



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar and Business Meetings Wednesday, July 9, 2014

ATTENDANCE

| | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Brooklyn Representative | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| Brooklyn Representative | Marianne Russo | Present |
| Bronx Representative | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| Bronx Representative | Neyda Franco | Present |
| Manhattan Representative | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| Manhattan Representative | Terri Watson | <i>Absent</i> |
| Queens Representative | Alleyne Hughley | Present |
| Queens Representative | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| Staten Island Representative | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| Staten Island Representative | Don McQueen | Present |
| Public Advocate Appointee | Theresa Hedrington | Present |
| CCSE Appointee | Noah Kaufman | <i>Absent</i> |
| CCELL Appointee | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| Student Representative | <i>Vacant</i> | Present |
| Superintendent Liaison | Karen Watts | Present |

Absences

Excused absences: Terri Watson. Unexcused absences: Noah Kaufman. We do not have quorum.

CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by 2nd Vice President Ms. Franco at 6:10 pm.

This meeting would be used for information purposes only.

2nd Vice President Ms. Franco announced that the CCHS council today does not have Quorum. And to be respectful of all the attendee's time, we will continue the program as an informational session. We cannot have the Business portion of the meeting due to the lack of quorum.

Program Presentation

Arts Program in Citywide High Schools Presenter: Paul L. King
(DOE Executive Director/Office of Arts and Special Projects)

Mr. King presented a Power Point on "***Teaching and Learning Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development Office of Arts and Special Projects: Supporting College and Career Readiness through the Arts***" See attached power point.

He talked about how the arts program would support the students with developments in: critical thinking and problem solving, computer/technology skills, ethics and social responsibility, oral and written communication, teamwork/collaboration, lifelong learning, innovation and creativity.

Mr. King presented with the chart that, “Arts-rich environments have lasting effects on college and career success.” “The chart below: Comparing Low-Income “High Art” and all Low Income Students The class of 1988 at age 26.”

| | All Low-Income | High Art/ Low Income |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Attended College | 59.3 | 70.7 |
| Earned AA | 17.2 | 24. |
| Earned BA + | 10.4 | 17.7 |
| Holding FT Job | 69.4 | 75.1 |
| Read papers, etc 3+ days/wk | 67.8 | 76.5 |

He said that the arts program improves the students on academic and personal behaviors including persistence, engagement, work habits/organizational skills, communication, collaboration skills and self-regulation. The art programs supports the common core learning in the students’ lives. He presented on the four learning standards for the arts programs. Mr. King spoke about the high school requirements of two credits in the arts for each student in order to receive high school diploma and other requirements for advanced diplomas. The chart below represents the percentage of high schools offering at least one arts sequence by arts discipline and borough during the 2012-2013 school year.

Table 22. Percent of Responding High Schools Offering At Least One Arts Sequence by Arts Discipline and Borough During the 2012-13 School Year

| Borough | Credits | Dance | Music | Theater | Visual Arts | Film |
|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|-------------|------|
| Bronx | 6-8 | 5% | 12% | 1% | 19% | 1% |
| | 9 or more | 2% | 4% | 1% | 5% | 2% |
| Brooklyn | 6-8 | 4% | 14% | 9% | 26% | 2% |
| | 9 or more | 1% | 6% | 3% | 5% | 1% |
| Manhattan | 6-8 | 6% | 10% | 6% | 13% | 1% |
| | 9 or more | 4% | 4% | 5% | 9% | 2% |
| Queens | 6-8 | 3% | 10% | 3% | 18% | 3% |
| | 9 or more | 3% | 13% | 3% | 13% | 3% |
| Staten Island | 6-8 | 20% | 30% | 20% | 30% | 10% |
| | 9 or more | 0% | 40% | 0% | 40% | 0% |

Mr. King talked about the audition arts programs and their admissions criteria. He announced that the Mayor recently allocated 23 million dollars for the arts program in NYC schools. Each Arts teacher would receive \$1000 for their classroom supplies. CCHS members asked Mr. King many questions regarding to the NYC arts program. CCHS plans to invite Mr. King to a future CCHS meeting, in order to answer the questions from the members.

“Discussion on city-funded SAT program for all 11th graders by Fall 2016”Presenter: Rudolfo Ainsley (DOE Executive Director for Programs and Partnerships)

Mr. Ainsley talked about his recent initiative of his implementation of AP expansion, offering additional AP courses to high schools across the city. He spoke about the upcoming SAT program that the DOE wants to put in place for the 3rd year high school students. Mr. Ainsley went on a fact finding mission by engaging an in-depth conversations with parents, superintendents, principals, students and successful school districts across the country. If you look at the data from NYC high schools not all students take the SAT or is prepare to take the SAT. He is trying to close the educational gap by finding out how to support those students and finding out what kind of preparation programs are needed, and when would be the optimal time to offer all the high school students free SAT testing from Collegeboard. Currently the

Common Core is not equally implemented in all the high schools, so therefore not all the high school students can benefit and depend on the Common Core standards to yield high scoring results on the SAT tests.

The preparation of SAT tests, not only tests about contents, but learning the strategies to take the high stakes tests. The issues surrounding the implementation of SAT testing are: bulk registrations, timing of the test as to not to interfere with instructional time, different methods of delivering the SAT prep and by whom. CCHS members feel that test preparation is the key to high SAT scores.

President's Report

2nd Vice President Ms. Franco announced school related news:

1-The 2013-14 blue book is out.

2-The Chancellor announced a working meeting to talk about the criteria of the Superintendent.

3-The offering of DOE Technology classes, and the focus of professional development among teachers this summer.

4-PEP meeting on July 16th.

5-Chancellor updates on the contracts in the news.

8-Workshops on high school admissions starting July 15th and other dates in different boroughs. For further information go to the DOE website.

9-The list of 62 Opportunity schools have been identified and information is online.

Ms. Franco believes that the specialized and auditioned high schools admissions testing needs to be well publicized so that all the students can take advantage to apply to those schools. She feels that would enhanced accessibility to more students.

10- She announced that there are CCHS representative vacancies available from each borough on the CCHS board. The flyers was email out to the city and the deadline to apply is August 4th 2014.

Members' Report

Don McQueen of SI does not have anything to report.

Marianne Russo of Brooklyn reported that the Reso A funds are posted online. The City Council members supported mostly middle and elementary schools as opposed to high schools. Queens's high schools received the most monies from Reso A and Brooklyn also did very well. But Manhattan and Staten Island did not do well in terms of funding for their high schools and Bronx did the worst. In order to receive more monies, the high schools have to connect with their council members to be more supportive of them.

Alleyn Hughley of Queens attended the Chancellor Leadership Advocacy Committee and asked the audience that if they have a high school issue please email it to CCHS so that it can be addressed accordingly. She also attended the CEC Citywide Committee meeting with the Chancellor. The PTA's and the committees wanted better outreach to parents and the Chancellor said that they are currently working on that issue. The temporary units now will not be counted as classroom space on the city's blue book so that they can move forward to build permanent classroom space to house the students. On July 26th from 10am-2pm there would be advance training for parent leaders at Trinity Wall Street, 74 Trinity Pl. Manhattan and I suggest parents to attend.

Ms. Franco had referred to a previous issue at the last CCHS meeting regarding to the rules of CCHS board members. Parents are not allowed to be a CCHS board member once the child graduates from high school. I would like to see to rules in writing and the CCHS AA sent that question to FACE and did not received a response. I feel it is unfair to have one rule for one and not for the others.

Ms. Hughley the CCHS president said that she didn't attend last meeting but responded with an inquirer email to FACE regarding the issue of if Ms. Russo can stay as CCHS board member this year. FACE responded with an email after speaking to legal about it, a few weeks later and said in an email, "This is to confirm that you are eligible to continue serving on the Citywide Council on High Schools through the end of the 2013-15 term based on the fact that you will have a child attending Brooklyn Tech after June 30, 2014, from *Paola de Kock*." And since I have a member of the board asking this question, I want an answer from legal in writing to satisfied everyone.

Ms. Franco agreed that it has to be in writing because she was told that 2 parents previously cannot stay on the council due to the same reason.

Public Comment

Monique Lindsay, the past CCHS Brooklyn Representative presented the new Brooklyn President's council President Wilvonne Henry.

Ms. Lindsay commented that new CEC members needed training to help them understand the processes and their roles as members of the CEC's. She also feels that Ms. de Kock should not be at the CCHS meetings even though its open to the public, because she is a current employee of FACE as the director of all the CEC's. She served on the CCHS prior to her current employment at FACE.

Ms. Lindsay again at this meeting specified that Ms. Russo should not be sitting on the council due to the rules. She has to follow the rules like everyone and reapply for the position again. She knows many other parents from Brooklyn who would like to serve the on CCHS board and represent the borough. Ms. Lindsay said that if this continues she will file for grievances. We need fairness for all.

Ms. Henry introduced herself and said previously she was the 2nd VP on the PTA board of Clara Barton HS.

Ms. Russo responded to the allegations of improper conduct of not stepping down from the CCHS board by saying 3 years ago in June FACE allow a person who's child was a 8th grader going into 9th grader, run for elections to be on the CCHS board. That person did not win but never less was allowed to run. She stated that her child is enrolled at Brooklyn Technical HS and that he attended some programs there already and they are making his programing over the summer.

Ms. Franco responded by asking to see the law and again she wanted to see that in writing so that the same rules and regulations can be applied to all equally. She was told of the same rules when she first joined CCHS as a board member.

Ms. Lindsay feels that over the summer it is a poor time to advertise the CCHS representative vacancies available from each borough on the CCHS board. It is summer time and since the students are not in school, the deadline to apply is August 4th 2014 should be in September instead.

Ms. Franco and Ms. Hughley both said that we need at least 7 members to be a functioning board. And now that some of the members left, we cannot function and that is why we have it this early date. Also the Chancellor has sent things out in the past to notified parents and she can do the same over the summer if she really wanted parent involvement.

Ms. Bucknell said HS principals do not welcome parent involvement and their children do not need them in their schools at this age. I found my personal experience is that my child likes my involvement and I like it and enjoy it. But the problem is the lack of training for parents overall. The HS parents in general have meet many road blocks. Please invite the incoming HS parents to these meetings, in order to empower them with additional information about the NYC school system.

Calendar meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

BUSINESS MEETING IS CANCEL DUE TO THE LACK OF QUROM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan
Administrative Assistant

Revision made by President: Alleyne Hughley

Approved by Council vote on _____

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