



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar and Business Meeting Wednesday, June 10, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Pamela Garcia	ABSENT
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	Constance Asiedu	Present
Bronx Representative	Neyda Franco	Present
Manhattan Representative	Monica Bajraktarevic	Present
Manhattan Representative	Elizabeth Veras	Present
Queens Representative	Alleyne Hughley	Present
Queens Representative	Michelle Gebrail	Present
Staten Island Representative	Andrew Dorman	Present
Staten Island Representative	Don McQueen	Present
Public Advocate Appointee	Theresa Hedrington	ABSENT
CCSE Appointee	Noah Kaufman	Present
CCELL Appointee	<i>Vacant</i>	
Student Representative	Victoria Meyerovich	ABSENT
Student Representative Alternate	Chandanie Francis	ABSENT
Superintendent Liaison	Karen Watts	Present

In Attendance

We have quorum. Pamela Garcia, and Theresa Hedrington were absent.

CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by 1st Vice President Ms. Franco at 6:11 pm.

Don McQueen Chief Warrant Officer for Coast Guard

Mr. McQueen presented information on the Coast Guard Career and Educational Opportunities.

For more information on the Coast Guard, go to website: <http://www.gocoastguard.com/>

The Coast Guard is one of the five Military Branches and its part of homeland security and enforces the Federal Regulations. Their roles and missions are:

- Ports & Waterway Security
- Drug Interdiction
- Aids to Navigation
- Search and Rescue
- Living Marine Resources
- Marine Safety

- Defense Readiness
- Migrant Interdiction
- Marine Environmental Protection
- Ice Operations
- Other Law Enforcement

There are two ways of entry:

1-Enlistment with a recruiter and then Boot Camp

2-If you completed 4 years of college degree from an accredited college and meet the age, physical and moral requirements. And when you complete your officer package, you will have an interview with three Coast Guard officers. There will be an assessment of your job skills and then top candidates will receive a job offer. You can also apply to the Coast Guard Academy where you do not need congressional nomination to enter but you can enter on your own merit. One of the many benefits of working for the Coast Guard is that you can retire after 20 years and receive a paycheck.

HS for Enterprise, Business and Technology Jazz Band:

Principal: Holger Carrillo & Music Teacher: Jeff Ball

The music teacher explained that the student performers are not from the same high schools but in fact they are also from: School for Legal Studies and PROGRESS High School for Professional Careers. They are all in a co-located school sharing the East Williamsburg Campus. He teaches the students from all three high schools and the student performers started the music program, some with and some without prior musical knowledge. The Jazz Band has 22 students with a mixed level of performers, some played for one to four years. They are a cohesive, dynamic Jazz Band and played spectacular music to the Tweed audience. The audience was so delighted that they gave them numerous standing ovations.

Mary Anne Meyer Program Director for Queensborough Community College, College Now

Ms. Meyers presented an overview of the CUNY College Focus Program for High School Students. The program works with 17 CUNY colleges and servicing over 250+ public high schools. The reason that the Summer CUNY College Focus Program was created due to:

- Many graduated city high school students entering CUNY failed placement exams last year. And needed remediation in reading, writing, or math.
- It cost the students' time and money to take the same courses again.

This program will provide a five –week program for rising seniors who require assistance. Students will take a non-credit Math or English course and sit for either the CAT Reading and Writing exams or the Math COMPASS exam at the end of the program. There will be a College Success Workshop for two hours once a week and tutoring will be available two days a week. This program is free and students will also receive metrocards and lunch. It is open to any 11th grade student willing to attend class this summer for five weeks from Monday-Thursday, July 6th to August 10th, 2015. Provisions are made to allow successful students the opportunity to take college-credit classes (College Now) during their senior year. Many students benefit from this program and other summer programs was presented.

Ms. Meyer also spoke about Model New York City Council Project, and Robert Friedman Myself Third CUNY Scholarship. For more information see attached powerpoint or visit the school Guidance Counselor and email Ms. Meyer at mameyer@gcc.cuny.edu.

Lynne Holden, MD Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine and **Raj Krishnan, MD** Associate Director of the MIM School Based Programs.

Dr. Holden introduced their non-profit mentoring in medicine program designed for disadvantaged students from 3rd grade into health professional schools. They prepare, and cultivate students to become aware of becoming a future health care professional.

Some of the programs they provide are:

Annual Conference “Yes, I can be a Healthcare Professional!” for Middle School Students.

Health Professional Leadership Development Seminars

- Health Professional Students, Residents, Junior Faculty and Health Professionals
- Quarterly seminars that address issues such as wellness, leadership development, financial success, social skills and academic promotion.

Emergency Department Clinical Exposure and Mentoring Program

- Undergraduate and Post-Baccalaureate Students
- Internship that provides experience and exposure needed for underrepresented students to become physicians, PA’s, dentists or scientists including volunteering, shadowing, research exposure and strategic planning <http://www.aecom.yu.edu/admissions/page.aspx?ID=3088>

The “Yes, I Can” Future Health Professional Afterschool Club

- Elementary to High School Students
- Monthly meetings featuring hand-on interactive exposure to various health professions.

“Check it Out” Pathway to Success and “Ask the Expert” Seminars

- Elementary to Health Professional Students
- Invited lecture series delivered by qualified members of our speaker’s bureau upon request.

Mentor a Future Health Professional Campaign

- Health Professionals (Doctors, Physician Assistants, Public Health Officers, Nurses, Optometrists, Radiology Technicians, Respiratory Therapists, Paramedics) train to become a certified MIM mentor. Participate in seminars and annual conference. Allow a student to shadow you and provide guidance for successful career growth.

Dr. Krishnan gave a quick sample lesson of how he would engage a young student in his program by teaching them to take their own pulse and other activities related to it. They can design their programs to tailor to the individual schools’ needs. The students that are in their program improved their reading, writing, math and science skills.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Watts awarded the certificate of appreciation to the following CCHS members:

Constance Asiedu, Monica Bajraktarevic, Andrew Dorman, Neyda Franco, Michelle Gebrail, Alleyne Hughley, Noah Kaufman, Don McQueen, Marianne Russo, and Elizabeth Veras.

President's Report

Ms. Hughley awarded the certificate of appreciation to Superintendent Watts. Ms. Hughley had individual CCHS members present, and say something unique about that member, and presented the award to them. The same CCHS members as above received the second award of the night.

Public Comment

No Comment

Ms. Asiedu announced the presence of the new incoming CCHS members, and thanked the loyal followings of some parents.

Ms. Hughley thanked the Administrative Assistant for a job well done with a large bouquet of flowers.

BUSINESS MEETING

In Attendance

We have quorum. Pamela Garcia, and Theresa Hedrington were absent.

Ms. Hughley announced completing the end the year with voting on the CCHS minutes.

Mr. Kaufman made a motion to correct an error on the February 11, 2015 Calendar Minutes. Ms. Gebrail 2nd the motion. 10 yeses and 2 absences. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Dorman, Franco, Gebrail, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Veras
No	None
Abstained	None

Ms. Russo made a motion to accept the February 11, 2015 Calendar Minutes with the corrected errors. Ms. Bajraktarevic 2nd the motion. 10 yeses and 2 absences. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Dorman, Franco, Gebrail, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Veras
No	None
Abstained	None

Ms. Asiedu made a motion to accept the February 11, 2015 Business Minutes with the amendment to the attendance of Mr. Kaufman, Ms. Garica, and Ms. Asiedu. Ms. Franco 2nd the motion. 10 yeses and 2 absences. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Dorman, Franco, Gebrail, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Veras
No	None
Abstained	None

Ms. Franco made a motion to accept the March 11, 2015 Calendar Minutes with the corrections noted. Ms. Gebrail 2nd the motion. 10 yeses and 2 absences. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Dorman, Franco, Gebrail, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Veras
No	None
Abstained	None

Ms. Franco made a motion to accept the April 13, 2015 Calendar Minutes with the corrected errors. Ms. Gebrail 2nd the motion. 10 yeses and 2 absences. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Dorman, Franco, Gebrail, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Veras
No	None
Abstained	None

Ms. Franco made a motion: I motion we accept the May 13, 2015 Calendar Minutes with the corrections of spelling and to add the missing portion of the Annual Report that was omitted from the minutes, send the results to the council before June 15th. Ms. Russo 2nd the motion. 10 yeses and 2 absences. Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Dorman, Franco, Gebrail, Hughley, Kaufman, McQueen , Russo, Veras
No	None
Abstained	None

Ms. Franco made a motion to close the Business meeting. Ms. Gebrail 2nd the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Calendar meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan
Administrative Assistant

Revision made by President:

Approved by Council vote on August 12, 2015