



## **2020-21 School Year Board Meeting #5 Minutes**

Frederica Jefferies, CPCS Chair called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the CPCS 2020-21 School Year Board Meeting #5 at 6:30 PM on November 18, 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

The Chair appointed Gertrudis Hernandez, as Secretary Pro Tem of the Board of Trustees due to Karon McFarlane being absent for this Board meeting. Ms. Hernandez did the roll call of the board.

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

Members absent: Karon McFarlane

Also, present: Michael R. Estep and Kentia Coreus. They were 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 called for a review of the minutes of the 2020-21 School Year Board Meeting #4 [Attachment #1]. The minutes were approved by common consent.
3. The Chair called for the report of Dr. Les Mullings, CEO. Dr. Mullings gave an update on the continued remote learning efforts of Challenge. Average of 96% attendance by our scholars. He also shared about the Challenge High School recruitment efforts. He also reported that the entire high school facility will be turned over to the school by February 2021. Each week Challenge provides a food



distribution at the 15-26 Central Avenue site for the community and our parents/guardians.

Following discussion, the report was received with great appreciation.

4. The Chair called attention to the printed report of Kentia Coreus, Senior Director of Teaching & Learning [Attachment #2]. The report was received with appreciation.
5. The Chair called attention to the printed report of Nicole Griffin, K-5 Principal [Attachment #3]. The report was received with appreciation.
6. The Chair called attention to the printed report of Mavgar Mondesir-Gordon, 6-9 Principal [Attachment #4]. The report was received with appreciation.
7. The Chair called attention to the printed report of Tameeka Richards, Director of Pupil Personnel Services [Attachment #5]. The report was received with appreciation.
8. The Chair called attention to the printed report of Kimberly Messer, Director of Communications [Attachment #6]. The report was received with appreciation.
9. The Chair called attention to the printed report of Venessa Lynch, Director of Operations [Attachment #7]. The report was received with appreciation.
10. The Chair called for the September 2020 Financial Report [Attachment #8]. Following discussion and review, the report was received by common consent.
11. The Chair called for the presentation of the 2020-21 November Personnel Report [Attachment #9]. A motion was made by Linda Plummer and second by Gertrudis Hernandez to approve the report. The motion carried unanimously.
12. The Chair called on the CEO for a discussion about the current situation concerning the COVID-19 crisis.

The following motion was made by Gertrudis Hernandez and second by Linda Plummer: "In light of the continued uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and its impact on the Far Rockaway community, our parents/guardians and our scholars, a motion was made to adjust the move to the hybrid model to the following dates: March 10, 2021 – Grades K-2; March 17, 2021 – Grades 3-5 and March 24, 2021 – Grades 6-9." The motion carried unanimously.



The meeting adjourned by common consent at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gertrudis Hernandez", written over a horizontal line.

Gertrudis Hernandez  
Secretary Pro Tem