



CITYWIDE COUNCIL ON HIGH SCHOOLS

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MINUTES

Business & Calendar Meetings

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Kenneth Cera	Present
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	Evelyn Feliciano	<i>Absent-excused</i>
Bronx Representative	Neyda Franco	Present
Manhattan Representative	Stanley Ng	Present
Manhattan Representative	Terri Watson	Present (annual mtg.) <i>Absent- unexcused</i> <i>(calendar and</i> <i>business mtgs.)</i>
Queens Representative	Alleyne Hughley	Present
Queens Representative	Alex Lee	Present
Staten Island Representative	Martin Krongold	Present
Staten Island Representative	<i>vacant</i>	
Public Advocate Appointee	Paola de Kock, <i>President</i>	Present
CCSE Appointee	<i>vacant</i>	
CCELL Appointee	<i>vacant</i>	
Student Representative	<i>vacant</i>	
Superintendent Liaison	Karen Watts	Present

Absences

Ms. Feliciano- excused, with prior notification (conflict with work or similar obligation).

Ms. Watson – unexcused (left after annual meeting).

ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting called to order by President de Kock at 6:07pm; the Council engaged in informal discussion until quorum was reached at 6:10pm.

Staten Island Vacancy

Ms. de Kock announced that Nick Sansevero resigned as the Staten Island Representative. Because this occurred after the beginning of the term on July 1, 2013, FACE informed Ms. de Kock that it could not declare the runner-up selected and the Council will fill the vacancy.

Election of Officers

Mr. Krongold was unanimously elected Chair *pro tem*, with the understanding that Ms. de Kock or another duly elected Chair *pro tem* would take over should Mr. Krongold run for any position himself. The Council followed the protocol specified in the CEC Template Script 2013-2014 dated 7/5/2013 from FACE

President

Mr. Krongold opened the nominations for President.

Ms. Russo nominated Ms. de Kock.

Ms. Watson nominated Mr. Cera.

The office remained unfilled because neither candidate received the minimum required 7 votes after two rounds of voting. Under the CCHS bylaws, Ms. de Kock will remain President until a successor is elected.

de Kock	Franco, Hughley, de Kock, Lee, Ng, Russo
Cera	Cera, Krongold, Watson
Abstained	None

(both rounds)

Motion to go into Executive Session

Mr. Krongold moved to go into executive session as provided by the Open Meeting Law for the purpose of facilitating the election of officers.

The motion failed on a 3 to 3 vote with 3 abstentions.

Yes	Cera, Krongold, Watson
No	de Kock, Lee, Russo
Abstained	Franco, Hughley, Ng

First Vice President

Ms. de Kock resumed chairing the meeting and opened the nominations for First Vice President.

Ms. Russo nominated Mr. Ng.

Mr. Cera nominated Mr. Krongold.

The office remained unfilled because neither candidate received the minimum required 7 votes after two rounds of voting.

Ng	Franco, de Kock, Lee, Ng, Russo
Krongold	Cera, Hughley, Krongold, Watson
Abstained	None

(both rounds)

Second Vice President

Mr. Ng nominated Ms. Franco.

Mr. Lee nominated Ms. Hughley, who did not accept the nomination.

There being only one candidate, the Council agreed to Mr. Cera’s suggestion to proceed by “acclamation” as allowed under Roberts Rules and President de Kock declared Ms. Franco elected Second Vice President.

Treasurer

Ms. Franco nominated Ms. Hughley.

Ms. Russo nominated Mr. Lee.

On a first round of voting, no candidate received the required minimum of 7 votes.

Hughley	Cera, Franco , Hughley, Watson
Lee	de Kock, Lee, Ng, Russo, Watson
Abstained	Krongold

On a second round, Mr. Lee was the only candidate and President de Kock declared him elected Treasurer.

Recording Secretary

Ms. Russo nominated herself.

There being no other candidate, President de Kock declared Ms. Russo elected in Recording Secretary.

Annual meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by President de Kock at 7:18pm.

Report of Superintendent Liaison

Ms. Watts suggested the Council consider as possible topics for future meetings: NYS accountability; NYC accountability and Progress Report metrics; Quality Review rubric; changes in academic policies to reflect the new common- core aligned Regents; and DOE Portfolio initiatives and Early Engagement. Generally, she is the liaison to request DOE speakers but the Council may have to arrange NYSED speakers independently.

The Office of Equity and Access is implementing an expanded AP initiative for underserved students. 60 high schools have been invited to apply for extra funding to run AP courses (mostly in STEM subjects); classes will be at the school but a minimum of 15 students is required. Other initiatives include Expanded Success, under which schools can apply for grants of up to \$200,000 for extra tutoring. All Priority Schools are now required by NYS to offer 200 extra hours of instruction per year.

Next year's algebra and ELA Regents exams will test on the common core standards; moreover, ELA standards will be used for all subjects. DOE will use the Danielson

Framework for Teaching as benchmarks in implementing t w teacher and principal evaluation systems.

Report of President

Ms. de Kock reported that in response to public outcry over the New Match Policy (discussed at the May meeting), DOE has revised the High School Directory to state that the Office of Enrollment reserves the right to place students in aud ms if the school does not rank enough students for the available seats. Parents at several audition schools are still vowing to fight the policy, and CPAC will be voting on a resolution at its July meeting.

Graduation rates were recently announced; they dipped slightly. On the other hand, the numbers appear relatively robust since DOE has put in place various requirements for schools to account for students who are discharged (including out of state and overseas) and audits are conducted (as stated in the PW).

Public Comment

Former CCHS First VP Monique Lindsay announced the passing of former CCHS president Valerie Armstrong- Barrows. Ms. Lindsay and former CCHS member Constance Asiedu spoke of Ms. Armstrong-Barrows' efforts on behalf of and dedication to NYC students and parents.

Tammy Truesdale, President of the Bronx High School Federation, urged CCHS members to work together and improve outreach. She will give a report at the next meeting.

Calendar meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

BUSINESS MEETING

Call to order by President de Kock at 8:15 pm.

Treasurer's Report & Proposed 2013-2014 Budget

Ms. de Kock reported that DOE does not actually fund CCHS until so etime in August. With several years' budgets as a guide, it is anticipated that member reimbursements will be \$4,000-\$6,000. The budget may be modified until early March.

Ms. Franco moved to accept the proposed budget [attached] as temporary with the condition that the Council with revise it in September.

Motion passed unanimously on an 8-0 vote, with no abstentions.

Yes	Cera, Franco, Hughley, de Kock, Krongold, Lee, Ng, Russo
No	
Abstained	None

Staten Island vacancy

The Council will need to recruit and interview candidates; all applications must be sent to and cleared by FACE. Ms. de Kock enlisted Mr. Krongold, as Staten Island representative, to help reach eligible parents.

August Calendar Meeting Topic

Because several EISs are expected to be posted by the end of August, Ms. Watts will request that representative from Portfolio Management come to the meeting. The Council will also hear the implications of core curriculum standards of the DOE and any Core Curriculum changes.

Capital Plan

Mr. Ng discussed DOE’s Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2014, and reported on which high schools last year received the most money and which did well. He is forming a Grant Committee to assist schools in applying for grants from foundations independently of the resources available through DOE (Senior Grants Officers).

High School Fair

Mr. Ng moved for CCHS to request a table at the Fall High School Fair, to be staffed by volunteers who can communicate with non-English speaking parents in their native language. Motion passed unanimously on an 8-0 vote, with no abstentions.

Yes	Cera, Franco, Hughley, de Kock, Krongold, Lee, Ng, Russo
No	
Abstained	None

Committees

The following committees were established and chairs (or co-chairs) agreed to by consensus: Capital Plan (Mr. Ng); Grants (Mr. Ng); Co-locations (Mr. Krongold and Ms. Franco); Annual Report (Ms. de Kock); and Outreach (Ms. Hughley and Ms. Franco).

Business meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marianne Russo,
Recording Secretary

Approved by Council vote on August 14, 2013

