



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar Meeting Wednesday, September 9, 2015

ATTENDANCE

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| Brooklyn Representative | Mohammad Akram | ABSENT-Excused |
| Brooklyn Representative | Marianne Russo | Present |
| Bronx Representative | Edward Afuakwah | 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 | Present |
| Staten Island Representative | Miguel Rodriguez | Present |
| Public Advocate Appointee | Lisa Lewis | Present |
| CCSE Appointee | <i>Vacant</i> | |
| 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. Mohammad Akram absence due to reason related to work, excused absence.

CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by President Ms. Asiedu at 6:12 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken.

Presenter: Yolanda Torres: Executive Superintendent of the Division of Family and Community Engagement (FACE)

Ms. Torres introduced herself as the newly hired Executive Superintendent for FACE. Some of the things she would like to implement is:

- Strengthen the partnership between DOE and parents.
- Two way communications/collaborations with parents.
- Give workshops/trainings for parents in order to promote their leadership skills.
- Invite Focus Groups for parent to parent support.
- Provide Parent Coordinators with professional development.

Many questions from CCHS members were asked, and Ms. Torres answered all the questions.

Presenters: High School Superintendents:

- Fred Walsh
- Kathy Pelles
- Aimee Horowitz
- Elaine Lindsey
- Juan Mendez
- LaShawn Robinson
- Donald Conyers
- Michael Prayor

All the High School Superintendents spoke about the new programs in their schools, and gave the CCHS a general update.

Superintendent Liaison's Report

Superintendent Watts worked with all her Principals over the summer to discuss their school, and this has made the first day of school very successful. All the high schools under her supervision has at least two AP classes per school. Most of her Brooklyn high schools are using the AVID Program for writing, and also some Queens's high schools. She has 2 high schools which has the International Baccalaureate Program. Ms. Watts will be sending out PD to the Principals, and the company whom provides Smartboards to DOE will be providing PD to the teachers in using the technology that comes with Smartboards. She hired five new principals. Phil Weinberg our Deputy Chancellor will be heading a new Task Force discussing high school issues.

The DOE is supporting a new program called 90/90/90/90 Square:

- 90% or higher Attendance
- 90% or higher Graduation Rate
- 90% or higher Career & College Ready
- 90% or higher College Degree Completion

Resolution: "Credit Recovery" 2015-R1

There was a discussion among CCHS members regarding the Resolution. Due to time constraints the members would like to table additional discussion, and voting.

Public Comment

Ms. Franco commented on the state of enrollment office where there are long lines, and great confusion among the staff. The wait is long to get into a school, and sometimes the students have to wait over one month to be assigned a school. There are high school students who choose their HS due to the classes that was advertised prior to their enrollment. While attending their schools, promised classes at enrollment are discarded, and they are forced to go to another high school during their day to make up for those classes. It is very unfair, and disruptive to the students when this hardship is presented to them.

Ms. Cheng talked about her organization AIEP where they have an exchanged student program with China. The enrolled students from New York City would then live, and attend school in China. The Chinese counterpart would then live, and attend school here.

Ms. Green is very concern with the JFK HS's situation, and would like assurance from the DOE that the school, and the air is clean from all toxins.

President's Report

Ms. Asiedu reported JFK High School had a Town hall meeting regarding to the opening day for the campus, where the Mayor, and the Chancellor gave conflicting reports on the school's situation. Three floors of the campus was affected, and closed off. We need to follow up with a Town hall meeting in the future. There are three upcoming meetings: ECC, HS Fair, and CPAC.

Member's Report

Mr. Rodriguez motion to table the Member's Report. Ms. Chandler 2nd the motion.
9 yeses. Ms. Gebrail was not available. Motion passed.

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| Yes | Afuakwah, Allen, Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Kraft, Lewis, Rodriguez, Russo |
| No | None |
| Abstained | None |

Approval of the July 8th 2015 Annual/Calendar/Business Meeting

Ms. Allen motion to approve the July 8th 2015 Annual/Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes.
Ms. Chandler 2nd the motion.
8 yeses, 1 abstained. Ms. Gebrail was not available. Motion passed.

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| Yes | Afuakwah, Allen, Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Kraft, Lewis, Rodriguez, Russo |
| No | None |
| Abstained | Lewis |

Approval of the August 12th 2015 Calendar/Business Meeting

Ms. Chandler motion to approve the August 12th 2015 Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes.
Ms. Allen 2nd the motion.
7 yeses, 2 abstained. Ms. Gebrail was not available. Motion passed.

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| Yes | Afuakwah, Allen, Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Lewis, Rodriguez |
| No | None |
| Abstained | Kraft, Russo |

Vote on November Meeting Date

Mr. Rodriguez motion to accept November 18th 2015 as monthly CCHS meeting date.
Ms. Allen 2nd the motion.
9 yeses. Ms. Gebrail was not available. Motion passed.

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| Yes | Afuakwah, Allen, Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Kraft, Lewis, Rodriguez, Russo |
| No | None |
| Abstained | None |

New CCHS Business Meeting Date: September 28th 2015

Ms. Allen motion for Business Meeting on September 28th 2015.

Ms. Gebrail 2nd the motion.

10 yeases. Motion passed unanimously.

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| Yes | Afuakwah, Allen, Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Gebrail, Kraft, Lewis, Rodriguez, Russo |
| No | None |
| Abstained | None |

Adjourned Meeting

Ms. Gebrail motion to adjourn the Calendar Meeting.

Ms. Allen 2nd the motion.

10 yeases. Motion passed unanimously.

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| Yes | Afuakwah, Allen, Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Gebrail, Kraft, Lewis, Rodriguez, Russo |
| No | None |
| Abstained | None |

Adjournment

Calendar meeting ended at 9:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan
Administrative Assistant

Revision made by Recording Secretary Lisa Lewis and President:

Approved by Council vote on November 18, 2015