

Codman Academy Charter Public School
Board of Trustees

Tuesday, April 1 2025
5:00pm

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Meeting ID: 816 2055 4214

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Participants: Ibrahim Wanu, Dawn Leanness, Bill Walczak, Regina Campbell Malone, Kim Williams

Other Participants: Judith Grant, Julia Bott, Derrick Ciesla, Patrick White, Hillary Cayetano, Tanesha Ryland, Jen Wetherby

Called to order by Bill Walczak 5:11 PM

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - Action Item: Approve minutes from [March 4, 2025](#)
- II. General Public Comment
 - No comment
- III. Board President Report
 - [Head of School Report](#)
 - Some highlights from the month:
 - Patrick Merrowvista - Students went for 3 days. It was our senior leadership summit. This time the purpose was reflection and leadership. In this photo you see them preparing for their senior solo. They get left one on one in the wilderness in their tent to reflect on their journey at Codman. All came back with big smiles.
 - Celtics Playbook Training: This brought Codman together with Norwood Middle School. Previously our student went to norwood. This time they came to us. They were able to take on scenarios and talk through how and what they might do. We look forward to continuing the partnership
 - This is a busy time of year where we are capitalizing on what we have learned and applying it to fieldwork. This was a behind the scenes tour at the Aquarium allowing them to see how the animals are cared for and supported.
 - Shared highlights of the Future Steminst conference focused on Science and engineering and connect first hand with a university and people in the field
 - We are working on building our team for next year. 100% of the staff who were offered back have accepted and

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are excited to return.

- MCAS has launched across the two buildings. We kicked it off at the high school with Club MCAS. Students are working hard at both schools to showcase the work they have been doing all year. We are hopeful
- Dr. Bott - The academic Sub committee did a data review of the data. We looked at our ANet and we saw some nice growth in ELA and Math as well as in our priority of subgroups. We discussed that we are using the data to make purposeful adjustments. By this point in the year students have had exposure to all of the text types. Our first grade just started their final unit on Birds. They will be doing reports on birds.
- Dr. C - this is a testament to the hard work of our staff and our leadership to see the growth they are making as well as areas of need so we can continue to adjust our practice to support their needs. We feel confident that their One of the bene
- Food Service: We have brought in someone new who has been very attentive to the students' needs. We have seen an increase in participation in both Breakfast and Lunch by 5%. Students regularly provide comments and suggestions allowing Garth and his crew to tailor the menu to our student preferences. We are challenging students to have some agency and encourage healthy eating. The guest chefs have been a big success and this
- College and Career: 91% of seniors have applied to their post-secondary program of choice. 62% of seniors have completed their FAFSA. All seniors requiring financial aid are working on their appeals letter. Class of 2026 launches on April 11, 2025
- Shared enrollment numbers for SY26 - See enclosure for details.
- Bill: I love hearing about the bootcamp in July to set them up for success in their next steps
- Derrick: Thank you to our Advancement team we have been able to create a position for Alumni support and we are really excited to see how this helps them with their success.
- Our Gala will be on April 10, 2025. We will be honoring three individuals. IT would be great to have everyone on this call out

IV. Head of School Report

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V. Finance Committee Report

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- Derrick and Team are doing a great job
- We are tracking the budget to actuals.
- You will see higher numbers on the contracted side to fill voids on the employment side.
- We budgeted conservatively on the Competitive grant side.
- Bill that is a frightening thought
- Dawn: Really great that the team is thinking about this as scary as it is.
- Bill - there is an effort to manage what might be which will help to keep the school stable and focusing on what we know, what we don't know and what might happen are all key to ensuring safety.

VI. Academic Committee Report

- We are in the throws of MCAS and we will be testing through the end of may.
- MCAS didn't go away and we did emphasize the importance of doing their best.
- Bill: typically it is early fall before you get student level data right?
- Julia: We will have a sense by late August early September as to where students fell.



VII. New Business

- Votes will need to be moves to the May meeting to approve the minutes
- Bill: I hope to see everyone at the Gala in a few days.

VIII. Adjourn

- Dawn motions to adjourn Ibi seconds adjourn at 5:42 PM

Enclosures

- Minutes from [March 4, 2025](#)
-  CACPS_Finance_Memo.02.28.25.docx
-  Codman Academy_Feb_Financial Statements.xlsx