



# Cardinal McCloskey Community Charter School

## Minutes

### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday November 19, 2024 at 4:00 PM

#### Location

115 E Stevens Ave.,  
Valhalla, NY 10595

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#### Trustees Present

Angel Audiffred (remote), Dr. Reva Gershen-Lowy, Dr. William Ursillo, James McCarthy, Sr.  
Patricia Broderick

#### Trustees Absent

Carolyn Telesmanich

#### Guests Present

Christian Adamkiewicz (remote), Dr. Mary Anne DeVivio (remote), Kamlesh Singh (remote),  
Leslie Cruz (remote), Lynsey Bailey (remote), Nicole Morrissey (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Call the Meeting to Order

James McCarthy called a meeting of the board of trustees of Cardinal McCloskey  
Community Charter School to order on Tuesday Nov 19, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

#### B. The Chairman greeted all Directors and guests.

### **C. Record Attendance**

### **D. Approve Minutes**

Sr. Patricia Broderick made a motion to approve the minutes from September Board Meeting on 09-10-24.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **II. Principal's Report - Dr. DeVivio**

### **A. Principal's Report**

Dr. Mary Anne DeVivio presented the Principal's Report. Keynotes included:

- Teachers completed administration of the Fall 2024 assessments. The school is in stable condition. Parents can attend workshops to learn how to support students with the ELA and math assessments.
- Professional development was held on Veterans Day, including the opportunity for new teachers to observe veteran teachers.
- Homework is now accessible online through the portal and laptop usage has increased significantly.
- Attendance on Day 1 was 86% and is now 93% as of the end of October 2024.
- Interdepartmental administrative team meetings have begun. Administrative evaluations and goals have been developed.
- Retention bonuses were paid out in October for returning staff.
- Two SPED students have been declassified.
- Partnership with Kips Bay for the afterschool program and tutoring support is going well.
- The instrumental music program has begun with a music event coming up. The recent parent Halloween and awards ceremony events were successful. Thanksgiving floats and giveaway event for families will occur next week.

## **III. Committee Reports**

### **A. Academic Committee Report: Dr. Bill Ursillo**

Dr. Ursillo, Chair of the Academic Committee, reviewed the Academic Committee report. Keynotes included:

- Mr. Christian Adamkiewicz gave a Sanctuary update and progress report on the certification process.
- Mr. Jesse Ronda presented the Fall 2024 iReady assessment results.
- Ms. Zully Fernandez shared updates on the professional development program.

- Dr. Ursillo shared updates on CMCS services and the Union Health services that are still to be determined based on need.

## **B. Finance Committee Report: Dr. Reva Gershen-Lowy**

Dr. Gershen Lowy, Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the Finance Committee report. Ms. Leslie Cruz, CSBM, provided updates on financials.

a. *FY24 Audit Updates:* The audit showed no findings, and the report has been submitted prior to the November 1, 2024, deadline through the SUNY portal. The report declared a net asset of \$1.4M for last fiscal year. Grants were not included in predicted revenue and the school planned accordingly for the lack of ESSER funding this year. BDO representatives included Adam Cole, Jimmy Vora, and Shubham Deshpande.

b. *September 2024 Monthly Financial Report:*

- Revenue is projected to be overbudget by \$17,000.
- Expenses are projected to be overbudget by \$1,000.
- Net assets are projected to be \$7,986, with the budget projecting \$7,980, therefore on budget.
- Enrollment is based on the November/December per pupil invoice and shows a small variance.
- Revenue is overbudget due to the Mt. Vernon and Yonkers student collections.
- Expenses variance due to open positions. Increases include afterschool program, furniture and supplies, student services, and professional development.
- CSI has recommended a budget amendment to account for updated figures since the school year has begun.

c. *September 2024 PA Account Bank Reconciliation:* There has been no recent activity. The current balance is \$4,300.45. Documents have been sent to the bank to change signatories due to recent elections on the PA. The Finance Committee will discuss PA financial procedures at the next meeting.

d. *Final Spending Report for ARP Grant:* The FY 22-FY25 ARP grant of \$1.3M is fully spent. The final report has been submitted.

## **C. Governance Committee Report: Mr. James McCarthy**

Mr. McCarthy, Chair of the Governance Committee, reviewed the Governance Committee report. Keynotes included:

- PS protocols to codify PA responsibilities are being developed.
- The committee is aware of the need for an additional trustee.
- A communication plan for the new signage is being developed.

## **IV. Action Items**

### **A. Approval of Updated CMCCS Student Application**

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Sr. Patricia Broderick made a motion to approve the updated CMCCS student application.

Dr. William Ursillo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **B. 2024-25 District-Wide Safety Plan**

Mr. McCarthy presented the SY2425 district-wide safety plan, which now included a remote instruction plan.

Sr. Patricia Broderick made a motion to approve the SY2425 district-wide safety plan.

Dr. William Ursillo seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **V. Partner's Report: Dr. William Ursillo**

### **A. CMCS Report**

Dr. Ursillo presented the CMCS Partner's Reports for September 2024 and October 2024. Keynotes included:

- Ms. Ibet Hernandez is available to support with Sanctuary certification as needed. Ms. Fortunata DiMarco is available if the school needs additional support with implementation as well. Mr. McCarthy requested that Dr DeVivio ask Ibet to follow up with Andrus Sanctuary Institute regarding alternative certification possibilities.
- The Union Federal Health program is offering services.
- Grant monies of approximately \$1,000 are still available for large group benefit.
- The lease amendments and space allocations are still in progress but will be finished soon.

## **VI. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dr. Reva Gershen-Lowy

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**December Board Meeting: December 3, 2024 5pm**