



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar Meeting Wednesday, August 9, 2017

ATTENDANCE

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| Brooklyn Representative | Celia Green | Present |
| Brooklyn Representative | Christina Reid | ABSENT-Unexcused |
| Bronx Representative | Catherine Baez | Present |
| Bronx Representative | Cynthia Robinson | Present |
| Manhattan Representative | Rodrigo Diaz | Present |
| Manhattan Representative | Zoe Foundotos | Present |
| Queens Representative | Mona-Lisa Chandler | Present |
| Queens Representative | Betsy Tam-Greene | Present |
| Staten Island Representative | Laurine Melville | Present |
| Staten Island Representative | Margaret Meyers | ABSENT-Excused |
| Public Advocate Appointee | Nickoles Martinez | Present |
| CCSE Appointee | Vacant | |
| CCELL Appointee | Ulan Kuchukov | Present |
| Student Representative | Alice Karetsky | Present |
| Superintendent Liaison | Karen Watts | Present |

Attendance

There was a quorum present. Margaret Meyers was absent due to work, excused absence. Christina Reid was absent, unexcused absence.

CALENDAR MEETING

Ms. Chandler called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken at 6:17 pm.

Presenters:

Adam Paredes: Director, High School Admissions, Samuel Daunt: Associate Director, High School Admissions and Jessica Lee: Chief of Staff, Strategy & Policy

See attached Powerpoint

HS Admissions Overview and Timelines:

There are two paths for HS admissions.

This one is the required below:

HS Applications: 700+ Programs at 400+ HS

1. Early Fall: Receive round 1 application from School Counselor
2. Late Fall: Complete applications by listing 12 programs in order of preference. Then, return to counselor.
3. March: 1 Offer and Round 2 (If necessary, when there is no offer.)

Optional Path:

1. Specialized HS: 8 testing schools/ 1 audition school
2. Complete Specialized HS Survey: receive Test and/or Audition Tickets from School Counselor.
3. Take the SHSAT and or Audition
4. If the test results is positive the student will receive one offer for a Specialized HS and if the Audition is positive, the student will receive 1-6 offers.

In the HS Directory a new icon of a heart has been added. 

 Reach: Lower chance you'll get an offer

 Target: Average chance you'll get an offer.

 Likely-Match: Higher chance you'll get an offer.

2017 Admissions Process Results:

- 93% received an offer
- 46% received an offer to their top choice
- 72% received an offer to one of their top three choices
- 96% of students who listed 12 programs received an offer.

All students receive an offer by the end of Round 2.

Introducing the new cellphone app: NYC School Finder at schoolfinder.nyc.gov

- Search by school name, academics, sports and more!
- Search by borough
- Filter by distance, admissions methods, school size, eligibility, and accessibility
- It has English and Spanish, other languages to come.
- Inform school tour dates and open houses

Create and share favorites

Includes links to:

Google Maps / School Performance Dashboard / InsideSchools reviews

Introducing the new High School Events Calendar: schools.nyc.gov/High

- Students who are English Language Learners may apply to any high school in New York City. All high schools must provide ELL services for students, in addition to providing supports/ accommodations on admissions tests and auditions.
- Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) may apply to any high school program in New York City; all high schools must provide services for students. Students with approved accommodations are eligible to receive them on admissions-related tests and auditions,

including the SHSAT. The DOE has 2 types of seats: general education seats and students with disabilities seat

Resources:

- Office of Student Enrollment | 718-935-2399 | HSEnrollment@schools.nyc.gov
- Resources | schools.nyc.gov/High
- NYC School Finder | schoolfinder.nyc.gov
- High Schools Email List | schools.nyc.gov/Subscribe
- Zoned Schools | schools.nyc.gov/SchoolSearch

Ms. Lee spoke about diversity in NYC schools at: schools.nyc.gov/diversity

The DOE diversity plan is on the site and if you have additional questions, you can contact: diversity@schools.nyc.gov. There are 12 proposals to increase diversity in schools. One of them is to eliminate the “limited unscreened,” schools as an HS admissions criteria and replace it with a policy to promote greater diversity.

SHSAT Test:

- Scrambled paragraphs are gone
- Revised the ELA
- Contents will aligned with the Common Core teaching standards
- The math and reading will remain the same

They will have online applications for 2018-19 and virtual school tours online in the future.

The DOE is trying to outreach to HRA to give HS information to push into 30 homeless shelters.

The members asked several questions regarding HS admissions and diversity issues.

Public Comment

Ms. Franco is concerned with shelters in the Bronx that they don't have computers and would need additional help.

Mr. Paredes that they did HS admissions training at 44 homeless shelters.

Ms. Mensah would like to know if the Math section on the SHSAT out weights the importance as compared to the English part of the test.

Mr. Daunt: They are weighted equally with 57 questions for Math and English.

Ms. Marshack: When parents are advised of ranking the choices for HS, why is it a secret of what was the lowest scores that specialized HS accepted in the last previous 3 years?

Mr. Daunt: We do not give out that information and it fluctuates yearly. Please use the 12 choices.

Superintendent Liaison's Report

Ms. Watts said that they are getting ready to give the Regents Exams in August. The staff is returning to school on August 28 to plan for the new school year. Her department is using/ teaching more technology for learning. She is also implementing the social/emotional intelligence learning from Princeton into the schools. The schools are sharing data with amazing results. The cohort graduation data helps principals to make important choices as to what type of programs is a fit for their schools.

HS Admissions Events:

- Citywide HS Fair at Brooklyn Technical HS on September 16 and 17, 2017
- Borough HS Fair in every Borough on October 14 and 15, 2017
- Citywide Career and Technical Education (CTE) High School Fair October 28, 2017

Public Comment

Ms. Lindsay is upset that HS Superintendents are not attending the CCHS meetings. She is relying on the Superintendents to inform her (the public) of what is happening at the high schools. They want information on the HS elections and would like them to send us the information if the HS elections have taken place and what the results are. The DOE is not sharing that information with the parents. We want the information for all the districts.

Ms. Mensah would like Mr. Hagin to give her the election results before September 30, 2017, so that they can have the Brooklyn HS President Council President election. They want the election and quorum for the newly elected PTA represented.

Ms. Franco said that they have not updated the Bylaws and are not in compliance. They need to look into the Bylaws for all the PA and PTA in the whole city to make sure that they are all in compliance. She would like all the HS Superintendents to send memos to the HS principals regarding Title1, SLT and PTA.

Ms. Asiedu congratulated the new CCHS and said that she was the past President of CCHS. She would like to assist CCHS any way she can in the future.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Foundotos motioned to accept the June 14, 2017 Calendar Minutes. Mr. Martinez 2nd the motion. **All in favor, 10 yeses. The motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Chandler motioned to accept the July 12, 2017 Calendar and Business Minutes. Ms. Foundotos 2nd the motion. **All in favor, 10 yeses. The motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business / New Business

Ms. Green would like to split the Calendar and Business meetings into 2 sessions. She would like 2 hours each 6:30pm-8:30pm on every 2nd and 4th week of every month.

Ms. Chandler said that in their Bylaws if there is unfinished business, the council can vote to have another meeting the last Monday of the same month. There were further discussions among the members.

Election of Officers

Office of President

Ms. Green along with AA Suet Chan read aloud the election script. Nominees were each given 2 minutes to speak about themselves, then voting for the position took place.

Ms. Foundotos nominated herself.

Ms. Foundotos gave the first speech and the following members voted for her: Mr. Diaz, Ms. Foundotos, Ms. Tam-Greene, Ms. Melville, Mr. Martinez and Mr. Kuchukov. 6 votes.

Ms. Chandler nominated herself.

Ms. Chandler gave the second speech and the following members voted for her: Ms. Green, Ms. Baez, Ms. Robinson and Ms. Chandler. 4 votes. *The minimum of 7 votes is needed for the office as President or any other position. This position would be again be voted on after all the other positions are voted on.*

Office of Recording Secretary

No members elected to run for this office.

Office of President

Ms. Green suggested that each candidate be asked a list of questions, to assist in determining the voting for the position of President. Ms. Tagat our FACE liaison said that the members would need to vote for the questions before they could be asked.

Approval to continue with the voting for President without questions

Mr. Martinez motioned to just go directly to voting instead of asking the candidates questions. Ms. Tam-Greene 2nd the motion. **Ms. Green voted no and Ms. Chandler abstain. All in favor, 8 yeases. The motion passed.**

2nd Round of Voting: Office of President

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Adjournment

Calendar meeting and election ended at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant

Revisions made by Acting President/1st VP Ms. Green

Approved by Council vote on