



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar Meeting Wednesday, March 8, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Mohammad Akram	ABSENT-Excused
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	Cynthia Robinson	Present
Bronx Representative	Vacant	
Manhattan Representative	Monica Bajraktarevic	Present
Manhattan Representative	Zoe Foundotos	Present
Queens Representative	Mona-Lisa Chandler	Present
Queens Representative	Michelle Gebrail	Present
Staten Island Representative	Vacant	
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Public Advocate Appointee	Lisa Lewis	ABSENT-Excused
CCSE Appointee	Neyda Franco	Present
CCELL Appointee	Ulan Kuchukov	Present
Student Representative	Vacant	
Superintendent Liaison	Karen Watts	ABSENT-Excused
Stand In:	Jennifer Goldberg	Present
Director Advanced Academic Access		

Attendance

A quorum was present. Lisa Lewis was absent due to a death in her family, excused. Superintendent Watts was absent due to work, excused. Jennifer Goldberg was Superintendent Watts' replacement for this meeting.

CALENDAR MEETING

Mrs. Gebrail called the meeting to order at 6:29 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken. Mrs. Gebrail introduced two new CCHS members:

Bronx representative: Cynthia Robinson

Manhattan representative: Zoe Foundotos

They were voted in at the Special meeting on February 28, 2017, when we had a quorum.

Mrs. Gebrail attended the funeral of Rohan Levy a 15-year-old Brooklyn boy who attended Williamsburg School for Architecture & Design. Mr. Levy died after he was shot in the eye. His school is in Superintendent Watt's district. We offer our condolences to his family and friends.

Our Public Advocate Appointee, Lisa Lewis's mom passed away this week. We offer our condolences to Ms. Lewis and her family.

We offer a moment of silence on these two passings.

Presenters:

Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE)

NFTE Partnership Overview: Activating the Entrepreneurial Mindset

Tess Gardephe: Manager, Programs for NY Metro

See power point.

Ms. Gardephe: This program assists in activating the entrepreneur spirit for youths in under-resourced communities by building their knowledge about business startups and creating a sustainable society. We teach 60,000 middle and high school students in 23 locations in 10 countries. They have had 70,000 students in their program since 1987.

The NFTE program is conducted in 4 parts: The business idea, experimenting, business plan, and the pitch. We have many success stories with young people creating their own businesses through the education they received in this program. More NFTE alumni earn HS diplomas 99% vs. US overall 85%. NFTE alumni have a higher rate of employment: 88% vs. US overall 69%.

NFTE future plan: Students complete sequential learning experience, they emerge with career-ready skills and earn industry-recognized credentials.

NFTE teaches the teachers for a week and they provide them with continual support throughout the year and materials for the program. The schools can pick different pathway and programs.

This year they to 4 Boroughs with 8 schools in the Bronx, 4 schools in Brooklyn, 5 schools in Manhattan and 5 schools in Queens. They partnered with 16 schools in Westchester and Fairfield counties with the help of 50 certified teachers.

Presenter: Alumni student, Carlos Eduardo Feitosa from Bronx Aerospace High School created his own company, "Shine Soaps." He produced natural soaps, designed packaging, marketed and sold his products in high school. He is an excellent sample of what this program can do for teens interested in business.

Questions from council members were asked with Ms. Gardephe on this program.

Ms. Chandler: Do you have different stages in this program?

Ms. Gardephe: The schools can offer the programs to students as an elective, afterschool program, Saturday program or summer program. We have 3 programs:

- The most inexpensive: Exploring Careers: 5th-8th grade students
- Startup Tech Content & Pedagogy: 7th-10th grade students
- Owning your future (Flagship Course): 9th-12th grade students

Ms. Franco: Do you choose the schools? Do you provide internships?

Ms. Gardephe: The schools choose the program. For the last 5 years, we have been focusing on our curriculum and methodology. Now we are firmly set up, we can concentrate on growth. The CTE schools are a good fit for the programs. The schools can decide to give it to the whole grade or offer it as an elective to the students. We have many internships with different companies.

Ms. Chandler: Which other corporations do you partner with?

Ms. Gardephe: We partnered with Ernst and Young public accounting firm, Mastercard, Microsoft, Citi foundation (Citibank), Sterling Bank and many other financial institutions.

Public Comment

Ms. Lindsay: Do you support students with IEP's for this program?

Ms. Gardephe: We have teachers with IEP students that participate in this program. They have their own method as to how to teach their IEP students. We have volunteers that can give individual attention during class for the IEP students or anyone else that needs additional support.

Meeting with the HS President Council Presidents

HS President Council Presidents for Queens, Staten Island, and the Bronx did not attend the meeting.

Manhattan HS President Council Co-Presidents: Helena Clay and Susan Crowson, were both sick.

Brooklyn HS President Council President Earline Mensah attended a recent meeting at the DOE site, Brooklyn Borough 131 Livingston St. Brooklyn NY room 610 they had a workshop for parents. The parents were supposed to use the Wi-Fi to show a film for the presentation but it was not available. The workshop was ruined due to the lack of parent support from the DOE.

Mr. Moses from the DOE was in attendance and had tried to assist, but even he didn't have the access code to the internet. They plan on having another workshop at the same location on March 16th and again need the internet connection. They reached out to Superintendent Conyers and assistant Lisa Pineda for their assistance in this matter and there was no response from them.

Mrs. Gebrail: We will reach out to our liaison, Superintendent Watts to correct this situation.

Superintendent Liaison's Report

Superintendent Watts was absent, but Director Advanced Academic Access: Jennifer Goldberg gave the Superintendent's report. Superintendent Watts was attending the "Literacy Math Summit," to insure that they have the correct resources to support students and teachers. The workshop offered materials for the English Language Learner extra support in Math.

The DOE adapted the HMH programs for ELA students. Not all schools in the DOE system use this method, but most of the schools in Superintendent Watts' districts do. This program uses college ready materials and complex texts, although not all school require this program. The program uses scaffolding to assist with the curriculum to support remedial students.

Superintendent Watts was awarded the "Chancellor's Innovation Fund for the Y-Plan," with \$250,000. Part of the funds will be used to increase the Y-Plan project at homeless shelters.

The AP for ALL will have a 2nd Cohort. The objective is to have 7 AP classes in all high schools. These schools will receive extra funding for books, lab supplies, and Saturday study sessions.

Currently, about 63 schools in the 5 Boroughs have this program and this year, they plan to have additional schools in the program. Most schools in Queens have a least 5 AP for All in their schools. The Mayor's goal is to have 5 AP classes in all the high schools by 2021, right now 75% of the high schools have 5 AP classes.

Ms. Mensah would like the high schools to offer International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programs in their schools.

Ms. Goldberg said only a few schools have this program since it's very expensive to run, however they are working hard to get support for this program.

Their new program: "Educators Rising," is a program to encourage students to become teachers. They already have 10 chapters in the schools.

Ms. Goldberg is extending an invitation to CCHS for a "Partnership Celebration Breakfast," on March 22th, 2017 from 8am-12noon at the Brooklyn Grand Army Plaza Library, Trustees Boardroom. They will celebrate the Y-Plan, Medgar Evers College: Dual College Program and other programs. Principals are invited to this celebration, so they can witness the impact these programs are having on students, and they can bring back information to their schools.

Public Comment

Ms. Mensah would like an update from Superintendent Watts' office on "Reward High Schools," and she would like updates from other Superintendents on "College Access for All."

Miroslaw Wysocki a representative from "FinallyUnderstand.com the Virtual Tutoring Center" commented that NYC has only 36% of the students proficient in Math. The company offers over 5000 free math tutorials online for Middle, HS and College students. To see the content of the website use your email and register it by the following link <http://www.finallyunderstand.com/Register.aspx>

Announcements

Ms. Chandler announced:

- Bronx UFT College Fair on March 31, 2017 10am-2pm at the Bronx UFT office 2500 Halsey St, Bronx, NY 10461.
- Bronx UFT College Conference for Parents, "An Investment in Knowledge," April 1, 2017 10am-2pm at the Bronx UFT office 2500 Halsey St, Bronx, NY 10461. Free workshops for parents.
- "Run for a NYC Educational Council," deadline has been extended to March 10, 2017. Please go on NYCParentLeaders.org to learn more information.
- Ms. Chandler's school: [Information Technology High School](#) on March 31, 2017 6:30pm-8:30pm, there will be a public meeting on immigration. The address: 21-16 44th Rd, Long Island City, NY 11101. NY Legal Assistance will be there to answer immigration questions. You need to registrar prior to attending the meeting. The lawyers can also answer your questions privately.

President's Report

Mrs. Gebrail:

- Melinda Katz, Queens Borough President toured her school: Benjamin N. Cardozo High School. The music students treated Melinda Katz to their delightful performance.

- Benjamin N. Cardozo High School formally elected the Interim Acting Principal: Meagan Colby to be their new Principal.
- She attended Melinda Katz: Queens Borough President's "Rally for Diversity," against hate, exclusions, and divisions. They promote citywide support for everyone.

Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's report.

Member's Report

Ms. Franco reported the CCHS Special Meeting on 2-28-2017 for budget modification. The council voted for food for the next several meetings. District 7 plans to have a joint meeting with the Superintendents/ UFT/ CSA/ DOE and CEC Presidents to celebrate different cultures. She will give an update when the meeting plans are set.

Ms. Franco would like all the High School Superintendents or their representatives to give a monthly report to the CCHS at their monthly meetings.

Ms. Chandler the CCHS Capital Plan Chair announced the following Boroughs gave a number of submissions for their schools to SCA:

- Bronx: 50 submissions
- Brooklyn: 67 submissions
- Manhattan: 27 submissions
- Queens: 122 submissions
- Staten Island: 37 submissions

The SCA has not responded to some of the schools that submitted their requests during the 2015-2016 school year. *Ms. Chandler* will follow up with those schools. The SCA is also sending out inspectors to the schools.

Ms. Chandler feels that the Mayor's initiatives: AP for All, and Computer Science for All are great programs for students, but the basic needs at the schools are not being met. Some of the schools do not have heat or proper electricity to run a school. These expenses should be paid out of the DOE budget.

Annual CCSE IEP Conference (Special Education) at Tweed Courthouse on March 18, 2017 9am-3pm. You need to RSVP by March 6, 2017.

UFT Symposium "Men in Education Answering the Call," at UFT Headquarters 52 Broadway, NYC 10004 on March 25, 2017, from 9am-3pm. Workshops: Mentoring, Fatherhood, and Empowerment.

Ms. Russo reported that there will be a meeting: "Immigration Know Your Rights Forum," with Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez and CEC14 on March 13, 2017, 6pm-8pm at P.S. 250 school, 108 Montrose Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11206. Topics: deportation, citizenship, family-based petitions and more.

District 20 had an EDAT for ELL training. It is to access the data tracking program for ELL students to:

- Use the data so the district can best support ELL students.
- What is happening in each school and how to best support ELL student's needs?
- The PD needs of the teachers in the schools.

Superintendent Prayor is having a meeting on "Transition: Boys to Young Men," at the LIU college on May 18, 2017, from 9am-1pm.

Mr. Akram reported that he received his NYC ID card. When he visited schools, they did not accept his ID papers, the same ones he used to get his NYC ID card. They refused him entrance to the school. If the program NYC ID requests certain documentation for the ID card, the schools should also accept the same documentation to allow him into the building.

Mrs. Gebrail announced:

Melinda Katz, Queens Borough President will host a Parent Advisory Board Meeting at Queens Borough Hall on March 21, 2017, from 6pm-7:30pm. The SCA will make a presentation on the 5 years Capital Plan 2015-2019. FACE representative Ayesha George will explain about parent involvement in the CEC elections.

Ms. Bajraktarevic has no report.

Mr. Kuchukov no report.

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Franco moved to approve the Special Meeting 2-28-17 minutes with corrections. Mrs. Gebrail and Mr. Akram 2nd the motion. **All in favor, 9. The motion passed unanimously.**

Yes	Akram, Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Foundotos, Franco, Gebrail, Kuchukov, Robinson, Russo
No	None
Abstained	None

Ms. Franco moved to approve the 12-14-16 Calendar/Business Meeting minutes with corrections. Mr. Akram 2nd the motion. **All in favor, 7 yes and 2 abstained. Motion passed.**

Yes	Akram, Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Franco, Gebrail, Kuchukov, Russo
No	None
Abstained	Foundotos, Robinson

Old Business/New Business

None.

Adjournment

Calendar meeting ended at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant

Revisions made by Recording Secretary Lisa Lewis and President:

Approved by Council vote on June 14, 2017