



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar Meeting Wednesday, October 11, 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	ABSENT-Unexcused
Manhattan Representative	Zoe Foundotos	Present
Queens Representative	Mona-Lisa Chandler	ABSENT-Excused
Queens Representative	Betsy Tam-Greene	Present
Staten Island Representative	Laurine Melville	Present
Staten Island Representative	Margaret Meyers	ABSENT-Unexcused
Public Advocate Appointee	Nickoles Martinez	Present
CCSE Appointee	Vacant	
CCELL Appointee	Ulan Kuchukov	Present
Student Representative	Alice Karetsky	ABSENT-Excused
Superintendent Liaison Principal Leadership Facilitator	Karen Watts Janice Ross	ABSENT-Excused Present

Attendance

There was a quorum present. Christina Reid, Rodrigo Diaz, and Margaret Meyers were absent, unexcused absences. Mona-Lisa Chandler was absent, due to death in the family and Alice Karetsky was absent due to college activities, excused absences. Superintendent Watts was absent due to illness, and Principal Leadership Facilitator Janice Ross replaced her for this meeting.

CALENDAR MEETING

Ms. Green called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken.

Presenters:

Superintendent Fred Walsh

On September 27, 2017, at Urban Assembly School for Wildlife Conservation on Mohegan Avenue in East Tremont, Bronx, at one of his schools. An overage student stabbed 2 other students during U.S. History class. The teacher initially thought it was a fist fight. The student ran out of the classroom with the knife and the school had a hard lockdown where all the students in the building stayed inside a locked classroom. The 2 injured students were taken out of the school in an EMT to a hospital where one died and the other was in critical condition and still recovering. There are still questions regarding this very sad case, bullying, and gangs at the school. This is the 1st death in a NYC school in 25 years. The school houses 6th through 12th grades and is co-located with elementary school PS 67.

They installed a metal detector after the incident. There is a whole range of support for the schools: counselors from Central DOE, and CBO's to assist with the students. The UFT had the crisis management team there to support the teachers. After a few days, there was an increase in attendance. The schools had a moment of silence, peaceful seating in the classroom and a Reverend from a Bronx Church spoke to the students. We have to give them the time and space for the schools to heal.

Introduction to the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) Leadership:

Vanessa Leung - Panel for Educational Policy Chair

T. Elzora Cleveland- Mayoral Appointee

Michael Kraft - Manhattan Representative

April Chapman –Brooklyn Representative

Deborah Dillingham - Queens Representative

See attached Powerpoint

The PEP members gave a brief biography of their background and their families. They do not work for the DOE and are all volunteers concerned about the school community in NYC. They encourage the public to come and voice their opinions at all the PEP meetings.

“The Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) is the governing body of the New York City Department of Education. The PEP consists of 13 appointed members and the Chancellor. Each borough president appoints one member and the mayor appoints the remaining eight. The Chancellor serves as an ex-officio non-voting member. The PEP meets on a monthly basis to vote on the following items (as needed).”

They work on the following items:

- Chancellor's Regulations
- Educational Facilities Capital Plan (and any amendments thereto)
- Aggregated Budget
- Budget Allocations
- Procurement Policy (and any amendments thereto)
- Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization
- Contracts and Procurement (pursuant to circumstances outlined in the bylaws)

An organizational chart was presented:

- Mayor Bill de Blasio
- Chancellor Carmen Fariña
- Chief of Staff Ursulina Ramirez
- Division of School Support Dr. Dorita Gibson, Senior Deputy Chancellor
- Division of Operations Elizabeth Rose, Deputy Chancellor
- Division of Teaching and Learning Phil Weinberg, Deputy Chancellor
- Division of Specialized Instruction Corinne Rello-Anselmi, Deputy Chancellor
- Deputy Chancellor of Strategy and Policy Josh Wallack
- Division of English Language Learners and Student Support Milady Baez, Deputy Chancellor
- Executive Superintendent Family and Community Engagement Yolanda Torres
- School Design and Charter Partnerships Melissa Harris
- General Counsel Howard Friedman
- Chief Financial Officer Raymond Orlando
- Chief Information Officer Peter Quinn

You can go onto the PEP website: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/default.htm>

They have video and audio archives. You can go to the website and make comments using their online tools.

Constitutional Convention and the Upcoming Election

Tesa Wilson: Chairwomen of the Education & Youth Committee of Community Board 1, Brooklyn
See attached Powerpoint

Constitutional Convention would be on the ballot for the upcoming elections on November 7, 2017, for NYS. If you do not vote on it, it becomes an automatic yes vote. Ms. Wilson spoke about the history of the Constitutional Convention and that you can make changes to it by using the Constitutional Amendment approach without putting everything on it to a new vote. Every 20 years the people are asked if they would like to amend it or revised it. If we vote for a Constitutional Convention, it would cost hundreds of millions of dollars with an unlimited timeline.

The following is at stake if we voted YES for the Constitutional Convention:

- Public Education: Guaranteeing our students the right to a FREE public education
- Our Voting Rights: provides protections
- Social Safety: Ensures the State provides for Citizens in need
- The Environment: protection for Forever Wild Areas

- Labor Rights:
 - Right to Unionize and bargain collectively
 - Safeguard Worker's Compensation if you are injured on the job
 - Public Pensions are protected for retirees
- The last time a Constitutional Convention took place it was a complete failure with voters rejecting all the proposed changes and costing the public \$47 million with nothing to show for it.

Contract For Excellence FY18 (C4E) Public Hearing

Janice Ross: Principal Leadership Facilitator with

Comfort Itoka: Director of Operations

See attached Powerpoint

Contracts for Excellence (C4E) Overview

1. *Funds must support specific program initiatives:*
 - Class Size Reduction
 - Time on Task
 - Teacher & Principal Quality Initiatives
 - Middle & High School Restructuring
 - Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten Programs
 - Model Programs for English Language Learners

2. *Funds must be allocated predominantly to students with the greatest educational needs:*
 - English Language Learners
 - Students in Poverty
 - Students with Disabilities
 - Students with Low Academic Achievement or At Risk of Not Graduating

3. *Funds must supplement, not supplant*

State C4E Funding Breakdown 2017-18

Information on site: [http://](http://schools.nyc.gov/offices/d_chanc_oper/budget/dbor/allocationmemo/fy17_18/AM_FY18_FSF1.html)

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Restricted Budget is \$348 Million and Unrestricted Budget is \$183 Million with the total of \$531 Million.

NYC's 2017-18 Preliminary C4E Plan: *How We Propose to Allocate the \$348 Million Restricted Funds:*

- Discretionary Allocations \$199 million at 57% of the funds
- Targeted Allocations \$119 million at 34% of the funds
- Maintenance of Effort \$30 million at 9% of the funds

Proposed Discretionary Spending CCHS*

Schools in this district were allocated discretionary Contracts for Excellence funds. Schools have proposed to spend those funds as follows:

C4E Program Area	Amount Budgeted	% Total
Class Size Reduction	\$ 18,275,810	34%
Full Day Pre-K	\$ —	—%
Middle School & High School Restructuring	\$ 1,319,051	2%
Model Programs for ELLs	\$ 11,312,951	21%
Teacher & Principal Quality Initiatives	\$ 836,765	2%
Time on Task	\$ 22,677,345	42%
Grand Total	\$ 54,421,922	100%

A parent asked if there are additional monies coming from NYS.

Ms. Ross: Since the payment in 2008 from NYS to NYC the monies have not increased.

Ms. Ross: In 2007 they funded class size reduction, targeting schools with a high percentage of the population of ELL's, students with disabilities and students who are not graduating on time.

Ms. Tam-Greene: CCHS member talked about the overcrowding conditions in some Queens HS. Bayside HS in Queens 10 years ago had a graduation rate of only 60% but the principal worked really hard and now it's 97%. This year the principal had to cut 200 classes due to the lack of funding. He cannot sustain the hard-won fight to keep the graduation rates up if funding continues to be a major issue. This year most of the senior cohort has met their credit requirements and because of that the shortage of funding does not show in programming deficiencies. Given the same underfunding next year's graduation rate will slide.

Ms. Ross: I will go back and look into this.

The above are available online at: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/funding/c4e/default.htm>

We will take public feedback into account in the coming months as we continue to develop a citywide Contracts for Excellence plan.

The deadline for submitting public comments will be November 2017.

Educators, parents, and all other members of the New York City community with feedback should e-mail us at ContractsForExcellence@schools.nyc.gov

Public Comment

None.

Superintendent Liaison's Report

Superintendent Kathy Pelles and Superintendent Donald Conyers

Superintendent Kathy Pelles gave out flyers on her list of 47 high schools which are:

Consortium, International, Outward Bound High Schools located in all 5 Boroughs. Some of her schools are from K-12th grades, with a population of 27,000 students for high schools.

- *New York State Performance Standard of Consortium Schools:* They are given the waiver from NYS assessments (Regents Exams) and the student instruction is focused on higher level skills such as inquiry, critical analysis and critical thinking. They do have College Preparatory courses. The ELL students arrive in this country for less than 3 years and with this program, they graduated on time at a 70% rate vs. 30% citywide.
- *International High Schools:* They empower recent immigrant students by teaching them fluency in reading, writing, speaking and understanding English. They promote collaboration, cross-cultural interaction, and appreciation of diversity.
- *Outward Bound High Schools:* “We provide our network schools with the ongoing principal and teacher coaching and professional development; opportunities for students to participate in Outward Bound adventure and team building experiences, and support for students in getting to and through college.”

“Outward Bound educational approach challenges and supports students to do their best work, injects elements of adventure and discovery into schooling, grounds academic content in real world issues and concerns, provides regular opportunities for leadership.”

Superintendent Donald Conyers gave out flyers on his high schools: New Visions and 8 PROSE Schools in Manhattan-Brooklyn-Staten Island & Districts 4, 5, 6

Superintendent Conyers’ Director of Family Engagement Lisa Pineda assisted him in the presentation. See attached Powerpoint

Superintendent Conyers’ 2017-2018 Focus:

- Students in Temporary Housing: partnering with the office of students in temporary housing and TRIAD Consulting Group
 - Bi-monthly professional development for staff who works with STH population
 - Work with 6 schools for their STH pilot program
 - Track attendance, suspensions, and graduation data for all 6 schools
 - Provide extra social emotional support for STH students
 - Provide push in and pull out support from interns to STH students in all 6 schools
 - Offer 2 Saturday college and career readiness program and mentoring course for STH
 - Work towards providing travel aboard opportunity to select STH students
- Extra support for College and Career Readiness
- School Wellness Council: Getting grants for LGTBQ student communities
- SLT / PA/PTA Elections / Title 1 Visits and Training / Parent Engagement Trainings

- Cultural Responsiveness: Working with the Office of Leadership training for parent leaders

Ms. Pineda made a video for a moving tribute to a great lady and educator/advocate Olivia Ellis Director of School Support. She passed earlier this year and left a wonderful legacy for Students, Parents, and Families, with Staff behind. She will be greatly missed by all.

Election: Office of President

Ms. Robinson motioned for Roll Call to hold the voting of President until next CCHS meeting in November. Ms. Melville 2nd the motion. Ms. Green, Ms. Baez, Ms. Robinson, Ms. Melville, Mr. Kuchukov voted YES-5 votes.

Ms. Foundotos and Mr. Martinez voted NO-2 votes.

Ms. Tam-Greene voted Abstained. **The voting did not pass.**

Approval of the Minutes

Ms. Foundotos motioned to accept the September 13, 2017, Calendar Minutes. Ms. Melville 2nd the motion. **All in favor, 7 yeses, with Ms. Robinson Abstained. The motion passed.**

Resolution to Declare Brooklyn Seat Vacant (Christina Reid)

Mr. Martinez motioned to vacate the Brooklyn Representative seat. Ms. Tam-Greene 2nd the motion. **All in favor, 7 yeses, with Ms. Robinson Abstained. The motion pass.**

Resolution in Support of DACA Dream Act

Mr. Martinez motioned to accept the Resolution in Support of DACA Dream Act. Ms. Foundotos 2nd the motion. **All in favor, 6 yeses, Mr. Kuchukov and Ms. Robinson Abstained. The motion did not pass.**

Election: Recording Secretary

Mr. Martinez nominated Ms. Tam-Greene. Ms. Tam-Greene accepted.

All in favor, 7 yeses, with Ms. Robinson Abstained. The voting passed.

Ms. Tam-Greene is now Recording Secretary.

Election: President

Ms. Foundotos nominated herself. All in favor, 5 yeses, with Ms. Green, Ms. Baez, and Ms. Robinson Abstained. **3 Abstained. The voting did not pass.**

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Martinez gave report.

Member Reports:

Ms. Tam-Greene said that SCA proposed to building 2 new schools K-8th grade in Glendale, Queens. She also notices that there are homeless people in the area of Sunnyside, Queens and would like DOE to assist those homeless students.

Ms. Foundotos will attend the “How can the HS admissions process be more fair,” sponsored by Chalkbeat meeting. She visited the Seward Park Campus where there are 2 schools. There will be a Joint Hearing on the Proposed Grade Truncation of Life Sciences Secondary School (02M655) from a 6-12 School to a 9-12 School Beginning in the 2018-2019 School Year. At a meeting with Manhattan Brough President Gail Brewer, she talked about the Capital Plan school list. Some of the Public Schools have never put in for a Capital Plan Grant.

Ms. Baez and Ms. Robinson on October 6, attended the Dewitt Clinton High School, a renewal school in state receivership, they failed to make demonstrable improvement per the state guidelines, with only 67% graduation. The state is coming in on October 31th, 2017.

Ms. Green attended the DLT meetings for Dist 14 / 32 / 75. She also attends the Townhall Meeting is Dist. 16 with the Chancellor presenting. She went to a Comprehensive Educational Planning Conference. It was on DLT / SLT / Title 1 / CEP. Some Principals signed up the whole school to attend the training and others didn't tell their parent leaders to join. It is important for principals to educate the people on their schools' SLT, so that it will be a functioning body.

Old Business / New Business

Ms. Green discussed the CCHS Annual Reports 2015-2016 and a newer version of the 2016-2017. The AA will email the members the latest version of the CCHS Annual Report 2016-2017.

Old Business / New Business

Ms. Green discussed that the Communications and Outreach Committees are Ad-Hock.
Mr. Martinez and *Ms. Tam-Greene* would both like to be on the Bylaws Committee.

Adjournment

Calendar meeting ended at 9:05 PM. There was no Business meeting due to the lack of time.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant

Revisions made by Recording Secretary: Ms. Tam-Greene

Approved by Council vote on November 8, 2017