



CITYWIDE COUNCIL ON HIGH SCHOOLS

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MINUTES

Business & Calendar Meetings Wednesday, January 8, 2014

ATTENDANCE

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

Absences

Kenneth Cera and Alex Lee (excused absence).

President Paola de Kock resigned and student representative Natalia Hackett resigned.

CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by 1st Vice President (Acting President) Ms. Hughley at 6:22 pm.

Program Presentation

nyccollegeline.org website :Find local programs in NYC and online resources for getting into and staying in college

Donna Dei-Baning, (Integrated Marketing and Communications Manager for NYC College Line)

Ms. Dei-Baning presented a power point presentation as well as a live film on the high school and college students whom used the website and found it to be effective. The purpose of the website is to: provide access to current and reliable information for students, parents & professionals, informed awareness about postsecondary options, connecting to supportive and informed experts via emails, directing information as to where the local programs are for in-person

supports, and inform students of college completion agendas. What is unique about the website is the “Ask the Advisor”, “Scholarships”, “The First Year In College”, and goggle translate to different languages. Mr. Ng felt that this type of website is much needed and would like in future time for them to have a call in service where the student can ask questions in their native tongue and to partner up with other CBO’s to provide free or low cost college tours for interested students. Ms. Dei-Baning responded that they are a new website and can be contacted directly with new suggestions.

Election of the CCHS President

Ms. Franco Motion to table the election of the CCHS President till paperwork is ready. Mr. Ng 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Franco, Hughley, Kaufman, Krongold, Ng, Russo, Watson
No	None
Abstained	None

Election of the candidate to fill the Bronx vacancy

Ms. Russo Motion to vote for the election of the Bronx representative this evening. Mr. Ng 2nd the motion. 5 yes votes and 2 no votes. The motion did not pass.

Yes	Hughley, Kaufman, Ng, Russo, Watson
No	Franco, Krongold,
Abstained	None

Mr. Kaufman tabled the Bronx vacancy election till next meeting so more people can apply.

Election of the candidate to fill the Staten Island vacancy

Ms. Watson Motion to vote for the election of the Staten Island representative this evening. Ms. Franco 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Franco, Hughley, Kaufman, Krongold, Ng, Russo, Watson
No	None
Abstained	None

Mr. Andrew Dorman is the candidate to be voted on to fill the Staten Island vacancy. 5 yeses and 2 abstained votes. Mr. Dorman is not the Staten Island CCHS Representative.

Yes	Franco, Hughley, Kaufman, Krongold, Watson
No	None
Abstained	Ng, Russo

Mr. Krongold calling the Staten Island vacancy for future meetings to be voted on so Mr. Andrew Dorman can still be a candidate.

Resolution: Calling for modifications to certain Regents testing requirements

CCHS members ask that the resolution be put into next month’s meeting agenda. Mr. Krongold feels that like many parents in NYC testing has gotten out of control and students are spending too much time on the preparation for regent’s exams and not on college readiness activities. Many questions were asked about the modifications such as how would the regents scholarships be handle by using a comparable test grade to replace the regents grade. Some of the members feel that all students should have equal opportunities to “pass out” of regents in all 5 boroughs as in the “Lester Young conversation.” Mr. Krongold would like to see money saved from the students not taking the regents to go into a pot, then reallocated to disperse the monies for remedial classes to the students who are behind or failing in their classes. Mr. Krongold would

like to see the students who have an ELA score of 90% or higher/ ELA math of 85% or higher / SAT English or Math of 550 or higher to have the option to opt-out of regents. Mr. Ng wanted to know at what grade should it start. Mr. Krongold said maybe as early as the 10th grade. Mr. Krongold feels that there are about 300,000 high school students and that about 80-90,000 students should be exempted from the regents testing and about 30% researched.

President's Report & Announcements

Ms. Hughley announced that student representative Natalia Hackett resigned from the CCHS council due to the council's infighting. And Ms. Hughley announced former CCHS president Paola de Kock of her resignation and moving onto further opportunities.

1. Attended many Queens highs schools for Capital Plans.

Members Reports

Mr. Kaufman: Congratulated former CCHS president Paola de Kock of her new position at FACE. He is happy to see fresh change with new mayor and chancellor.

Ms. Franco: Delighted to see the 51 council members to vote Melissa Mark-Viverito in as the City Council Speaker and the first Puerto Rican woman to take such high political office in NYC.

Ms. Russo: Visited a few high schools about the Capital Plans and the schools each had many questions.

Ms. Watson: No report

Mr. Krongold: Testified at an assembly with about 300 people at a meeting where he was only one of 3 whom were for the common core. Most of the parents were angry and are against the common core.

Public comment

Speaker: Ron Link 10X225 2nd year principal visited last CCHS meeting on Capital Plan, attended UFT meeting and DC-37 meeting. His school's building's ceiling is falling down, with power outages, not enough seating, halfway partitions for classrooms and an auditorium that's falling apart. His school is a performing arts school.

Mr. Ng responded that he has seen performing arts schools without a stage and students having to share lunchrooms. We all need to help to find the resources for the schools. And he commends the principal of doing all the right things for his school.

Speaker: Hillary Bunknal District 18 CEC says we need to have Title 1 parents fund serious workshops for "Masterfull Parents" to share ideas, and embracing own truths.

Mr. Kaufman: Try local YMCA programs.

Ms. Watson: How can we help you?

Speaker: Tammy Truesdale Bronx HS Federation Co-Chair Their meetings are on the 1st Wednesday's and the 3rd Wednesday's of every month.

Speaker: Theresa Hedrington- What do you do at a school where they do not have a Parent Coordinator or a non-functioning SLT or PA? There are very big issues at our schools and it puts our families and students at risk because of these safety problems.

Calendar meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting called to order by Acting President Hughley at 8:28pm.

Treasurer's Report

See attached Treasurer's Report.

Capital Plan Committee Report

Mr. Ng:

1. Asking members to make up priority schools and email him before midnight.
2. Would like CCHS members to talk to city council members to push them to put the CCHS top 10 priorities in their Capital Plan.

Annual Report Committee

Ask AA to resend the CCHS annual report. Ms. Watson would Chair the committee and Ms. Russo would like to be part of the committee as she has in the past. Ms. Watson would like to hire a new grant writer and would begin the process.

Programs for upcoming months

Topics for future CCHS meetings:

Parental involvement-Title 1

February meeting on homeless high school students

Invitation to the new Chancellor to the CCHS meeting

Business meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan

Administrative Assistant

Revision made by acting President: Alleyne Hughley

Approved by Council vote on April 9, 2014