

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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 September 18, 2023.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm–7:42pm with a quorum present.

Financial Report – Hank Clouden, Board Treasurer

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 flow for one month, with the accompanying supplemental information. These statements were discussed in detail. There is sufficient cash to fund monthly operations.

UPDATES

- Mayor Adams warned of up to 15% cuts in education funding.
- COVID Test Kits will be shipped to all 2022-2023 school sites in the quantities that were last sent to those sites and arrive in the next two weeks.

OPEN MEETINGS LAW UPDATE

The NYC specific COVID-19 state of emergency has expired. This means that schools must follow the Open Meetings Law, which means schools have the following options to hold board meetings, with more details in the presentation found here. Options For Charter School Board Meetings: (*The CAACS Board voted last year on Option 3*).

1. All members meet in-person, no video conferencing available
2. There are multiple meeting locations open to the public and all locations are connected via videoconferencing (pre-pandemic rules that are explicitly endorsed by the Committee on Open Government). There are no new limits on remote part, and you must notice remote locations.
3. Adopt a resolution to utilize the new 103-a videoconferencing flexibilities and make sure the school has complied with all requirements. Schools can choose to use this flexibility at any time. There are limits on the remote part, but you may not need to share the location of remote members.

DATA DASHBOARD

Grade Level	# of Students	
Grade K	42	10 ELL scholars
Grade 1	24	3 ELL Students
Grade 2	38	4 ELL Students
Grade 3	24	2 ELL Students
Grade 4	31	2 ELL Students
Grade 5	53	7 ELL Students

Total # of enrolled students – 212

Total # of English Language Learners - 28

Total # of SPED Students – 25

FRL - 80.66%

Daily Attendance Rate – 86.59%

****First week of school; and multiple scholars did not have access to yellow school bus service until 9/11/2023.*

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Curriculum Night was held on Tuesday, September 12th (K-2) and Thursday, September 14th (3-5).

- Introduction of Co-Directors of Curriculum of Instruction and Instructional Team Members
- International Baccalaureate Presentation
- Instructional Specialists gave a general idea of the curricula that will be used, and reviewed the school wide grading policy and homework policy
- Parents were reminded about the State Exam Testing Dates (Pertaining to Grades 3-5)
- Parents were informed of Dates Pertaining to Our Classroom Community Virtual Meetings
- Meet the Professors by Grade Team – powerpoints with helpful academic tips/websites, classroom management intervention plan, homework template and individual class Mon-Thursday & Friday schedules were shared
- There was a brief Q and A Session w/ Parents

Adjournment – 7:52pm