



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Bronx Representative	Neyda Franco	Present
Manhattan Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Manhattan Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Queens Representative	Alleyne Hughley	Present
Queens Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Staten Island Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Staten Island Representative	Don McQueen	Present
Public Advocate Appointee	Theresa Hedrington	Present
CCSE Appointee	Noah Kaufman	Present
CCELL Appointee	<i>Vacant</i>	
Student Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	Present
Superintendent Liaison	Karen Watts	Present
FACE Representative	Jose A. Vasquez	Present

In Attendance

We have 6 CCHS members in attendance and a FACE Representative Jose A. Vasquez, a total of 7 CCHS board members. We have quorum only for the voting of New CCHS Members.

CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by Acting President Ms. Hughley at 6:10 pm.

This meeting is for informational purposes only with the exception of the voting of new CCHS members.

Program Presentation

Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility

Presenter: Tala Manassah (Deputy Executive Director)

Ms. Manassah presented on the Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility and tells all about her organization. The restore360 Program (for grades 6-12) creates a community among the students which in turn helps build their social and emotional skills. This program provides a positive outcome as an alternative towards punitive discipline that might end in suspension. During the past three years they have collaborated with DOE and have introduced this program to many NYC schools. The Center has provided training, school-based coaching and curricula to help the teachers to be able to help their students build their social emotional skills. See attached handout for further information about the

program. This program is sometimes funded by Central DOE or it can come out of the school's budget for professional development.

Presenter: Councilman Daniel Dromm (Chair of the Education Committee for the City Council)

Councilman Dromm talked about the upcoming hearing at City Hall with the Chancellor on September 29th regarding Guidance Counselors in high school settings. Currently the high schools have about 500 students per one guidance counselor who also have the responsibility of provide college information to these students. He is working with some advocacy groups who would like a ratio of 1 guidance counselor to about 250 students. Mr. Dromm encourages the CCHS to participate in the hearing by a report of the guidance counselor situation or by testifying at the hearing on behalf of CCHS.

He is very concerned about the new DOE disciplinary code that it has not been release since the due date was June 2014. The current DOE disciplinary code has a zero tolerance policy and Councilman Dromm feels the restorative approach is a better way of disciplining the students. The current policy affects the minority students the most, which has a much higher rate of suspension.

He is also concerned about the sex education program in the schools. And in order to have educational reforms there has to be active parental involvement. Councilman Dromm talked about diversity in all the schools especially in the admissions to the Specialized High Schools.

Business Meeting

Ms. Hughley made a motion to move the Voting of the New CCHS members from the Business Meeting to the Calendar Meeting before the Superintendent's Report.

Mr. Kaufman 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Vasquez
No	None
Abstained	None

Voting for CCHS Brough Representatives

Ms. Hughley announced that she is the acting President of CCHS and the election has started with voting of the CCHS to fill vacancies for the year 2014-2015. We will start off with the Staten Island CCHS Representative.

Voting for CCHS Staten Island Representative

Ms. Franco made a motion to approve Andrew Dorman as the Staten Island Representative. Mr. Kaufman 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Andrew Dorman is the Staten Island Representative.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Vasquez
No	None
Abstained	None

Ms. Hughley announced that instead of voting the candidates separately, we will announce all the candidates for the borough that they will represent. Then there will be a roll call by the AA for each candidates of that borough. Afterwards the CCHS members will each announce which candidate they will vote for to fill that borough's vacancies. See list of candidates below.

List of participating candidates for CCHS Brough Representatives

Bronx Representative <u>Constance Asidu</u>
Manhattan and Bronx Representative <u>Eric Nelson</u>
Manhattan Representative <u>Tainine Clark</u>
Manhattan Representative <u>James Devor</u>
Manhattan Representative <u>Elizabeth Veras</u>
Manhattan Representative <u>James Thomas</u>
Manhattan Representative <u>Monica Bajraktarevic</u>
Queens Representative <u>Michelle Gebrail</u>
Queens Representative <u>Elaine Straker</u>
Queens Representative <u>Jane Barrer</u>
Queens Representative <u>Luba Ostashevsky</u>
Staten Island Representative <u>Andrew Dorman</u>

Voting for CCHS Bronx Representatives

Ms. Hughley announced Eric Nelson and Constance Asiedu are both running for the Bronx Representative Position.

Ms. Franco made a motion to approve Constance Asidu as the Bronx Representative. Ms. Hedrington 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Constance Asidu won the Bronx Representative position with all seven votes. Constance Asidu is the Bronx Representative.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Vasquez
No	None
Abstained	None

Voting for CCHS Manhattan Representatives

The AA then asked each member who they want to vote for as suggested by Mr. Kaufman to speed up the voting process due to time limitations.

Ms. Hughley announced Monica Bajraktarevic, Tainine Clark, James Devor, Eric Nelson, James Thomas and Elizabeth Veras are running for the Manhattan Representative position. But due to a recent Manhattan seat resigning, CCHS members will be voting for two Manhattan Representative Positions.

Ms. Hughley made a motion to vote for two of the six Manhattan candidates. Mr. Kaufman 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Vasquez
No	None
Abstained	None

The AA then asked each CCHS member to state which candidate they are voting for to represent that borough.

The first Manhattan position to be voted on the Council is Elizabeth Veras. Elizabeth Veras received all seven votes. Elizabeth Veras is the Manhattan Representative.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Vasquez
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The AA then asked each CCHS member to state which candidate they are voting for to represent that borough.

The second Manhattan position to be voted on is Monica Bajraktarevic. Monica Bajraktarevic received all seven votes. Monica Bajraktarevic is the second Manhattan Representative.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Vasquez
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Voting for CCHS Queens Representatives

Ms. Hughley announced the following Candidates for the Queens Representative: Jane Barrer, Michelle Gebrail, Luba Ostashevsky and Elaine Straker.

The AA then asked each CCHS member to state which candidate they are voting for to represent that borough.

Ms. Hughley made a motion to vote for Queens candidate. Mr. Kaufman 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Vasquez
No	None
Abstained	None

The AA then asked each CCHS member to state which candidate they are voting for to represent that borough.

The Queens Candidate to be voted on is Michelle Gebrail. Michelle Gebrail received all seven votes. Michelle Gebrail is the Queens Representative.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Vasquez
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Ms. Hughley made a motion to close the election for the New CCHS Borough Representatives. Mr. Kaufman 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Vasquez
No	None
Abstained	None

Ms. Hughley asked the AA to notified FACE and the winning candidates. We thank all the candidates for all their hard work and participation in this election process.

Ms. Hughley made a motion to open the Brooklyn Representative seat from September 15th till October 15th for the New CCHS Brooklyn Borough Representatives. Ms. Hedrington 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Vasquez
No	None
Abstained	None

Superintendent Report

Ms. Watts thanked all the parents for their help in making the new school year of 2014-2015 a smooth start.

The DOE hired five new superintendents: LaShawn Robinson, Rose-Marie Mills , Michael Prayor, Donald Conyers and Fred Walsh. The DOE remixed the superintendent’s districts so that Ms. Watts has Districts 13, 14, 15, 16 & 32 because geographically they are closer to one another.

LaShawn Robinson is a new superintendent of all the citywide transfer schools. In fact she was one of the transfer school’s principal. All the transfer schools served the over age and under credits students. Ms. Robinson is looking forward to support the parents and students in these transfer high schools.

Michael Prayor is a new superintendent of Districts 17, 18, 20, 21 & 22.

Fred Walsh is a new superintendent Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, he had to leave early.

Anthony Lodico is a new superintendent of Staten Island.

Donald Conyers is a new superintendent of 46 schools in Districts 19, 23, 26, 27 & 29.

Elaine Lindsey is back with Districts 7, 10 & 12 of the Bronx with 54 schools and has committed to 26 years of service.

Juan Mendez is back with Districts 24, 25, 28 & 30 and new principals in his districts. See attached report.

Aimee Horowitz is back with Schools Improvement Institute. She helps the schools in need of work.

Superintendent	Boroughs
Marisol Bradbury	Manhattan/secondary and high schools in <u>District 1 and the majority of District 2</u>
Fred Walsh	Manhattan/secondary and high schools in <u>District 2 and Districts 3, 4, 5 and 6.</u>
Carron Staple	Bronx/secondary and high schools in <u>Districts 8, 9 & 11.</u>
Elaine Lindsey	Bronx/secondary and high schools in <u>Districts 7, 10 & 12.</u>
Karen Watts	Brooklyn/secondary and high schools in <u>Districts 13, 14, 15, 16 & 32.</u>
Michael Prayor	Brooklyn/secondary and high schools in <u>Districts 17, 18, 20, 21 & 22.</u>
Donald Conyers	Brooklyn & Queens/secondary and high schools in <u>Districts 19, 23, 26, 27 & 29.</u>
Juan Mendez	Queens/secondary and high schools in <u>Districts 24, 25, 28 & 30.</u>
Aimee Horowitz	Staten Island/secondary and high schools in <u>District 31 and the secondary and high schools citywide that are participating in the School Achievement Initiative such as Boys and Girls and Foundations Academy. School that's in need of improvements.</u>
Anthony Lodico	Staten Island high schools
LaShawn Robinson	<u>All of the transfer high school citywide.</u>
Rose-Marie Mills	<u>Office of Adult and Continuing Education</u>

Ms. Russo made a motion to ask Chairperson to be intern Acting Treasurer. Ms. Hedrington 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. 6 members of the board voted affirmed the motion.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo
No	None
Abstained	None

Ms. Franco made a motion to approve a Special CCHS meeting to vote on the Budget on September 23rd, with the new board members who should be sworn in and handed in their Constitutional Oath by then. Ms. Hughley 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously. 6 members of the board voted affirmed the motion.

Yes	Franco, Hedrington, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo
No	None
Abstained	None

Members' Report

Mr. Kaufman is very happy about the start of school. He has one child who is a senior in high school, one freshman in high school and another freshman in junior high school. The DOE allocation of resources is a main concern in areas of: Class Size, Attendance, Truancy, and lack of Guidance Counselors.

Ms. Franco reported that in the Bronx, Fordham Plaza no longer does team evaluations for the students. They only perform student evaluations for Charter Schools. They now do team evaluations for the students in the child's school but at some schools they do not have the required psychologist or guidance counselor. And my grandson's principal told me that it takes 60 days for the evaluations to complete them by law the requirement is 30 days evaluations.

Ms. Hedrington went to her son's school with the new principal and is very pleased with the principal's visibility all around the school. The school has become a very welcoming place for parents and students. But general school safety is a concern for her at all the schools. And as an appointee of the Public Advocate Office, I have not had the chance to meet her and discuss the school issues.

Ms. Russo would like CCHS to come together to write a position or statements of their concerns to be presented to the Councilmen, CEC's or to her CPAC from her local districts. Her main concern is the lack of guidance counselors in the schools. They have a hard time assisting the students with their college applications let alone to help them with their other concerns.

Don McQueen is happy to be working with the new counsel and is looking to the CCHS calendar full of activities throughout the year.

President's Report

- 1-September 11th CPAC Meeting at Tweed
- 2-UFT for parents workshops: applications due date October 5th.
- 3-CCHS Website: www.CCHSNYC.org 5-Chancellor updates on the contracts in the news.
- 4-September 15th Barclay Center FREE Back To School
- 5-ELL FREE Parents English Language Learning class (SPELL Program) at Hunter College

We welcome the NEW CCHS members to the CCHS Board.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Calendar meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

BUSINESS MEETING IS CANCEL DUE TO THE LACK OF QUROM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan
Administrative Assistant

Revision made by President: Alleyne Hughley

Approved by Council vote on October 8, 2014.