



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Mohammad Akram	Present
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	Edward Afuakwa	Present
Bronx Representative	Constance Asiedu	Present
Manhattan Representative	Monica Bajraktarevic	Present
Manhattan Representative	Michael Kraft	Present
Queens Representative	Mona-Lisa Chandler	Present
Queens Representative	Michelle Gebrail	Present
Staten Island Representative	Robin Allen	ABSENT
Staten Island Representative	Miguel Rodriguez	ABSENT-Excused
Public Advocate Appointee	Lisa Lewis	Present
CCSE Appointee	Neyda Franco	Present
CCELL Appointee	<i>Vacant</i>	
Student Representative	<i>Vacant</i>	
Student Representative Alternate	<i>Vacant</i>	
Superintendent Liaison	Karen Watts	Present

In Attendance

We have quorum. Miguel Rodriguez was absent for work related reasons, excused absence. Robin Allen unexcused absence.

At 5:15pm students from Wadleigh Secondary School for the Performing Visual Arts performed before the CCHS regular Calendar meeting.

CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by President Ms. Asiedu at 6:17 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken.

Presenters:

Student Performance from Wadleigh Secondary School for the Performing Visual Arts Mr. Paul McIntosh the school Librarian spearheaded the student group to perform for CCHS. With great love for his students and school he showcased the student talents at the Tweed Courthouse. There were over a dozen student performers: performing original published poetries, dances, acting and even original song with guitar. He showed the CCHS members the professional quality poster sized calendar that the students produced for a fundraiser. Mr. McIntosh presented a school with multitalented students, focusing on almost every form of art. The students were magnificent and took great pride in their hard work. They had many standing ovations from the audience. CCHS members greatly appreciated and enjoyed the performance tremendously.

The HS Superintendents: Karen Watts, Paul Rotondo and Michael Alcoff were part of the audience and they also announced how much they enjoyed the students' performances.

Presenter: New Superintendent of Transfer Schools: **Paul Rotondo**

The average student that attends transfer schools are under credit and two years behind graduation schedule. The DOE has 39 transfer schools with different missions for a diverse student population. They offer a more personalized and small learning environment in order to re-engage their students but to also provide: College and Career Readiness, Teacher and Leader Development, and Student and Family Support in order to produce a higher graduation rate.

Superintendent Rotondo provided a list of 20 schools that he oversees. He has schools in Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Queens. Students from all the 5 boroughs that qualify for transfer schools can apply to any transfer school. There are currently 18,000 seats available with 11,000 seats taken. The students have 43% 4 year cohort graduation rate with most of the student population at 16 years to 21 years old.

Presenter: New Superintendent of Renewal High Schools: **Michael Alcoff**

Superintendent Alcoff presented a power point on School Renewal Strategy, see attached.

There are currently 16 Renewal HS under Superintendent Alcoff. Aimee Horowitz is the head of all 94 Renewal Schools. Currently there are 7 out of time schools with 9 renewal HS initiatives. There are 4 basic core areas to transform the schools: Turn-around leadership development, Pedagogical development, Curricula support and Organizational support. The transformational highlights are: 7 new principals, 59% decrease in suspension, 37% decrease in dangerous incidents and improved graduation rates at most renewal HS.

Presenter: Overview of Equity and Excellence initiatives:

Emmy Liss, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Chancellor for Strategy & Policy

Ms. Liss presented the Mayor's new initiatives for the coming school years. Their goal is by 2026, 80% of all HS students graduate on time and two-thirds will be college ready. The 8 elements to the educational agenda are:

- 1-Dedicated Reading Coach will insure all students reading on grade level by the end of 2nd grade.
- 2-Expand Algebra access and readiness in middle schools. All students complete Algebra by 9th grade to enable them to take more advanced math classes.
- 3-All HS students have access to a range of AP classes.
- 4-Computer Science classes for elementary, middle and high school students.
- 5-College access-every middle school student will have at least one college campus visit in 6-8th grade.
- 6-College access-every high school student will have all the necessary resources to be college ready.
- 7-Single guidance counselor: every student from 6-12th grade in Districts 7 and 23 will have a dedicated counselor who will support them through graduation to college enrollment.
- 8-District and Charter schools will pair together to share resources and best practices.

Superintendent Liaison's Report

Superintendent Karen Watts said that there are new and expanded programs at her high schools.

The following programs are:

- Algebra for All including 4 different Algebra classes for 9th graders.
- Additional AP classes added.
- More Computer Science courses, including AP Computer Science.
- College for All

New partnerships with LIU and Medgar Evers College offering:

- Early College Options
- They will take the students' AP classes/test credits as part of the college's graduation requirements.
- Project Lead the Way college level courses towards degrees.
- College NOW

When the students take the above classes, they can apply them towards their degree. The schools are expanding their programs.

New and expanded programs:

- Special math teachers are providing Algebra 1-HMH Circular
- All HS can receive the Algebra 1-HMH Curriculum for free
- English AP teachers are receiving professional developments
- The Chancellor plans a PD day on February 1st providing professional developments for teachers teaching: students with disabilities, ELL and new teachers teaching AP courses.

New programs include: Navy Yard STEM Center partnering with CTE High Schools and sharing resources together. Wi Plan where students solve real issues in communities and with civic partners.

Ms. Watts introduced the newest member of her staff: Rudolfo Ainsley.

Mr. Ainsley talked about the new programs he is putting in place to support the students. One of the programs that supports boys in HS is NYC governor's ambassadors that assist Latino/ Black males enrolling in college. He is also trying to increase AP courses in schools along with getting more schools to participate in the IB program. The last program he is involved with is to expand the AVID program too.

Public Comment

Ms. Lindsay asked Ms. Liss how the DOE would guarantee that Equity and Excellence initiatives would be available in their child's school.

Ms. Liss said that they will roll out support programs to insure that this will happen, along with training and informing Parent Coordinators about the new initiatives.

Ms. Stewart announced that she has put out flyers: Legal Services NYC for free legal services on Staten Island for educational issues. They can work with parents to assist them with access to appropriate educational opportunities.

Ms. Green is concerned about out of time schools: Boys and Girls HS and Automotive HS are closing at the 11th grade. Where would the students go and if they have another slot for them in another HS?

Ms. Russo answered that they are trying to work out consolidation of the 2 schools. And it would not be done like the past closures but students have options of leaving before it happened.

President's Report

Ms. Asiedu tabled her report due to the lack of time.

Announcements

Ms. Asiedu announced the following:

- CPAC meeting on 1/14/16 from 9am-12pm at Tweed
- Oversight of training teachers council hearing at City Hall 1pm 1/14/16
- Men in education workshop a UFT event on January 30, 2016 8am-4pm
- College Fair at Riverbank State Park on March 12, 2016 Noon-4pm
- College Goal NY-FAFSA event see flyer
- Job Expo at the NY Public Library event see flyer
- Dist 75 general meeting on January 21, 2016 at 6:30pm with the Chancellor.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Bajraktarevic gave a Treasurer's report, see attachment. Ms. Ms. Bajraktarevic stated that we need to transfer the funds from members reimbursement line into the Annual Report line so that we can have a budget to move forward with producing an Annual Report.

Annual Report Funding

Ms. Bajraktarevic moved to transfer the \$3500 into Annual Report from the Members' Reimbursement line item. Ms. Gebrail 2nd the motion. **10 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 Abstain.** Motion passed.

Yes	Afuakwah, Akram, Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Franco, Gebrail, Kraft, Lewis, Russo
No	None
Abstained	None

Member's Report

Ms. Lewis presented a new ongoing survey from the Public Advocate's office. Their goal is to: Identify the gaps in service, locate the systemic issues and make recommendations moving forward. They are gathering suggestions and questions for the survey and would like members of D75, EELL and HSs councils to participate.

Ms. Franco said Ellen went to a District 15 meeting where the students ran the meeting. The students have IEP's and want an IEP meeting with all the CEC's. Dist 15 wants to review their bylaws and the treasurer stepped down. Ms. France attended a District 7 meeting where they are receiving a lot of misinformation from FACE. In order to avoid future confusion FACE must put everything in writing. She also attended the Title 1 training for the Bronx.

Ms. Gebrail attended the final Parent Council Leadership training. Queens HS President's Council presented with Ms. Chandler on the Capital Plan. She addressed SLT participation and was at the round table discussion on College Access for ALL which is a middle school/HS initiative.

Ms. Chandler presented a brief Capital Plan and informed the parents that they cannot submit individual plans and all submissions must come from principals or be returned. Already the Capital Plan Committee has received some submissions. The SCA is in a holding pattern waiting for approval. She also attended Title 1 training in District 30 and went to a town hall meeting.

Ms. Russo attended an excellent District meeting by Superintendent Prayor with member Mr. Kraft. It was well attended by many principals.

Ms. Bajraktarevic has no report. Mr. Afuakwah has no report.

Mr. Kraft has no report. Mr. Akram has no report.

Old Business

Ms. Gebrail presented writer Gail Robinson a thank you certificate for her excellent work on last year's CCHS Annual Report.

New Business

Ms. Asiedu asked the co-chairs of the committees to come up with some meeting dates.

Communications Committee Co-Chair Mr. Kraft wanted members to discuss the following 3 topics:

- What the CCHS mission statement should be?
- What should be on the website/ contents / who are the audience?
- Resolutions: coordination and timeline.

Outreach Committee Co-Chairs Ms. Franco and Ms. Lindsay plan on getting something together.

Executive Session

Ms. Gebrail moved to have an executive session. Ms. Franco 2nd the motion. **8 in favor. 0 opposed, 2 abstained.** Motion passed.

Yes	Afuakwah, Akram, Asiedu, Chandler, Franco, Gebrail, Kraft, Lewis,
No	None
Pass	Bajraktarevic, Russo

Adjournment

Calendar meeting ended at 10:00PM.

Business meeting was cancel due to the lack of time.

**Respectfully Submitted,
S. Mei Chan
Administrative Assistant**

Revisions made by Recording Secretary Lisa Lewis and President:

Approved by Council vote on March 9, 2016