



2020-21 School Year Special Called Board Meeting #1 Minutes

Frederica Jefferies, CPCS Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the CPCS 2020-21 School Year Special Called Board Meeting #1 at 6:30 PM on September 25, 2020.

Frederica Jefferies, Chair requested verification from the members present of “The Notice of Meeting” sent to each of the members of the board via email. Each member noted the proper notification was received.

Pursuant to the NY State Public Meetings Law the public notice of meeting was provided in the following manner thus meeting the law’s requirement of media and public notice:

- The Wave via email
- Public Posting at CPCS Office
- CPCS Websites and Social Media Sites

Karon McFarlane, Secretary of the Board of Trustees called the roll of the board.

Members present: Frederica Jefferies, Andrew Barnes, Karon McFarlane, Dr. Michelle Daniel-Robertson, Linda Plummer, and Gertrudis Hernandez

Members absent: None

Also, present: Michael R. Estep. He was given the rights of the floor to speak during the meeting by common consent.

The Chair offered opportunity for any questions from the public. No comments or questions were offered.

1. The agenda was approved by common consent.
2. The Chair reminded the Board of the discussion in the September 16, 2020 Regular Board meeting about the potential of changing the dates of in-person scholar teaching based upon several factors including responses to parent/guardian surveys and the trending rise of COVID-19 positive tests results in Far Rockaway.
3. The Chair called on the CEO, Dr. Les Mullings to update the Board on the most recent survey of Parents/Guardians. Dr. Mullings reported that overwhelmingly the parents/guardians preferred to remain in a remote learning model at the present. He further indicated that several nearby private schools had closed due to



recent outbreaks of COVID-19 in their schools. He also updated the Board on the recent results of COVID-19 testing which shows a dramatic increase in zip code 11691 of positive tests results.

After a lengthy discussion lead by the Board Chair, a motion was made by Frederica Jefferies and seconded by Dr. Michelle Daniel-Robertson to delay the in-person learning until January 2021, specific dates to be decided by the CEO and the Senior Leadership Team. Motion carried unanimously.

It was noted that all the necessary stakeholders would be informed immediately of these date changes via direct communications as well as website updates and the use of social media platforms. Further it was indicated that the CPCS Reopening Plan would be updated and distributed to indicate the new dates.

The meeting adjourned by common consent at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karon K. McFarlane".

Karon McFarlane
Secretary