



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Attendance:

Brooklyn Representative Celia Green-Present	Staten Island Representative Laurine Melville- Present
Brooklyn Representative Rhonda Joseph-Absent-Excused	<i>Staten Island Representative Vacant</i>
Bronx Representative Catherine Baez-Present	Public Advocate Appointee Nickoles Martinez- Absent-Unexcused
Bronx Representative Cynthia Robinson-Present	CCSE Appointee Pamela Stewart-Absent--Excused
<i>Manhattan Representative Vacant</i>	<i>CCELL Appointee Representative Vacant</i>
Manhattan Representative Sandra Hyatt-Present	Student Representative Christian French- Present
<i>Queens Representative Vacant</i>	Superintendent Liaison Michael Prayor - Present
Queens Representative Betsy Tam-Greene-Present	<u>7 Members and Superintendent total 8 in attendance</u>

We do not have a quorum. Nickoles Martinez was absent, unexcused absence. Rhonda Joseph and Pamela Stewart was absent, excused absence.

CALENDAR MEETING

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

Introducing New Superintendent Liaison Michael Prayor. Superintendent Prayor welcome all attendees and talked about his schools under his care. He distributed a folder with information.

Presenters:

Mona Lisa Chandler (CCHS Alumna) updated the council on Capital Plan 2017-2018.

First Deputy Chancellor Cheryl Watson-Harris "The new streamlined restructuring of the NYCDOE, including high schools," presented a power point.

Highlight:

Chancellor's new goals:

- Accelerate learning and instructions
- Partner with communities
- Developing people
- Advance equity now

On the average, the Executive High School Superintendents have 42 high schools under their care with the range of 25 to 50 high schools.

The following New Executive Superintendent introduced themselves at the meeting:

- Executive Superintendent Brooklyn North Karen Watts
- Executive Superintendent Manhattan Marisol Rosales
- Executive Superintendent Queens South Andre Spencer
- Executive Superintendent Staten Island Anthony Lodico
- Executive Superintendent Citywide Affinity Benjamin Dunn

Michael Mirisola: Director of External Affairs, SCA “Public Hearing: New High School proposal in Queens District 30” talked about the new proposal to build a 2500 seats high school in Queens location: Block 1192, Lots 41,47, 48 & 45, the intersection of 54th Street and Northern Blvd. Mr. Mirisola requested that CCHS write a resolution in support of the proposed construction of the new school.

Ms. Tam-Greene asked Mr. Mirisola for more detailed information about what type of high school the SCA is planning to build on the site. There needs to be transparency to the Sunnyside and Queens community to have this question answered before the school is built.

Treasurer's Report & Budget Vote

No report due to the treasurer’s absence.

CCHS Minutes

No minutes.

Announcing CCHS vacant seats: 1 Queens / 1 Staten Island / 1 Manhattan / 1 CCELL appointee

Ms. Green made all the announcements for three vacancies. The vacancy notice will be sent out this week.

Nominations & Voting on Officer Position: Treasurer

We do not have quorum. Ms. Green suggested a CCHS budget modification at the next CCHS meeting.

Update and voting for Annual Report Writer 2018-2019 / Topics / Timeline

Ms. Tam-Greene talked about the Annual Report Committee meeting prior to today’s CCHS meeting. At the meeting, there was a consensus on the preference of one of the two writers. At the next Annual Report Committee meeting Ms. Tam-Greene will announce the committee’s recommendation of the writer to the council for their approval.

Report of Superintendent Liaison

In attendance:

- Executive Superintendent Brooklyn North Karen Watts
- Superintendent Juan Mendez presented about his schools
- Superintendent Fred Walsh presented about his schools

Public Comments

Susan Crowson suggested that the DOE keep in mind job openings for the parent leaders who spent many years training and volunteering to serve their communities. There is disconnect with FACE, the Superintendent’s office, and the President’s council.

Amber Decker said that there are no parent leaders in some of the Brooklyn Districts.

Mona-Lisa Chandler made a passionate plea for the SCA and Superintendents to do more for the students in NYC schools in reference to Capital Plan.

Constance Asiedu reminded the attendees to visit their Borough Presidents Council's meetings and the 4 vacancies at CCHS.

Old Business / New business

None.

Adjournment

Calendar meeting ended at 8:13PM. There was no Business meeting due to a lack of Quorum.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant

Revisions made by Recording Secretary: Ms. Tam-Greene

Approved by Council vote on October 12, 2018.