

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

**October 6, 2021 at 6:00 pm**

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

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

**School Reps: Genie DePolo**

**Proposed Minutes**

Minutes of the September 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed by the Board and approved without revisions.

**Reports**

Chief of Schools Report

The Board term of all members has expired. The Board discussed extending the term of the current members for another three years. Trustee Conklin explained that this does not mean that members must commit for another three years, but they can continue to be on the Board for up to that time should they choose. Members agreed this was a good plan. Trustee Conklin motioned that the Board term for all current members be extended for three years. Trustee Schwarz seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MCS and MCS2 will be taking advantage of the free on site weekly COVID testing of students. The DOE is funding the testing for charter schools who want their students tested. Each week, 10% of the students whose parents gave consent for the testing will be tested. The turnaround for results is 24 -72 hours. The first testing is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>.

The required public hearing, hosted by the DOE, will take place on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The hearing will be virtual. Ms. DePolo informed members that she will share log in information with them as soon as she receives the information.

We have had COVID cases in each school. There have been two cases at MCS2, and one at MCS. The schools were not where the students contracted COVID, but because they were in close contact with classmates, there was quarantining of classrooms. Two at MCS, one at MCS2. We continue to be diligent about mitigation protocols. The list below has been in place since the first day of school.

- 3 feet social distancing
- Daily health screener
- Daily temperature checks at the door
- Masks at all times in and out of the school building

- Disinfecting wipes in every classroom
- Hand sanitizer dispenser in every classroom
- Handwashing breaks
- Air purifiers in every space with students
- Electrostatic spray disinfecting every evening

Enrollment continues to be a significant challenge. We have restarted daily Instagram postings, we are updating the website and SchoolMint. We have purchased advertising space at bus stops, and we are beginning our annual recruitment campaign.

Manhattan Charter Schools partnered with a local CBO to sponsor a healthy living and healthy eating community event on September 12<sup>th</sup>. There were vegan and vegetarian chefs providing cooking lessons. Food tasting, exercise classes and musical entertainment were part of the day. The event took place in the 100 Attorney Street schoolyard.

The next Board meeting for the 2020-2021 school year will take place November 3, 2021. The meeting dates for the balance of the school year are as follows: Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Finance Committee Report**

There was no report.

### **New Business**

The Board of Trustees has decided its annual goals for the 2021-2022 school year.

### **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 6:27 pm