



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Business Meeting Wednesday, August 9, 2017

ATTENDANCE

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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Ms. Green called the meeting to order at 8:30 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken.
Timekeeper: Ms. Chandler

Ms. Green announced our new student appointee: Alice Karetsky
Ms. Green announced our returning CCELL appointee: Mr. Kuchukov

Treasurer's Report & Members Reimbursements

Mr. Martinez gave a Treasurer's Report and a power point presentation on members' reimbursements. Members asked questions.

Invitation to CCELL meeting on October 3, 2017

Ms. Green read the letter of invitation from the President of CCELL to invite the whole council to participate in their October 3, 2017, meeting at the Tweed Courthouse. Mr. Kuchukov our CCELL appointee announced that he will be attending that meeting and encouraged others to attend. He would like to make a report to CCHS regarding CCELL issues at a future meeting.

Introduction of Stand in FACE liaison

Our FACE liaison Ayesha George is on maternity leave and Ms. Green introduced our FACE liaison stand in Janya Tagat. Ms. Tagat introduced herself and welcomed the new CCHS members.

Discussion of the CCHS Annual Reports 2015-2016 and 2016-2017

Ms. Green announced that Ms. Chandler was part of the past council who did the Annual Report and have her elaborate on it. Ms. Chandler said that she is waiting for the finalized Annual Report 2015-2016. The past President Michelle Gebrail was supposed to get back to the AA to finalize the AR. A number of items need to be updated by the writer Gail Robinson. When asked how long it would take, her mother had just passed away and she was teaching in June and July. Currently, she was not able to work on it, but would be able to work on it at the end of August and have it ready in the beginning of September.

The Annual Report 2016-2017 has to be finalized.

The Annual Report 2015-2016 should have been finalized but has to be published, we need to make sure it gets out.

Committees for 2017-2018

Ms. Green discussed the available committees and asked what committees would the members like to join? Ms. Foundotos joined the Outreach committee. Ms. Chandler joined the Capital Plan committee.

Old/ New Business

Ms. Chandler reminded the council the Citywide HS Fair for September 16, 17 at Brooklyn Technical HS. She asks for the council to volunteer their time to man the CCHS table at the Fair and to divide the time among each other fairly. There is a CCHS flyer in 9 languages that were distributed last year and we would like to distribute it again this year. However, the delivery of the flyers to the Fair has to be worked out. She also mentioned volunteering for the Borough Fair.

Ms. Chandler would like the CCHS meeting to be held in different Boroughs, in order to promote awareness of CCHS. It would benefit the parents to attend the CCHS meetings in their own Boroughs. She will circulate an email about this proposal and for members to elect what dates work best for them.

Ms. Chandler talked about reimbursements for a past member who submitted towards the end of June. It was processed but FAMIS shut down and it did not go through. The AA reached out to the SGO and she said that the current council has to take a vote to allocate money from the current budget in order to process the reimbursement since the reimbursement did not go through.

Mr. Martinez would like to know why that person waited so long to process the reimbursements. That person should come to the council to discuss this.

Ms. Baez feels that if a member used their own funds, they should be reimbursed for it.

Ms. Foundotos would like to discuss who this person is and how this would impact our budget this year.

Ms. Green said the reimbursement is for \$800 from this year's budget. And all the reimbursement was given in the last day, FAMIS shuts down at a certain time. When FAMIS shuts down the CEC's cannot get their reimbursements. Once you don't spend your money, at the end of the year it all gets returned to DOE.

Mr. Martinez said that if we give this person the requested reimbursements, we have to re-adjust the allocations to each member. If we give everyone the correct allocations, our reimbursements would be \$21,400 per year. The system banks on everyone not getting their full reimbursements.

Adjournment

Business meeting and election ended at 9:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant

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

Approved by Council vote on