



# Citywide Council On High Schools

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## Calendar Meeting Wednesday, July 13, 2016

### ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Mohammad Akram	ABSENT-Excused
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	ABSENT-Excused
Bronx Representative	VACANT	
Bronx Representative	Constance Asiedu	Present
Manhattan Representative	Monica Bajraktarevic	ABSENT-Excused
Manhattan Representative	Michael Kraft	Present
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-Excused
CCSE Appointee	Neyda Franco	Present
CCELL Appointee	Ulan Kuchukov	Present
Student Representative	VACANT	
Superintendent Liaison	Karen Watts	Present

### In Attendance

**We do not have a quorum.**

Mohammad Akram, Monica Bajraktarevic, Lisa Lewis, Marianne Russo and Robin Allen were absent - excused.

***This Calendar Minutes do not need the approval of the Council due to the lack of quorum.***

### CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by Ms. Asiedu at 6:14 pm.

### ***Presenters:***

***Peer Health Exchange (PHE): Benjamin Delikat, NYC Program Director,***

***Sarah Cocuzzo, Community Liaison and Investment Manager and Danielle Charles-Chauvet,***

***Alumna – Training college students to teach skills-based health curriculum to NYC students***

Mr. Dekilat stated there are just 165 certified Health Care Service workers serving K-12 in NYC with more than 1 million students. Currently, some of the athletic, science and English teachers/ coaches, and counselors filled the additional role of health care teachers with limited training. His organization is training college students from local colleges/universities as volunteers to go into HS's starting with 9<sup>th</sup> graders to teach students sexual/mental health and substance abuse prevention.

The program offers a rigorous training process, a rich health care curriculum, access to health resources, practical skills in an interactive hands-on class setting. Volunteers have to pass a written test and give class lessons. The program sends 2 college volunteers into each 9<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and there is constant performance assessment. The peer health counseling provides the much needed services in the classrooms with positive long ranging effects on students with direct impact on their academic outcome.

They have partnered with 45 HS's in the 4 boroughs except Staten Island. Part of the program requires the volunteer students to travel no more than 45 mins from their college to the HS location. That is why there is limited participation from the HS's. They plan to partner with more colleges as they expand their program. It costs the HS \$0-\$5000 depending on their budgeting. They have grants and will work with schools in order to bring the program into their schools.

Their programs work with the needs and requirements of the schools. If the schools want single sex classes or any other requirements, they will do their best to comply. They have some literature translated into Spanish, but they do not have bi-lingual volunteer college students to provide the services in languages other than English. They are not working with D75 schools and it depends on the schools they are working with if they support their Special Education students. They also support the LBGT students.

**NYC Coalition for Educational Justice: Megan Hester** (*Technical Assistance Coordinator for Adult Organizing, Community Organizing & Engagement*)

—Parent Engagement Innovation Fund

—Transformative Parent Engagement

Based on research, there are four different types of Parent Engagements:

- Fortress School
- Come-If-We-Call-School
- Open Door School
- Partnership School

We would like all schools to be a Partnership School. This type of Parent Engagement produces better school student attendance and graduation rate. The cornerstone of a Partnership School is:

- Building Relationships
- Linking to Learning
- Addressing Differences
- Supporting Advocacy
- Sharing Power
- Collaborative Relationships between Parent and School Staff

Current new programs: Parent Education and Empowerment Partners (PEEP), Parent-Teacher Home Visits (APTT), Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT), and Parent University. However, these programs are not in high schools.

## **Superintendent Liaison's Report**

*Superintendent Watts* said that there are now 11 HS Superintendents. The changes were made so that they do not cross over to other boroughs, this excludes the Affinity schools. See Chart.

In September 2016 the Equity and Excellence Initiatives will begin:

- College for All
- AP for All
- Computer Science for All
- Single Shepherd Program

The DOE is developing a HS curriculum to insure that there is uniformity and rigor for the teaching staff. This will be offered as a guide for the teachers and would be standardized. The program Literary Circles are being implemented to assist students to become better readers.

## **Announcements**

*Ms. Asiedu:*

- Manhattan UFT Borough Parent Conference on Saturday, October 15, 2016 8:30am-3:30pm.
- Brooklyn UFT Borough Parent Conference on Saturday, October 22, 2016 8:30am-3pm.
- The Bronx Parent Institute: College Enrollment/Financial Aid on July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 20<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>th</sup> at 1 Fordham Plaza.

*Ms. Chandler:*

- NYC Parks Department Program: REC Youth. Summer months every Friday 11am-4pm for students under 18 yrs. old. Computer Lab courses in music and video.

## **President's Report**

Ms. Asiedu presented thank you certificates to the following CCHS members:

Mona-Lisa Chandler, Michael Kraft, Neyda Franco, Ulan Kuchukov and Michelle Gebrail.

She announced:

- Presented Superintendent Watts with a thank you gift card from the CCHS Council.
- Presented and thanked the CCHS Administrative Assistant Suet Chan for her excellent service to the council with a thank you card and a gift card.
- Presented new CCELL member Ulan Kuchukov with a gift card for his new baby.
- Miguel Rodriguez, the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP of CCHS and Staten Island representative, resigned his seat on CCHS last month due to his new duties as the President of the Staten Island Federation.
- Robin Allen, the CCHS Timekeeper and Staten Island representative, is still absent due to illness.
- Edward Afuakwah, the Bronx representative, received his Master's degree in Public Policy and his HS son graduated out. His son received a full scholarship to Lafayette College.
- Vacancy notice for 1 CCHS Bronx and 1 CCHS Staten Island representative.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Kraft, Co-chair of Communications Committee, spoke about the 3 student interns working with Mr. Hagin as summer interns to improve the CCHS website. Mr. Hagin presented the new improvements on the website.

## **New Business**

None.

**No Business meeting due to lack of quorum.**

**Adjournment**

Calendar meeting ended at 9PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant**

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

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