

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

March 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, Megann McManus

School Reps: Genie DePolo, Amy Salazar

Proposed Minutes

Minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the Board and approved without revisions.

Reports

Chief of Schools Report

Ms. DePolo reported that there has been little to no COVID activity in the two schools since the last meeting. All COVID protocols remain in place. Staff and students complete the daily health screener, cleaning and hand sanitizing and washing protocols continue. Social distancing is still maintained everywhere in the schools.

There have been more requests for in person instruction from families that have been fully remote all school year. These requests, because of social distancing, are resulting in waitlists for in person instruction in each building. While there has been talk about the possibility of the social distancing requirement being changed to 3 feet, that has not been adopted by NYS, and as of now, there are no changes to the 6 feet requirement.

Staff and family members have been participating in student recruitment. We have been handing out flyers at pre k schools each morning and afternoon, posted flyers in NYCHA housing, and where permitted, have gone door to door in buildings. We purchased a 30 second digital ad to be displayed on the NY Waterways ferries.

Applications for the upcoming lottery will be accepted until 5 pm on April 1st. The lottery will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, April 7th at 11 am. A member of PKF O'Conner will audit the lottery and it will be recorded.

There has been no response from the US DOE to the waiver request from NYS so state exams will be administered this spring. As of this time, we do not have any administration specifics, but are confident they will be distributed shortly. Manhattan Charter Schools has been preparing both in person and fully remote students for the exams throughout the school year.

The hearing for MCS's enrollment amendment took place February 23rd. The next step is for MCS to be placed on a SUNY Board of Trustees meeting agenda for their final approval. The Board will be notified as soon as that information becomes available.

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

New Business

No new business

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

Executive Session

There was no executive session

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm