

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 October 21, 2020.

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

CAACS-Online Year to Date Attendance Rate – 90.92 %

Virtual Learning Attendance Rates:

Week Ending 9/18 – 92.06 %
Week Ending 9/25 – 93.33 %
Week Ending 10/2 – 93.06 %
Week Ending 10/9 – 93.26 %
Week Ending 10/16 – 93.14 %

Current Immunization Status – **97.1%**

Current Student Count – **240**

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)	123
Students with meal code 1 (FREE MEAL)	14
Students With meal code 2 (REDUCED MEAL)	9
Total number of Free & Reduced	146

Cultural Arts Academy Charter School free & reduced percentage on 9/16/2020 is **60.83%**

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

We have accounted for 107 devices that have been distributed. One of our greatest challenges is scholars and staff experiencing issues with their mics, cameras and Internet connections during live sessions. Tech Support is troubleshooting and monitoring the situation and is in contact with Google.

ACADEMICS

Beginning-Of-Year Diagnostics

ELA

- **192 out of 240 scholars** took the BOY reading ELA assessment. There was student support outreach and a make-up day for those who did not take the assessment.
- The data shows that **4th grade had the highest percentage of scholars who completed the assessment school wide**. It is noted that this particular cohort of scholars had the highest school wide percentage of completed assessments for both the EOY and the BOY reading diagnostics. The data shows 69% of the **K scholars** who completed the assessment are above or on grade level.

Mathematics

- 207 scholars out of 240 scholars were assessed which equates to 86%. There was student support outreach and a makeup day for those scholars who did not take the assessment.

New School Closures

Governor Cuomo unveiled a new plan to close schools in NYC hotspots. Schools in orange and red zones will close at the latest for a minimum of two weeks per Governor Cuomo's mandate until infection rates decrease enough to put them in a yellow zone. Schools in yellow zones will be required to do weekly testing. This is a result of the fact that the top 20 zip codes have infection rates of 5.5%, compared to a 1.2% statewide average. The Mayor's Office released an interactive map of closure zones in parts of Brooklyn and Queens due to a spike in COVID-19 cases. The map allows businesses and residents to look up what zone they're in and what closures impact them.

CAACS IS LOCATED IN THE YELLOW ZONE - The DOE/DOH held a Q&A session yesterday with schools based on the guidance released by NYC DOH on Friday night for testing of teachers and students for schools in a yellow zone. In the interim, for schools thinking of administering tests themselves that it is our understanding that most RNs are not CLA certified—and therefore not able to administer the tests on behalf of a school.

Testing Requirements for Schools in Yellow Zones

The NYS DOH has determined that schools open to in-person instruction in yellow zones are required to test 20% of in-person students, teachers and staff, at least once a week starting Friday October 16, 2020, for as long as the school remains in a designated yellow zone.

To be eligible for the free testing, schools must be current with their daily reporting through the school dashboard survey. **These tests will be offered at no cost to students and staff.**