

# CONEY ISLAND PREP

The regular monthly meeting of Coney Island Preparatory Public Charter School was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

## **Board Member Present: Guests Present:**

Josh Wolfe

Julie Goran

Jacob Mnookin

Nkonye Okoh

Samantha Tweedy

Leslie-Bernard Joseph

Shona Pinnock

Joseph Talia

Joe Herrera

KC Klegar

El Gilbert

Ross Thomason

## **Absent:**

Jennifer McArdle

## **Quorum Present: Yes**

### **I. Minutes**

Leslie-Bernard Joseph, CEO, presented the Board with the December 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes for approval.

*Voted:* Joe Herrera made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes, and Mr. Mnookin seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

### **II. Schools Update**

Leslie provided updates on the following items:

- The school dashboard was shared.
- **COVID:** During the month of December, the school logged ~50 confirmed COVID cases, including a number of breakthrough cases from staff. This was more than double the combined 22 cases in October & November, *combined*, primarily from unvaccinated students.
  - On December 27, 2021 – CDC changed quarantine guidelines, immediately after NYC DOE announced new return to school protocols on December 28, 2021.
  - CIP responded to the Omicron surge and changing guidelines with a full remote week January 3 – 7, 2021.
  - Families were sent written updates to CIP's protocols on January 6 and updates were shared live via Town Hall the following week on July 13.

- All scholars & staff were required to be tested to return before restarting in-person instruction, Monday, January 10, 2021. The screening allowed us to observe a number of cases early before opening our doors.

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- Since then, schools have largely been open with frequent isolations & quarantines for individual students and staff members, and just 2 full classroom closures.

The Board also engaged in a spirited discussion around when mask mandates would be lifted in schools for staff and students.

### **III. FINANCE UPDATE**

Mr. Klegar shared that PPP Loan Forgiveness was approved, Form 990 was submitted for the school for its annual tax filing, and Governor Hochul's preliminary budget proposes a 4.7% increase in per pupil allocation, from \$16,844 to \$17,633 per student.

### **VII. STRATEGY PREVIEW**

Mr. Joseph discussed an updated enrollment increase table, that projects CIP's growth over the next 5-7 school years to serve more than 1,500 students. He also shared an updated network office headcount & staffing headcount plan, as the school expands enrollment.

Mr. Joseph then updated the Board on planned senior leader and school leader transitions. He discussed an updated version of priorities over the next ~3 years along with updates on the HS facilities project.

### **VIII. FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

Ms. Hanson was ill and unable to attend the meeting to provide a brief fundraising update. Mr. Joseph shared that the school remains on-track to reach its annual fundraising goals.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

I hereby certify that these are a true and correct copy of the minutes that were adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 25, 2021.

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Jacob Mnookin, Secretary