

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 September 15, 2021.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Henry Clouden III, Treasurer
Cheryl Pemberton-Graves, Vice-President
Chrysetta Patterson, Member
Dean Sadek, Member
Dr. AR Bernard
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.

OPEN MEETINGS LAW

Governor Kathy Hochul approved an amendment to Open Meetings Law, which will allow public meetings to be conducted via videoconference, similar to the authorization provided by Executive Order 202.1, which expired in June. The Open Meetings Law provisions are in effect until January 15th, 2022.

NYSED ACCOUNTABILITY STATUS

NYSED will freeze the accountability status for schools for the 2021-2022 school year. CAACS is in good standing.

DASHBOARD

YTD Attendance Rate - 73.40%
Enrollment – 225

BACK TO SCHOOL SURVEY RESULTS were reviewed. The majority of families are looking forward to returning to in-person learning; some have concerns because their scholars do not qualify for a vaccination. 28 families are choosing to remain online. Based on parent feedback in the survey, CAACS did offer a virtual learning option for those families.

Covid Reporting Update

As per Governor Hochul, daily reporting to the New York State School COVID Report Card will resume on Monday, September 13th. All schools will be required to log in and submit a daily report between the hours of 7am and 4pm on each operational day of the school year.

Staff Vaccination Policy

CAACS will be adopting the same policy as NYC and will require ALL CAACS Staff—including the principal, school leaders, teachers, instructional, and non-instructional staff—to have received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine by Sept. 27, 2021, without the option of instead submitting to weekly testing. CAACS employees must submit either a vaccination card (paper form) or a vaccine passport (NY State's Excelsior Pass).

- **Breaking News!** - Staff at every New York City charter school will be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or face removal from their schools' payroll, city officials announced Tuesday.

- *Effective Monday, September 13*, all visitors to DOE school buildings will be required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination (1 dose), in order to enter the building, except in the case of an emergency. This proof may be provided in several ways. In order to enter the building, a visitor must: show identification, have proof of vaccination, complete the daily health screening form, and wear a face covering.

Cases so far... One CAACS Teacher, one external Sub-Teacher, and 2 students

The **NYC Kids RISE Save for College Program** enables every student in a participating elementary school, starting in kindergarten, will automatically receive an NYC Scholarship Account invested in the NY 529 Direct Plan, unless their family chooses not to participate. This year, the program is open to charter schools for the first time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.