



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar Meeting Wednesday, February 10, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Mohammad Akram	ABSENT-Excused
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	Edward Afuakwa	ABSENT-Excused
Bronx Representative	Constance Asiedu	Present
Manhattan Representative	Monica Bajraktarevic	Present
Manhattan Representative	Michael Kraft	Present
Queens Representative	Mona-Lisa Chandler	Present
Queens Representative	Michelle Gebrail	Present
Staten Island Representative	Robin Allen	ABSENT-Excused
Staten Island Representative	Miguel Rodriguez	ABSENT-Excused
Public Advocate Appointee	Lisa Lewis	Present
CCSE Appointee	Neyda Franco	Present
CCELL Appointee	<i>Vacant</i>	
Student Representative	Kara Gurl	Present
Superintendent Liaison Substitute	Karen Watts Jennifer Golderg	ABSENT-Excused Present

In Attendance

We have quorum. Mohammad Akram and Miguel Rodriguez were absent due to work related reasons, excused absences. Edward Afuakwa and Robin Allen were sick, excused absences.

CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by President Ms. Asiedu at 6:29 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken.

Presenters:

COLLEGE BOARD:

Shameek Robinson, Director K12, State and District Partnerships, NYC

Fernanda Meier, Director K12, State and District Partnerships, NYC

Mr. Robinson and Ms. Meier presented attached powerpoint on, "College Board Resources & Redesigned Suite of Assessments." See attached. The highlights are:

- PSAT/SAT is more reading and context based
- The math portion-calculator is not needed - similar to class environment
- SAT school day - free test for students including free practice/assessment and resources
- Free online Khan Academy for PSAT/SAT preparation along with Boys & Girls Clubs of America/ Big Future for College Access Information

- Free support materials for educators
- Every DOE high school will have access to at least 5 AP classes by 2019
- Services for students with disabilities can be requested in 9th grade which can follow them through graduation, and can apply to all College Board exams: PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject tests and AP tests.
- Students can inquire with their SSD coordinator in their HS to receive services.

Collegeboard Link:

<https://www.collegeboard.org/students-with-disabilities/request-accommodations>

Email: ssd@info.collegeboard.org Phone: 212-713-8333

Questions were asked from CCHS members and attendees. Mr. Robinson and Ms. Meier answered questions.

Presenters:

Jennifer Goldberg: Teacher Development/Evaluation Coach present on Y-Plan/ Supt. Watts

Mark Moses: Family Leadership Coordinator, Office of the Supt. Prayor

A powerpoint was presented: "Y-Plan NYC, Going to Scale in Brooklyn." See attached. It's a proven national program for students to be engaged with their communities in a real world environment, and working with civic clients to come up with workable solutions to their problems. They take an issue, match it with clients and then match it with a school to resolve the issue. Students learn to empower themselves through research, presentation skills, meeting, civic leaders, and creativity to better change their environment. The projects take a year to complete and the schools can decide what projects they would like. The teachers in the school can embed the project into their curriculum. Questions were asked from CCHS members and attendees and they were answered by Ms. Goldberg and Mr. Moses.

Public Comment

Mr. Lola asked for outreach and support of a program that was previously available in his son's school, which is no longer available. His son had a foreign student exchange program where students exchanged home/board and schools with one another. The students received a rich, inexpensive cultural aboard program that greatly enriched the student's perspective on other cultures. But due reasons unknown to him, this program no longer exists. In its place are expensive pre-paid package tours for the students. His younger daughter is still in NYC school and he would like to revive the foreign student exchange program but is in need of additional help from other parents. If interested others can contact him by email: jameslola11218@gmail.com

Superintendent Liaison's Report

Superintendent Karen Watts was absent due to work.

Announcements

Ms. Asiedu announced the following, see flyers:

- College Fair on March 12, 2016 at Riverbank State Park
- Free screen of "Paper Tigers," 2/20/16 3-6PM at Washington Irving HS
- Project GLAM 2016-April 23, 2016 Free prom dresses for economically disadvantaged teen.
- All Star Code-Free summer coding program deadline: March 6, 2016
- Bronx Fatherhood Coalition workshop: 2/18/16 at 1200 Waters Place, Bronx
- Informational session: Students in transitional housing in the shelter system, 2/11/16, Bronx

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Bajraktarevic gave a Treasurer's report, see attachment. Ms. Bajraktarevic revised the report. Ms. Asiedu announced that there will be a Special CCHS Meeting on 2/23/16 10am-12pm at Tweed to finalize the CCHS budget as well as Capital Plan. Ms. Chandler was concerned that the committee will not have quorum on that date. Seven members confirmed that they will attend.

President's Report

Ms. Asiedu tabled her report due to the lack of time.

Member's Report

Ms. Gebrail attended the St. John Principal's Conference with invitation from Mr. Moses. She also attended the following: 12/17/16 the Parent Coordinator professional development, 12/21/16 Parent Leadership training (Cohort 1), 1/11/16 Final DLT workshop training on leadership, 1/12/16 Round table discussion about middle school College Access for All, and for the Queens College Melinda Katz's meeting on, "How to Help the Communities," there were discussions that more program services are needed for Native Americans such as scholarships.

Ms. Chandler attended the following in January: Title 1 workshop in District 30, Queens HS President's Council, Town Hall meeting with the Chancellor, a meeting on a current issue in district 29 with Pathway HS (the city plans to open a veterans homeless shelter near that HS and 3 other public schools). The community is against it. At the DLT29 meeting she also attended was on creating metric for DCEP where FACE presented metrics for 29 compared to the citywide. Ms. Chandler also attended the HS subcommittee meeting for the month of January. She gave a Capital Plan Committee update: A file has been sent to the members with the HS information received. There were some districts that had little or no response. She plans to send an updated file to the members every Friday. The members need to try to outreach to their districts if there was no response from the principals. The previous deadline for submissions was 2/19/16 but they can send it in later. In the event if it passes 2/23/16, further discussion is needed among the members.

Mr. Kraft attended the DLT subcommittee meeting of Superintendent Marisol Bradbury, and visited some of her schools so he can have a better insight such as principal transitioning. He also attended meetings with NYC Council members on HS issues. The politicians are reaching out to work with the high schools. At a recent meeting in the Manhattan Field Support office 20 members attended to try to understand and support transgender students. He was the only parent among counselors, teachers and DOE personnel.

Ms. Lewis attended a meeting with the Public Advocate's office. They are complying surveys for CCELL, special education and high schools. Their office needs questions for their parent survey. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Lewis.

Ms. Asiedu attended the UFT men's conference with 3 other females. The other attendees were teachers, assistant principals and fathers. The meeting was a great idea. She also attended the State of the City Address by the Mayor.

Ms. Bajraktarevic did not have a report.

Old Business

Ms. Asiedu commented that members need to respond to their emails along with notifying her the best way to contact them. The members will be getting the minutes by email. Revising the bylaws was discussed many times, but the committee did not meet. The members can discuss possible meeting dates by emails.

New Business

Ms. Asiedu said that committee chairs need to start setting meeting dates.

Adjournment

Calendar meeting ended at 9:17PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
S. Mei Chan
Administrative Assistant**

Revisions made by Recording Secretary Lisa Lewis and President:

Approved by Council vote on March 9, 2016.