

**Approved Minutes of
THE MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF MANHATTAN CHARTER
SCHOOLS EDUCATION CORPORATION**

February 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

In attendance were trustees: Andria Olson, Annabel Javier, Becca Edil, Caity Conklin, Lauren Schwarz

School Reps: Genie DePolo, Amy Salazar

Proposed Minutes

Minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the Board and approved without revisions.

Reports

Chief of Schools Report

Ms. DePolo reported Manhattan Charter Schools would be applying for a state grant in the amount of \$49,500. The grant is to support technology for students, families and the school. Included in this support is additional hardware, software, loaners, replacements, paying internet charges for families unable to pay, hotspots, and teacher professional development. Funds will also be used for PPE and disinfecting supplies.

Vanguard has been finalized and 33,193 recruiting postcards have been mailed to prospective families. Ms. DePolo shared that the newest number of children who have left the city public school system is 43K so we are increasing our recruitment effort substantially. In addition to Vanguard, we are advertising in the Desi newspaper, El Diario, online AM NY, printed AM NY, Big Apple Parent magazine, and bus shelters. We are distributing flyers in the community and have recruited parents to help in that effort.

The Manhattan Charter School enrollment amendment was completed and submitted. We are now waiting for DOE to contact us with the date of the public hearing. Ms. DePolo will communicate the date to the Board and community as soon as it is received.

MCS2 returned from a 10 day quarantine on January 28th. This closure was due to 2 unrelated positive COVID cases in the school. Both MCS2 and MCS continue to implement our own daily disinfecting protocol in addition to the nightly electrostatic disinfecting spraying that is done by school custodians.

Trustee Schwarz inquired about the administration of the NYS ELA, Math and Science exams. Ms. DePolo reported that NYS was pursuing a testing exemption from the US Department of

Education for the 2020-2021 school year. There is no additional information from the USDOE at this time. MCS and MCS2 will continue to prepare with the expectation that the exams will be administered.

The next Board meeting for the 2020-2021 school year will take place March 3, 2021. The dates for the balance of the school year are April 7th, May 5th and June 2nd.

New Business

No new business

Unfinished Business

Trustee Schwarz asked about the status of the completion of the virtual tour. Ms. DePolo shared that the plan had been for the tour to be available February 1st, but the producers of the tour asked for a few more days to make final changes to the tour. They promised it would be ready by February 5th at the very latest.

Executive Session

There was no executive session

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm