



# Citywide Council On High Schools

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## Calendar Meeting Wednesday, February 8, 2017

### ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Mohammad Akram	ABSENT-Excused
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	Vacant	
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Manhattan Representative	Monica Bajraktarevic	ABSENT-Unexcused
Manhattan Representative	Vacant	
Queens Representative	Mona-Lisa Chandler	Present
Queens Representative	Michelle Gebrail	Present
Staten Island Representative	Robin Allen	ABSENT-Excused
Staten Island Representative	Vacant	
Public Advocate Appointee	Lisa Lewis	ABSENT-Unexcused
CCSE Appointee	Neyda Franco	Present
CCELL Appointee	Ulan Kuchukov	Present
Student Representative	Vacant	
Superintendent Liaison	Karen Watts	Present

### In Attendance

**We did not have a quorum.** Robin Allen sadly passed away, Mohammad Akram, jury duty, excused absences. Monica Bajraktarevic and Lisa Lewis were also absent, unexcused absences.

### CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by Ms. Franco at 6:30 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken.  
We did not have a quorum. **This meeting is for information only.**

**Presenters:**

Mary Anne Meyer: Program Director of Queensborough Community College, College NOW Program on The Transition from High School to College and Information Regarding Opportunities for Students See PowerPoint.

Ms. Meyer spoke about the free pre-college programs at City Colleges available to public high school students. Studies have shown that 85% college students graduated on time and with better grades had pre-college experience. Their summer programs offer free:

- Tuition
- Books
- Supplies
- Lunches
- Metro Cards
- Tutoring
- Use of gym facilities
- They also offer college workshops, aid in college scholarships, and financial aid information and applications.

The programs they are offering:

- CUNY College Focus Program: provides 60 hours course for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for remedial English and Math to assist them in passing the CUNY entrance exam
- CUNY College NOW Program: offers high school students college courses free of charge and they can apply the credits towards a college degree
- Robert Friedman Myself Third Scholarship
- CN Summer Program
- ASAP: Accelerated Study in Associate Programs Associate Degree Program. Free for low income students, and you do not have to be a US citizen. You have to be a NYC graduate only.

Student benefits:

- Dedicated Advisement
- Priority Registration
- Enhanced Career Development Services
- Tuition Waivers
- \$500 Book Voucher
- Metrocard

Questions from the members:

What if a student fails a class in the ASAP program?

Ms. Meyer: It is similar to the 2 and 4 years colleges, all students failing a class have to make it up.

How is the ASAP program compared to the "LINK," program?

Ms. Meyer: LINK program is not free to the schools, and the schools using the LINK curriculum have a much higher failure rates in their English classes.

Can the students transfer their credits under College NOW to a 4 years college?

Ms. Meyer: College NOW only gives classes that have transferable credits to all 4 year colleges.

If there are more than 20 students in the class and the class is filled, what happens if additional students want to attend?

Ms. Meyer: The college will open up another class to accommodate all the students.

What would happen if you do not finish your remedial classes?

Ms. Meyer: You have to finish all your remedial classes before they can offer you regular college classes.

Does IEP students require to take the College Assessment Tests?

Ms. Meyer: All students, including IEP students are required to take the College Assessment Tests before entering CUNY. For the students who failed the assessment, they have a 6 week "Boot Camp," summer classes, after the program they can retake the assessment tests.

Mary Anne Meyer email: [mameyer@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:mameyer@qcc.cuny.edu)

**Presenters:**

Karen Watts: Superintendent with Comfort Itoka: Budget Director, Brooklyn North Field Support Center on FY 2018 School Budgeting Allocation Formula

See PowerPoint.

In FY 2017, New York State will provide NYC with \$1.6 Billion less than their campaign for fiscal equity obligation. Anticipated increases in State aid for FY 2018 will be used to raise the FSF floor from 87% to 90% for all schools. The money will also be used to support the Equity and Excellence programs:

- Universal 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Literacy
- College Access for All
- Algebra for All
- AP for All
- Single Shepherd
- District-Charter Partnerships
- Computer Science for All
- Continue to expand the CTE programs

The formula is strongly aligned with the "Framework for Great Schools." Send comments and questions by April 18, 2017 email: [BudgetPublicComments@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:BudgetPublicComments@schools.nyc.gov) Phone: 212-374-6754

Public Comments:

Mrs. Green: According to the charts Pre-K-K-5 are weighted more. Why is that?

Superintendent Watts: Students at that age are in class all day and they get more support, while students in HS attends some special needs classes during the school day.

Ms. Franco: There is no support for students transitioning from HS into college. We don't prepare students with IEP's or their parents with Transition.

Superintendent Watts: This budget covers students from K-12<sup>th</sup> grades and covers transitional funding for graduation seniors.

**Superintendent Liaison's Report**

*Superintendent Watts* gave FY 2018 School Budgeting Allocation Formula report.

President Michelle Gebrail attended CCHS Staten Island Representative: Robin Sheree Allen's Memorial Service on February 4, 2017 at the Mt. Sinai United Christian Church. She passed away on January 30, 2017. President Gebrail read her obituary. The council members all wish her family condolences. She will be greatly missed on the council.

## **Public Comment**

Ms. Lindsey: Does Ms. Allen's daughter's school have grief counseling?

Ms. Gebrail: Yes, they do.

Ms. Lindsey: What happened to last year's CCHS Annual Report? And she would like to be on this year's Annual Report committee.

Ms. Gebrail: Last year's CCHS Annual report got pushed back due to a death in my family. We will have a committee meeting soon on this year's Annual Report around the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Lindsey: I gave out the brochures on NYC WELL, free, mental health support from NYC. I am still active with the organization Lunch 4 Learning and I still want the Mayor to pass the bill for free universal school lunches for all the students in NYC.

Ms. Green: Council D75 is starting their parent member training on IEP Training for Parents on March. All are invited and welcome to train with us.

Ms. Clay: Co-President of Manhattan President's Council.

District 13 is hosting a Black College/University College Fair on February 11, 2017 11am-4pm at Dr. Susan S. McKinney Secondary School of the Arts, 101 Park Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11205.

## **Announcements**

Ms. Franco:

- College Fair at Riverbank State park March 4, 2017 12-4pm 145<sup>th</sup> St. and Riverside Drive Manhattan. Free admission.
- "Men in Education Answering The Call," workshops for mentoring, Fatherhood and empowerment. March 25, 2017 9am-3pm UFT headquarter 52 Broadway, NY 10004.
- STEM family fun night 2017 May 25, 2017 4:30-8pm at New York Hall of Sciences.
- Free Summer Camp at CAMBA.com Free 2 week sleepaway camp with Fresh Air Fund.
- Free tax assistance call 718-773-3551 X112
- Free job training for cable installation email:awiggins@bwiny.org

## **President's Report**

Ms. Gebrail attended Melinda Katz, Queens Borough President's State of the Borough's address on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Borough President Katz thanked all the parents for their participation.

## **Member's Report**

Ms. Chandler:

- She attended PD at her son's school. They went to a workshop at Microsoft that teaches teachers and students on working with Smartboards. They created apps for the teachers.
- She attended a Transition Report Presentation on February 13, 2017 with IEP student Internship Information.
- Update of the CCHS Capital Plan. It was submitted to the SCA.
- Reso A Submission:
  - o Bronx and Brooklyn deadlines are passed
  - o Manhattan deadline is February 14, 2017
  - o Queens deadline is February 14, 2017
  - o Staten Island deadline February 10, 2017

No other reports.

**Treasurer's Report**

No report. The Treasurer is absent.

**Approval of the Minutes**

We did not have a quorum.

**Old / New Business**

None.

**Business Meeting**

We did not have a quorum. Business Meeting was canceled.

**Adjournment**

Calendar meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant**

**Revisions made by Recording Secretary Lisa Lewis and President:**

**Approved by Council vote on: *We did not have a quorum. This meeting is for information only.***