

- 3rd Grade – 8
- 4th Grade – 10
- 5th Grade – 13

STAFF VACCINATION UPDATE

The staff vaccination policy was implemented beginning September 27, 2021.(97.7%).

NYC KIDS RISE

The NYC Kids RISE Save for College Program is a scholarship and savings program. Unless their parent/guardian opts out, every kindergartener enrolled in a NYC public school (including participating charter schools), automatically receives an NYC Scholarship Account with a \$100 initial deposit and up to \$200 in early rewards. The scholarship funds are invested in the NY 529 Direct Plan, a type of tax-advantaged account specifically designed to help people save for higher education. Businesses, organizations, institutions, and others, can contribute to groups of the NYC Scholarship Accounts to further increase the money in each child's account and demonstrate their community's support for every child's success. We met with the Kindergarten families on September 29, 2021 to discuss the program; and they all seemed very receptive. We signed the letter of partnership on October 8, 2021.

WEEKLY SCREENING DATA

CAACS is taking all necessary and proactive, and sometimes unpopular steps to keep our unvaccinated scholars safe during this very unpredictable pandemic. In the results of our Back-To-School Survey, 75.65% of our CAACS families said that they are willing to allow your scholar(s) to submit to random testing for COVID-19 (via the NYCDOE), if implemented. CAACS has implemented bi-weekly COVID-19 testing for 10% of our eligible, unvaccinated students enrolled in our school (Kindergarten is excluded). The NYCDOE, NYC Health and Hospitals, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), and the NYC Test and Trace Corps organized this initiative.

CAACS families must submit a new COVID-19 testing consent form for each of their scholars for the 2021-2022 school year, to participate in the testing program. The test is easy, quick, and safe. Instead of the "long swab" that goes in the back of the nose, this test is a short, small swab (like a Q-Tip) that goes just in the front of the nose. Results are typically provided within 48-72 hours.

CAACS has partnered with the New York City School Testing Program by CIC Health to implement the testing. CIC Health was co-founded by Dr. Atul Gawande, Chairman of Ariadne Labs and Tim Rowe, Founder and CEO of Cambridge Innovation Center (CIC). CIC Health has experience in operating dozens of public testing sites and has provided testing services to more than 600 schools and 450 organizations across 20 states. They are actively delivering end-to-end COVID-19 testing support to a large part of the country. Headquartered in Cambridge,

Massachusetts, this company has facilitated more than 2 million PCR tests and over 1.2 million vaccine doses. CAACS has been assigned a Program Coordinator who is our direct point of contact.

- Total tests Issued since implementation – 94
- Total Positive Test Results – 1
- Total Negative Results – 93
- Internal Exposure – 22
- Quarantined – 1

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.