



# Citywide Council On High Schools

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## Business Meeting Wednesday, June 8, 2016

### ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Mohammad Akram	Present
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	Edward Afuakwah	Present
Bronx Representative	Constance Asiedu	Present
Manhattan Representative	Monica Bajraktarevic	Present
Manhattan Representative	Michael Kraft	ABSENT- Excused
Queens Representative	Mona-Lisa Chandler	Present
Queens Representative	Michelle Gebrail	Present
Staten Island Representative	Robin Allen	ABSENT-Excused
Staten Island Representative	Miguel Rodriguez	Present
Public Advocate Appointee	Lisa Lewis	Present
CCSE Appointee	Neyda Franco	Present
CCELL Appointee	Ulan Kuchukov	Present
Student Representative	Kara Gurl	ABSENT-Excused
Superintendent Liaison	Karen Watts	Present

### In Attendance

We have a quorum. Michael Kraft was absent, excused absence. Robin Allen was sick, excused absence. Kara Gurl was absent, excused absence.

## BUSINESS MEETING

Call to order by Ms. Asiedu at 9:09 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken.

### Future agenda

Ms. Asiedu would like to invite in July for the CCHS meeting the NYC Coalition for Educational Justice and Peer Health Exchange. For the month of August, to invite Sharon Rencher and Mark Rampersant to present. And for the month of September they would like to invite Regents Cashin and the new regent's personnel.

### **Vote on future agendas**

Ms. Franco moved to approve these 3 future agendas and table all the other agendas.

Ms. Gebrail 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. **11 in favor.** Motion passed unanimously.

Yes	Afuakwah, Akram, Asiedu, Bajraktarevic, Chandler, Franco, Gebrail, Kuchukov, Lewis, Rodriguez, Russo
No	None
Abstained	None

### **Member's Report**

Ms. Russo recently attended the District Principal Meeting with Superintendent Watts and Superintendent Prayor. Some of the issues she observed at the schools and want DOE to address are:

- She would like a forum/program where DOE can address concerns before it becomes a problem.
- She would like DOE experts to visit each school and recommend to the schools the best use of their resources. But the experts should visit the school often to truly assess what their needs are and how to assist them with best practices.
- The DOE should create long term solutions to issues with a concrete plan in place.
- The schools have yearly CEP goals, but there should be milestone goals throughout the year.
- The schools need additional guidance from DOE regarding finances and legal matters.
- We need more collaboration among parents and there is a need for more parent involvement on DOE decisions.
- She is happy that the schools are working hard and there is an improvement.

Ms. Franco recently attended a CCSE town hall meeting with the Chancellor. The Chancellor plans to put in more support for the Special Education students. There would be more services and trainings to address their needs. The Chancellor is concerned that Paraprofessionals and Parent Coordinators are only required to have a HS Diploma to work in the schools. They need to have special trainings for them so they can properly work with the Special Needs students.

***The rest of the members do not have a report.***

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Adjournment**

Business meeting ended at 9:21PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant**

**Revisions made by Recording Secretary Lisa Lewis and President:**

**Approved by Council vote on August 10, 2016.**