

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

June 3, 2020 at 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:06 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 May 6, 2020 meeting were reviewed by the Board and approved without correction.

Reports

Chief of Schools Report

Ms. DePolo presented the Board with the schools distance learning update. The use of Zoom and Google Classroom remained consistent across both schools.

We have added an additional optional week of school for those parents who would like their children to continue to participate daily until June 12th. Additional hard copies of instruction for students for that week, including traditional summer packets were shipped home to students. Students who borrowed electronic devices from MCS and MCS2 will keep them over the summer months. All online programs used during the school year will continue to be available to students during the summer. Report cards will be emailed to parents on the last day of school. The plan is to mail hard copies home when we return to the building.

Additional electronic devices have been purchased for each school. We are still very concerned about ensuring internet access for all students for the upcoming school year and are looking for available options to ensure all students have access. Hopefully providers will extend or reinstate free access when the school year resumes.

There has not yet been guidance from NYSED regarding the reopening of schools. We have been told to plan for different blended learning scenarios, but nothing can be definite until NYS sets guidelines. As charters co-located in DOE buildings, we also need to know what access to the buildings will look like in the fall. We have been told that the Chancellor is aware of how DOE decisions might impact charters and is being considerate of that need to know. Some proposed scheduling options that are being talked about are alternating days, rotating weeks, lengthened school days, half days, staggered start times to name a few. Some parents might

want their child to stay home 100% of the time. The unofficial word is to expect buildings to be occupied by approximately 30% of the usual numbers of people in the building. This includes students and adults.

We are still hoping to be able to access the schools in order to pack up classrooms so that they can be cleaned, and disinfected. There is still no afterschool guidance available.

We have purchased some PPE and cleaning supplies to supplement what the school custodians will be doing regarding daily disinfecting of the school.

Enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year were reviewed with the Board. At this time, both schools are meeting their target for enrollment after the lottery. The numbers will continue to be monitored closely as we get closer to the start of the new school year.

The first Board meeting for the 2020-2021 school year will take place July 15, 2020.

The next Board meeting will be virtual if school buildings have not reopened.

New Business

Trustee Conklin spoke to all those present about the current news of the police encounter that resulted in the death of George Floyd, an African American man in Minnesota. She expressed her great sadness and felt strongly that the Board of Trustees should present a written statement of support to be shared throughout our school and greater community. All members were in agreement and approved the release of statement of support for the cause of Black Lives Matter. The letter of support will be posted on our website, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, and emailed to all our families and all staff.

Unfinished Business

Trustee Conklin reminded the Board that a vote must be taken to approve the budget. She informed everyone that there had been no further comment since the last Board meeting and asked again if any members had any questions or concerns. There were none. Trustee Conklin made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 budget for Manhattan Charter School and Manhattan Charter School 2. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schwarz. All members voted in favor of approving the budget.

Executive Session

There was no executive session

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm