



# Citywide Council On High Schools

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## Calendar Meeting Wednesday December 14, 2016

### ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Mohammad Akram	ABSENT-Excused
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	Vacant	
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Manhattan Representative	Monica Bajraktarevic	Present
Manhattan Representative	Vacant	
Queens Representative	Mona-Lisa Chandler	Present
Queens Representative	Michelle Gebrail	Present
Staten Island Representative	Robin Allen	ABSENT-Excused
Staten Island Representative	Vacant	
Public Advocate Appointee	Lisa Lewis	Present
CCSE Appointee	Neyda Franco	Present
CCELL Appointee	Ulan Kuchukov	Present
Student Representative	Vacant	
Superintendent Liaison Stand In	Karen Watts Ainsley Rudolfo	ABSENT-Excused Present

### Attendance

**A quorum was present.** Mohammad Akram was absent (out of country) and Robin Allen was sick, excused absence. Superintendent Watts was absent due to work, excused. Ainsley Rudolfo was Superintendent Watts' replacement for this meeting.

## CALENDAR MEETING

Mrs. Gebrail called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken.

### ***Presenters:***

The Citywide Council on High Schools was treated to an impressive musical performance by the students at Benjamin N. Cardozo High School. The four students played keyboard, guitar, bass and sang

beautifully to kick off our holiday season. In attendance was Chancellor Carmen Fariña and Deputy Chancellor Dorita Gibson, both of whom expressed pride and delight in the performance.

Chancellor Carmen Fariña talked about how co-located schools can work collaboratively to benefit the students and their families. What worked well in these schools are:

- Common bell schedules for all the schools in the building.
- Sharing AP Classes across the campuses (so students can have more choices of AP subjects).
- Sharing after school programs, sports and other activities.
- Sharing music teachers and music programs.
- Each Guidance Counselor is specialized with information for certain types of college admissions and sharing their knowledge with all the students in the same building.
- The parents' representatives from each school form an advisory council for the building, so all the stakeholders have representation.
- They have a dedicated room as a parent center and the Parent Coordinator from the individual schools' take turns manning the center. This allows the parents flexibility to visit the center for help and guidance.
- When the schools need funds, most prefer to give to co-located schools so more students can benefit from their additional funds.

She visited James Madison HS where they are immersed in "interactive learning style." This program trains the HS students of what to expect when they go to college and makes the students active participants in their own learning.

Deputy Chancellor Dorita Gibson talked about the Mayor's initiatives: Equity and Excellence, AP for All, and Algebra for All which is currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, but will be in the HSs. They are also working with SUNY and CUNY on college access for middle schoolers. The SAT tests taken during school hours was launched successfully in all NYC public high schools. The District 7 and 23 Single Shepard program began this year in Elementary Schools and the program will start in HS at a later time.

Questions from council members were asked with Deputy Chancellor on this program. The Deputy Chancellor responded that they are working with specially trained Guidance Counselors, Social Workers and vendors to provide the needed personnel. They will work with student clusters and connect with students and families for the next 4 years in order to create a college bound culture.

There is concern that programs: AP for All/ Algebra and Computer Access for All will have a hard time reaching all the students in the HS's, due to the lack of internet infrastructures and access to computers in the schools. A leaky roof is more of a priority for SCA than internet and wiring issues.

Deputy Chancellor's responded that Peter Quinn the new DITT Commissioner is trying to get funding for a wireless network in all the schools and throughout the city.

The members are concerned about enough support for the Special Education population, especially in HS. Deputy Chancellor was the Special Education Supervisor before this job and understands the needs and concerns. Student needs will be progressive and HS principals will help IEP students learn to advocate for themselves in college.

## **Public Comment**

Ms. Montclarie has worked over 30 years with incarcerated people. They have very little education and are often abused substance. How can we support them and assist them with their career choices?

Deputy Chancellor's responded that DOE has a D79 school on Riker's Island for HS age students. The DOE is also trying to have afterschool programs for middle school students to keep them off the streets. The mayor feels it's very important to have support for this population. The programs are: "Young Man initiative," and "My brother's Keepers."

Superintendent Rotonda said that they have CTE programs for the general and special education. These programs offer career development, occupational services, job shadowing, and internships. These schools are partnered with a CBO in their building.

## **Superintendent Liaison's Report**

*Superintendent Watts* was absent, but Ainsley Rudolfo gave the Superintendent's report. The SLT meetings are now open to the public. Each Superintendent is requesting the principals to share their SLT dates with everyone.

*Superintendent Mendez* said the schools will be sending NY1 TV station to all the SLT meeting dates and they would make the public announcements for them, also the students will be participating in the SLT meetings.

## **President's Report**

*Ms. Gebrail* attended:

- The Queens Borough President's meeting today on Reso A and the Capital Plan.
- The K-12th grade Computer Science workshop in collaboration with guidance counselors, teachers and staff to benefit the students.
- DLT meetings on new HS programs.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Bajraktarevic read the Treasurer's report.

## **Member's Report**

Ms. Lewis reported that she attended the DLT 32 meeting on "My Brother's Keeper Program" and the Family Engagement Grants. They will be receiving those grants as well as the Title 2B grant for math professional development. District 23, 6-12<sup>th</sup> schools are staffed with "Single Shepard," and are supported from 6<sup>th</sup> grade to graduation through college enrollment. There are 8 schools in that district that received almost 1 million dollars from the Brooklyn Borough President's office. They are also experiencing under enrollment in that district. The students are leaving that district and going to other district schools. They are not going to charter schools. District 23 will have more aggressive parent engagement programs to ensure more students will choose to stay in their district schools.

Ms. Chandler reported that she attended the Queens Borough HS President Council Meeting on Reso A and Capital Plan funding. They discussed the revised Chancellor's A660 at the meeting.

Ms. Russo reported that she attended:

- The HS Subcommittee meeting on:
- Analyzing ELL data in grade schools in Brooklyn. ELL Collaborative Teaching: Brooklyn Districts, what's working and why.

- C-PAC meeting with Sheryl Watson in charge of the Field Support Center. Her goals are to have partnership and support for the HS's, spreading the best practices to other offices.
- Superintendent Watts had a meeting in District 14 to work with the middle and high schools in that district to form a partnership.
- District 21 has an iPlan Program.

Ms. Bajraktarevic has no report.

Mr. Kuchukov no report.

Ms. Franco no report.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Ms. Franco moved to approve the August and September minutes. If you find an error, please send them in for the October and November minutes. There was no quorum for these minutes. Ms. Chandler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **All in favor. 7 yeses and 2 absences.**

Yes	Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Franco, Gebrail, Kuchukov, Lewis, Russo
No	None
Abstained	None

**Announcements**

Ms. Chandler announced:

- York College has a free Computer Web Development Training Program for adults ages 18-24. The application is due January 13, 2017 and the open house is January 10, 2017 6-7pm.
- District 29 invited Principals, Assistant Principals, Parent Coordinators, and PTA leaders in Dist. 29 for a Partnership Family Dinner on December 20, 2016 7-10pm at IS59 School.
- Information Technology HS will have a Coat Drive for adult coats, the deadline is December 21, 2016.

**New Business**

Ms. Gebrail discussed setting up possible dates at 333-7<sup>th</sup> Ave to interview new CCHS candidates for the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island vacancies.

**Adjournment**

Calendar meeting ended at 8:40PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant**

**Revisions made by Recording Secretary Lisa Lewis and President:**

**Approved by Council vote on March 8, 2017**