



Citywide Council On High Schools

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Calendar Meeting Wednesday, January 11, 2017

ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Mohammad Akram	Present
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	Vacant	
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Manhattan Representative	Monica Bajraktarevic	ABSENT-Excused
Manhattan Representative	Vacant	
Queens Representative	Mona-Lisa Chandler	Present
Queens Representative	Michelle Gebrail	Present
Staten Island Representative	Robin Allen	ABSENT-Excused
Staten Island Representative	Vacant	
Public Advocate Appointee	Lisa Lewis	Present
CCSE Appointee	Neyda Franco	Present
CCELL Appointee	Ulan Kuchukov	ABSENT-Excused
Student Representative	Vacant	
Superintendent Liaison Stand In (TDEC)	Karen Watts Andrada Frunza	ABSENT-Excused Present

In Attendance

We did not have a quorum. Robin Allen, Monica Bajraktarevic, and Ulan Kuchukov were sick, excused absences. Andrada Frunza, TDEC represented Superintendent Watts' office.

CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by Ms. Franco at 6:36 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken. We did not have a quorum. **This meeting is for information only.**

Presenters:

Charisse Taylor: Senior Director of Policy & Implementation CS4All and Ron Summers: Computer Science Education Manager (Queens South) on Computer Science Education Overview and Robotics Program

See powerpoint.

Computer Science for All is a local and national movement to bring computer science education to students nationwide. It is a public and private partnership. This initiative will take 10 years and cost \$81 million. The program trains teachers for free, and provides materials for the program also for free. The program will provide all levels of CS education tailored to individual schools' needs. They are committed to educational, economic, and social justice for all children, by providing them with the skills necessary for possible future jobs in this high paying, high job demand field. The skill sets are:

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Collaboration
- Computational thinking
- Create with technology
- Design process

CS jobs touches almost every company and every industry in some form, and the growth rate will be tremendous over the next decade. Since last year only 926 students in NYC public schools took the AP CS exam, and over 50% of the test takers were from the city's 3 Specialized HS: Stuyvesant, Bronx Science and Brooklyn Tech.

Their goal is to train over 5000 NYC teachers in CS by 2025, from elementary, middle and high schools. Some of the course studies are:

- Blocked-based languages: JAVA, HTML, CSS
- Logic and reasoning
- Hack-a-thons and internships
- Working with partners like "Code.org"
- AP computer science principles
- Supporting teachers in bringing CS into existing courses: I.E. Art, Math, Science
- In school support and coaching
- Communities of practice

Some of the activities in this program are:

- Physical computing
- Maker activities
- Robotics
- Web design and development
- Game design
- Block and text-based programming
- Mobile App development
- Data and data science

Their website for additional support and contact: <http://cs4all.nyc/>

[Any principal can request this program to be implemented in their schools.](#)

Interviewing CCHS Candidates to fill vacancy

Manhattan Candidate: Zoey Foundotos spoke briefly about her background:

- She is the 2nd VP for District 3
- She is on the District 3 HS Admissions Committee to empower families with information on HS admissions in NYC in collaboration with the DFA to create a HS admissions workshop for 7th and 8th grade students and parents
- She also collaborated with the Manhattan Brough President's Office and former CCHS member Michael Kraft on the HS Manhattan wide task force on HS matters
- She was a PTA President
- Currently she is serving as a Member-At-Large with Stuyvesant HS

Bronx Candidate: Cynthia Robinson spoke briefly about her background:

- Her child attends HS for Teaching Profession in the Bronx
- She is an active volunteer in the school system for over 30 years, and an active member in her community
- She has participated in many PTA's over the years
- She has 5 grandchildren
- She is active in CEC District 7

CCHS quarterly meeting with the High School President's Council Presidents

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

In attendance: Manhattan HS President Council Co-President: Helena Clay

The next meeting is on January 25, 2017 at 6pm and they are working to have a meeting on the Title 1 program. The Manhattan HS President Council has successfully reached out to 25 Manhattan HS's, but they would like to be able to reach out to all 104 HS's located in Manhattan. They attended DLT 4 and 5 during their meetings. She is inviting everyone to attend their event:

"Pathways to College and Careers" event on Saturday, January 28, 2017 from 9:30AM - 3:00PM.
Frederick Douglass Academy High School
2581 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd
New York, NY 10039

Superintendent Liaison's Report

Superintendent Watts was absent and Andrada Frunza introduced herself as Superintendent Watts' Teacher Development Evaluation Coach. Ms. Frunza reported that Superintendent Watts is promoting the CS for All in all her districts' HSs. She said the Whitehouse statistics indicate that CS jobs pays 50% more than other jobs. Her office reminds principals to sign up for the CS for All program. There is also Reso A funding available for schools without technology like Smartboards and laptops. They work with Amy Hobson from CS for All, and they offer school visits and online computer education programs. Our district program similar to "Hack-a-thon," is called "Our Code." We showcase CS programs at schools such as Brooklyn Tech HS and Architect & Design HS and shared best practices. We also have internships to Google and Computer Science Clubs in the schools' after school program.

Superintendent Marisol Rosales Office:

Natasha Delgado: Family Leadership Coordinator, introduced herself as new to Superintendent Rosales's staff.

She taught in District 75 schools for over 10 years and was an executive board member in her child's PTA in the past.

William Mark: Family Support Coordinator, introduced himself also a new member of staff and spoke briefly about his handout of the Superintendent Rosales' office Newsletter.

He is supporting the Manhattan President's Council from Superintendent Rosales's office. He is inviting everyone to attend his CBO event on March 8, 2017 as a "Resource Fair." He is planning another "Resource Fair," with additional of 20 CBO's in September 2017, and will notify us when it is confirmed. In his Districts of 1 and 2, all their schools are sharing best practices with one another. Their districts Family Engagement is working well and it is strong.

Superintendent Anthony Lodico Office:

Maria Castelucci: Family Leadership Coordinator reported that Curtis HS won this year's football championship. She passed out an article on a Junior from Staten Island Tech HS who got a perfect SAT score on his first time taking the test.

Public Comment

Mirosław 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 to it by the following link <http://www.finallyunderstand.com/Register.aspx>

Michael Danza: Teacher at Kingsborough Community College and creator of the STEM Program PIPELINE.

Mr. Danza shared his handout on an article from, "Brooklyn Daily Eagle," and "BMSEA News," highlighting his STEM Program. He started his program from Kingsborough Community College to encourage more students to be involved with STEM and he created a STEM PIPELINE for Brooklyn schools. It is a free program funded partially by Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams. It offers internships to Middle School students in Brooklyn South Middle Schools. It also has an engineering program. Schools can request it, but currently it's available in Brooklyn and parts of Queens. He plans to expand the program. Schools can request a FAB Lab worth \$125,000 to be installed in their building. He can be reached at: stamdaza@yahoo.com and michael.danse@kbbc.cuny.

Announcements

Ms. Franco:

- SLT Dates and Locations for Districts: 7/8/9/10 have been submitted to CCHS
- District 31 turned in their Reports and SLT information to CCHS
- DOE has proposed amendments to Chancellor's Regulation A-660—Parent Association and the School. It will be voted on at the next PEP meeting
- Handouts: Employment and Training Programs on
 - Job Readiness Training
 - Education & Career Counseling
 - Job Placement Assistance call Alba 212-822-8357 or Sophie 212-822-8324

Ms. Chandler:

- UFT: Science Program for autistic children and their family on 1-21-2017 10:30am-1200PM at the Hall of Science Museum in Queens. Workshop dates from January to February

- You can sign up to protest on Facebook and Twitter to voice your displeasure for Betty DeVos, Trump's billionaire education secretary nominee
- There is a Technology Service course in Brooklyn and Harlem for 18-25 years old. The program is 15 weeks with a 7 week paid internship
- The CEC 29 is having a Martin Luther King tribute with songs and awards for youth empowerment on 1-19-2017 7pm at P.S. 387 Queens

Ms. Gebrail:

- Benjamin N. Cardozo High School at 1-13-2017 6:30pm is having a CNL Show

President's Report

No report.

Member's Report

Ms. Chandler:

- CCHS Capital Plan Chair. The CCHS Capital Plan submissions were due yesterday: 1-10-2017, but we are accepting submissions until Friday, 1-13-2017 3pm. Your school can send their Capital Plan submissions to CCHSCapitalPlan@gmail.com
- Email her for the form or ask her questions
- Call your Superintendent's office to remind them to remind their Principals to submit
- There is less than the normal amount of time for submission
- We encourage all the schools to submit their requests

No other reports.

Treasurer's Report

No report.

Approval of the Minutes

We did not have a quorum.

Old / New Business

None.

Business Meeting

We did not have a quorum. Business Meeting was canceled.

Adjournment

Calendar meeting ended at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant

Revision made by Recording Secretary Lisa Lewis and President:

Approved by Council vote on: We did not have a quorum. This meeting is for information only.