



Classical Charter Schools

Board Meeting Minutes May 7, 2024

Classical Charter Schools prepare students for college preparatory high schools' programs and colleges. Through a classical curriculum and highly structured setting, students become liberated scholars and citizens of impeccable character.

Trustees Attending: C. Stephen Baldwin, Kathryn Heleniak, James Maher, Veena Malpani, J. Kevin Murphy, Adrian Tonge,

Trustees Absent: Jake Elghanayan, Mariel Jenkins Taylor, Robert Torres,

Guests Attending: Lester Long, Araud Camu

I. Call to Order

There being a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes of April 16, 2024 meeting passed

The Trustees:

VOTED to adopt the draft of the April 16, 2024 minutes as submitted.

III. Report of the ED

A. Growth

- a. Consulting is still happening but not growing rapidly.
- b. Possibility of a school takeover of a charter school that never opened.
 - i. We would have a charter, but we would have to pay the expenses the school incurred, about \$500,000
 - ii. One option is to do a "student haircut" to pay it off
 - iii. The school has to open in the Bronx, but there are no other limitations

1. Not limited to the South Bronx which is overchartered
- iv. We would have to do a “material revision” update to the charter
- v. It would open in 2025, if we could find space we could possibly open in 2024.
- vi. The charter is set to expire in 2026
- vii. If we got this and a charter from SUNY – we have the capacity to open both

B. Grants

- a. Meeting with Robertson Foundation – they are moving away from Charters going forward. They are unlikely to give us another grant. This was a \$750,000/year grant
- b. Discussions with Caulder Foundation and Tiger Foundation

C. Enrollment

- a. School II continues to lag
- b. Applications are down significantly this year
- c. Will review the retention policy as is a source of scholar attrition
 - i. Summer School could be used to target these scholars and help them progress to the next grade

D. Scholar Achievement

- a. State Math test are next week. We expect students to be prepared.

E. Staff Attrition

- a. 3 staff members left in the month of April
- b. Probably will be lower than last year
- c. School IV had the most turnover this year, but it seems to have solidified with new School Leaders
 - i. We are finding that employees leave cultures and managers

Respectfully Submitted,

Veena Malpani, Secretary

