

Charter School for Applied Technologies
317 Vulcan Street, Buffalo, New York 14207
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 6/8/2021

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: **In person,** David Quackenbush, Michael Stevens, Steve Kottakis **Via Teleconference:** Karen Kelley, Lisa Smith, Ian Donnelly, Andrea Pasioka, Kevin Cornacchio

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Kenneth Robinson, Joseph Berti, John Cinquino, Mike Keller

OTHERS PRESENT: **In person:** Andrew Lyle, Garrick Loveria, Tanya Moore, Robert Shannon, Susan Jurewicz, Madeleine Fierstein, Ann Morgante, Brett Lutterbein, Anthony Favata, Yaritza Draine, Daniel Scholze **Via Teleconference:** Nicole Killion

MINUTES

Motion to approve the May 11, 2021 Minutes, including permanent committee reports and those submitted under ad hoc committee, made by Mr. Kottakis, seconded by Mr. Stevens. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION

Mrs. Jurewicz and Mrs. Fierstein presented the K-5 2021 summer school program, the first of its kind at CSAT. The program will take place five days a week from 8:30 a.m. - noon beginning June 28 and ending July 23. We currently have 180 students enrolled, with 3 teachers per grade level with a maximum of 10 students per classroom. Of the students enrolled, 73% are currently hybrid students and 28% are remote students. Approximately 10% are SPED, and 7% are ENL students. The Elementary School is excited to bring some of the remote students back who haven't been in our building the entire year. Curriculum to be used is Ready Math and Ready ELA. We are partnering with UB for the program, who will provide 18 students from the Graduate School of Education. These graduates students will provide targeted reading instruction and literacy supports.

Mr. Favata stated that the Middle School will be offering a virtual summer school for grades 6-8 with a goal of lessening summer regression.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Cabinet Report- Mr. Lyle announced that he has been participated on several conference calls regarding the State's letter to the CDC regarding mask recommendations which the state hopes to change. Masks would no longer be required during outdoor activities but would still be recommended for use. Mr. Lyle participated in a call with Erie County regarding a reopening plan for the fall, which CSAT will have to create and resubmit. Our hope is that some of the social distancing guidelines are lightened for us to physically come back full-time. The state continues to discuss changes to social distancing and mask requirements and possible requirement of in-school COVID testing. Their recommendation was 10% of your student population and 10% of your staff be randomly tested per week, as well as 10% of any student athlete participating in sports. Karen Kelley stated that NYS Forward Database indicated that when New York is 70% vaccinated (18 and older), the state would remove mask requirements for PreK-12. Regarding bussing, we continue conversations with First Student. Morning pickups/drop-offs will not be a problem; however, afternoon pickups will be an issue as First Student is currently down 180 drivers. Mr. Lyle shared an email he received from a grandmother regarding a student that will be graduating tomorrow. The grandmother thanked teachers and staff for providing the support her grandson needed to be successful.

Principals Report-

6-8: Mr. Favata indicated that diagnostics are complete and the NYS Science Assessment went very well. Teachers are working hard and getting more students into the building.

9-12: Ms. Morgante noted the launch of Early College & Career Pathways went very well. Graduation will be taking place June 9. As of right now, we have 2 students who will not be walking, but will complete their requirements by early July. Therefore, we will have a 100% graduation rate.

PERMANENT BOARD COMMITTEE

Career Readiness- Mr. Loveria spoke with Mrs. Errington who is still conducting outreach to seniors. Many are still unsure of plans after graduation. Information will be presented at the next board meeting regarding the status of Pillars to Pathways and program evaluations. We have also talked about revamping internships given ECCP's influence. Camilo Hoyos will be transitioning into Mrs. Errington's position for internship oversight. The job board continues to grow and there have been 1,045 visits to the site since creation.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Appeals- No report

CSAT Foundation, Inc.- Mr. Quackenbush updated that this has been a very good year. The Foundation will be having a meeting on July 17 with The Community

Foundation for Greater Buffalo. There are many local foundations and organizations interested in what CSAT is doing and we hope to set meetings with them in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Enrollment-Mr. Loveria reported that the current enrollment stands at 2361, which is 3 off from last month's report. Kindergarten enrollment is set for 2021-2022, however, we are a few students short for first grade. We will increase marketing to solicit additional applications in the next few weeks.

Personnel-Mr. Lyle reviewed the personnel report which list substitute, position changes, resignations and leaves of absences. A temporary employee was hired to support IT to prepare computers for the High School this summer. Other than that, no major changes.

A motion to accept the Enrollment and Personnel report made by Mr. Donnelly, seconded by Mr. Cornacchio. Motion approved.

A motion to move to Executive Session at 5:33 was made by Mr. Quackenbush. No action requiring Board vote arose.

Next Meeting: June 22, 2021, 4:30pm