



CITYWIDE COUNCIL ON HIGH SCHOOLS

NYC DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES

Business & Calendar Meetings Wednesday, December 11, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Kenneth Cera	<i>Absent</i>
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	<i>vacant</i>	
Bronx Representative	Neyda Franco	Present
Manhattan Representative	Stanley Ng	Present
Manhattan Representative	Terri Watson	<i>Absent</i>
Queens Representative	Alleyne Hughley	Present
Queens Representative	Alex Lee	Present
Staten Island Representative	Martin Krongold	Present
Staten Island Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Public Advocate Appointee	Paola de Kock, <i>President</i>	Present
CCSE Appointee	<i>Vacant</i>	
CCELL Appointee	Noah Kaufman	Present
Student Representative	<i>Natalia Hackett</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Superintendent Liaison	Karen Watts	Present

Absences

Kenneth Cera, Natalia Hackett, Terri Watson (excused absence).
Evelyn Feliciano (resigned)

CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by President de Kock at 6:17 pm.

Program Presentation

New Directions for Career & Technical Education: CTE Schools & Programs in NYC
(Diallo Shabazz, NYC DOE Senior Director of Partnerships & Sustainability Education; and Executive Secretary, Advisory Council for CTE)

Report of Superintendent Liaison speaker: Amanda Cahn Deputy Chief Portfolio Office-Office of Portfolio Management (status of “school quality conversations” at struggling schools as identified by 2013 PRs; update on development and implementation of TAPS)

President's Report & Announcements

Ms. de Kock:

1. CTE schools partnered with Medgar Evers College.
2. There are lots of co-locations.
3. No phased out schools.
4. There is a lawsuit with University Neighborhood High School in Manhattan due to the age of building, small class size and overcrowding. Another lawsuit is with August Martin High School in Queens.
5. I will be attending a meeting in the Bronx and Queens.

Members Reports

Ms. Hughley: She visited Long Island High School for Capital Plan.

Mr. Ng: He presented the Capital Plan Committee Report on the November 6th meeting. He would like to add to the report that Elizabeth Rose (Chief of Staff, Office of the Deputy Chancellor) attended the Capital Plan meeting. Mr. Ng visited 9 high schools most are 20 to 50 years old. The emails regarding the Capital Plan information went out to all the high school principals along with all the high school superintendents. The responses from the emails should be returning soon.

Mr. Kaufman commented the SCA only gave CCHS 10 priorities schools, but we have 13 seats on the council and the President should have 2 priorities. The SCA should have given us a total of 14 priorities schools; otherwise someone on the council will not get a selection. Mr. Kaufman would like to choose one priority school. Mr. Krongold offered one Staten Island priority school for Mr. Kaufman to choose from. Mr. Ng stated that there are 32 CEC's (they each get 5 priorities schools) all CEC's has a total amount of 160 priorities schools. All the City Councils received 255 priorities schools and the CCHS receives 10 priorities schools. The total amount the SCA collects from the entire city is 425 priorities schools.

Ms. Franco: Visited Clinton H.S. in the Bronx and other co-located schools. She visited 6 schools with the Bronx Federation and will see as many schools as possible. The Bronx Federation, all the Bronx CEC's and the President's Council are all working together to make their priority school selections.

Ms. Russo: She visited Midwood H.S., Goldstein H.S., P-Tech H.S. and plans to attend additional high schools for the Capital Plan.

Mr. Lee: He plans to attend many high schools regarding the Capital Plan and will contact the Chair about his plans.

Mr. Kaufman: He attended the CEC 3 special meeting and Beacon H.S. relocation meeting. There is a great lack of high school seats in Manhattan.

Mr. Krongold: He attended the sub- committee hearing on the Common Core. There were 300 parents at the meeting, trashing the Common Core. I support the Common Core but the DOE can do a better job with the implementation of the Common Core. They will have growing pains.

Public comment

Speaker: Staten Island parent- The Common Core administrators have a lack of knowledge on the Common Core along with the teachers. In the end it's the Parents that have to be responsible

because it's their child. Ms. De Kock said we need to help train the parents. Ms. Franco added that we need to have better outreach and inform the parents regarding the Common Core.

Calendar meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting called to order by President de Kock at 8:40pm.

Approval of Minutes (November 13, 2013)

Mr. Ng moved to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2013. Ms. Franco 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Franco, Hughley, Kaufman , de Kock, Krongold , Lee, Ng, Russo
No	None
Abstained	None

Treasurer's Report Budget Modification

Ms. Russo moved to approve the budget modification to approve reimbursement at a total of \$13,500 lump sum with each member allowed to claim the max of \$125, with adjustments to be made in March if necessary. Mr. Ng 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Franco, Hughley, Kaufman , de Kock, Krongold , Lee, Ng, Russo
No	None
Abstained	None

Approval of CCHS Annual Report

Ms. Russo moved to accept the Annual Report with line added in the President's message, the Common Core, Special Education and 71 schools co-location would be address in the 2014 Annual Report. Mr. Kaufman 2nd the motion. 7 yeses and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Yes	Franco, Hughley, Kaufman , de Kock, , Lee, Ng, Russo
No	None
Abstained	Krongold

CCHS Resolution calling for modifications to certain Regents testing requirements

Ms. de Kock tabled the discussion of the Regents Resolution. 2nd by Mr. Kaufman.

Council vacancies

Ms. De Kock announced that there are 2 pending applicants for 2 vacancies. There is a Bronx representative and a Staten Island representative vacancy on the CCHS. The AA will make a new flyer announcing the meeting to interview the Bronx representative and Staten Island Representative on Tuesday, January 7th at 6pm. We will also have the Capital Plan Committee meeting after the interview.

CEC/Citywide Councils Letter to Mayor-Elect de Blasio

Ms. de Kock suggested that the letter can be signed by individual members instead of the collective.

Programs for upcoming months

Month of January – the Common Core (City)

Month of February-Homeless HS students (possible speaker: Kathleen Grimm-Deputy Chancellor of Operations)

Month of March-Paying for College

Business meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan
Administrative Assistant

Revision made by acting President: Alleyne Hughley

Approved by Council vote on February 12, 2014