



# Citywide Council On High Schools

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## Calendar Meeting Wednesday, October 13, 2016

### ATTENDANCE

Brooklyn Representative	Mohammad Akram	ABSENT-Excused
Brooklyn Representative	Marianne Russo	Present
Bronx Representative	Vacant	
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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	Vacant	
Public Advocate Appointee	Lisa Lewis	ABSENT-Excused
CCSE Appointee	Neyda Franco	Present
CCELL Appointee	Ulan Kuchukov	Present
Student Representative	Vacant	
Superintendent Liaison	Karen Watts	Present

### In Attendance

We did not have a quorum. Mohammad Akram, Michael Kraft and Lisa Lewis had excused absences. Robin Allen was sick, excused absence.

**This Calendar Minutes do not need the approval of the Council due to the lack of quorum.**

## CALENDAR MEETING

Call to order by Ms. Franco at 6:22 pm. Attendance and roll call was taken. We did not have a quorum. *This meeting is for information only.*

### **Presenters:**

Sharon Rencher: Senior Advisor to the Chancellor/ Senior Executive Director State/Federal Education Policy and School Improvement Programs. Presentation: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)  
*See PowerPoint.*

Ms. Rencher gave an update on ESSA. The ESSA law replaced the “No Child Left Behind” law which is no longer in effect. The US government will be using the current ESSA law until Congress makes a decision on revisions. In order to accommodate the public, they will be drafting proposals and presenting it to the public for comments and input. This is a transitional year for this program, but for 2017-2018 the program will be fully operational and effective for the next 10 years. The major programs funded through ESSA that will not affect New York City:

- Title IC: Education of Migratory Children
- Title V: Rural Schools
- Title VI: Indian, Native Hawaiian, and Alaska Native Education

The minor changes in New York City:

- Title ID: Prevention and Intervention Programs for Children & Youth Who are Neglected, Delinquent and At-Risk (Under this title the funds will be used for D75/D79 programs in NYC.)
- Title II: Preparing, Training and Recruiting High Quality Teachers, Principals and Other School Leaders (Under this title the funds would be used for reducing class size/training teachers & principals.)

Under the Federal Act of ESSA, the state will be giving 3<sup>rd</sup> grade-8<sup>th</sup> grade State Assessments Tests for Students and High School Students. The Secretary of Education wants at least 95% of HS students to participate in the State Assessment Tests. If a student chooses to Op-Out of a state test, the student has failed the test. If 5% or more of the students Op-Out of the testing, the school will be penalized, but this does not include excused student absences. The state would list that school as a school in need of comprehensive improvement and support schools list, thereby lowering the schools academic ranking. Even if that school was a high achieving school. Additionally, for the schools on that list, the government would provide additional funding and redirecting monies away from truly under-achieving schools.

Under this new law there is no “Teacher’s Evaluation” at the federal level. The states must put in their own “Teacher’s Evaluation,” if they want federal monies with the “Race to the Top Program.”

The Schools in NYC under the list of Priority and Focus schools will be renamed as Comprehensive Improvement Schools. Also the HS with less than 67% graduation rate and performing at the bottom 5% in the state would be listed as a Comprehensive Improvement School. The US Department of Education would like all states to deal with this new program individually.

The federal government wants to use the 4 year graduation rates for HS but the State Regents want to use the 5,6,7 years rate instead.

There will be discussions set up by the DOE in October and November Town Hall Meetings for public comments and input.

### Questions by the members:

Ms. Russo: Will the Op-Out testing students be penalized?

Ms. Rencher: No, they will not be individually penalized. The school will be.

Ms. Russo: How would Op-Out testing effect college applications?

Ms. Rencher: For the students who Op-Out, college choices would be limited where there is no grade, and admissions to that college is academically driven.

Ms. Franco: What happens to extend time during testing with students that previously received it?

Ms. Rencher: That would not change, they will continue to receive extended time testing.

Mrs. Gebrail: What would happen to Teacher Evaluation?

Ms. Rencher: Under the Federal level, they will not have Teacher Evaluation, but under the state, they will have Teacher Evaluation.

Karen Watts: High School Superintendent and Patricia Payne: Senior Grants Officer/Extended Use Supervisor. Presentation: Contracts for Excellence Hearing FY17 *See PowerPoint*

### Contracts for Excellence (C4E) Requirements

Funds must support six specific program areas:

1. Class Size Reduction
2. Time on Task
3. Teacher & Principal Quality Initiatives
4. Middle & High School Restructuring
5. Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten Programs
6. Model Programs for English Language Learners

### **Funds must go to students with the greatest educational need.**

- English Language Learners
- Students in Poverty
- Students with Disabilities
- Students with Low Academic Achievement or At Risk of Not Graduating

### **Funds must supplement, not supplant.**

The State C4E total amount is \$531 million with \$183 million going toward “Schools Fair Student Funding,” and \$348million spending under the C4E guidelines. It is also for the continuity of services for existing C4E programs and not for new programs. Some of the DOE proposals for this program:

District-wide Initiatives:

- \$15 million to support programs for the neediest students.
- Central programs for HS students: Multiple pathways to Graduation Initiatives, Principal Training Initiatives, College and AP Prep and ELL Youth Institute.

Maintenance of Effort:

- Funds to maintain summer programs of students with the lowest academic achievement.

High School Programs:

- Class Size Reduction
- Time On Task: Tutoring (Dedicated and Individualized), Saturday programs, etc.
- HS Restructuring
- Teacher & Principal Quality Initiatives
- Model Programs for ELLs

The deadline for submitting public comments will be November 17, 2016.

### **Public Comment**

*Parent: Who pays for the AP prep for College? Does the school pay or parents?*

*Superintendent Watts: She doesn't know, but will get the information at the next CCHS meeting.*

*Parent: What is timed on tasks?*

*Superintendent Watts: Programs that offer HS students: Tutoring (Dedicated and Individualized) Before and After school, Saturday programs, and Summer School.*

### **Superintendent Liaison's Report**

*Superintendent Watts* said that the Equity and Excellence Initiatives are running well. She submitted her school district report and requested other Superintendents to do the same.

Mark Moses:

Family Leadership Coordinator, Office of Superintendent Prayor Dist: 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22  
Submitted the District HS reports with instructional goals and district visions and has a new website.

Lisa Pineda:

Director of Family Engagement, Office of Superintendent Conyers Dist: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 23, 26, 31, 32 (Renewal, Focus and Priority Schools)

She will be sending out a newsletter in November highlighting her district schools.

Conyers' Renewal Schools are meeting their goals:

- Brooklyn Collegiate: A College Board School
- Martin Van Buren HS
- Multicultural HS

Most of the HS's are in good standing with the exception of:

- Academy for Social Action – Priority School
- Mott Hall HS – Focus School
- Academy of Social Action – Focus School
- New Dorp HS – Focus School
- Frederick Douglass Academy VII HS – Focus School
- World Academy for Total Community Health – Focus School

Julio Mora:

Family Leadership Coordinator, Office of Superintendent Rosales Dist: 1, 2

District 1 HS was awarded the Chancellor's Innovation Grant for 2nd consecutive year. Districts 1 and 2 were selected to participate in the AP for All Program, see his newsletter. Over the summer they had a professional development for the Parent Coordinators with a resource fair and they plan to make this an annual event.

Irving Roman:

Borough Family Advocate, Bronx High Schools, Office of Superintendent Staples Dist: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11  
They are offering Parent Leaders training and information about Financial Aid Information/ Assistance and College Enrollment. Leman HS will be open to assist parents filling out the FAFSA forms. Superintendent Staples has a program to assist parent leaders form and develop SLT teams.

### **Public Comment**

*No Comment.*

### **Announcements**

All the flyers are on the table.

Ms. Franco announced:

- CCHS has vacancies for 2 Bronx Representatives and 1 Staten Island Representative.
- November 12, 2016 Bronx UFT Borough Wide Parent Summit "Building Relationships" for parents and students.

*Ms. Gebrail* announced:

- 2016 Borough HS Fairs 10/15/2016 and 10/16/2016.
- CTE HS Fair Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at George Westinghouse HS in Brooklyn.
- NYC STEM College and Career Fair October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- Information and Campus Tours for College of Staten Island Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- The Door: ServiceWorks Boot Camp/Make a Difference Day, October 22 and 29, 2016.

*Ms. Chandler* announced:

- Barclay Center Sport Career and College Fair Day March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. They will have workshops to discuss a sports career and College Fair. There is a \$20 fee and for a total fee of \$45, you can see a basketball game after the fair.
- Parks Department, SCRATCH for young people with special needs. Interactive media workshops.
- Parks Department, Queens TECH Kids Unlimited ages 7-9 years old for special needs kids with 2 sessions. One on October 15<sup>th</sup> and another on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- SYEP Program, "Work to Learn," a 25 week program for kids who participated in last year's summer program.
- National Design Week: NYC Teen Design Fair for HS Students October 18, 2016.
- The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual STEM Career Day on November 8, 2016. Registration deadline October 28, 2016.

### **President's Report**

- *Ms. Gebrail* attended and volunteered at the Citywide High School Fair at Brooklyn Tech on September 24, and 25 along with *Ms. Chandler* and *Mr. Akram*. Many HSs stayed for the whole fair and did not leave early as previously.
- *Adam Paredes of HS Enrollment*, was very helpful and introduced her to a new HS, "The Urban Assembly School for Emergency Management," who accepts all HS applicants.
- She attended a workshop by *Melinda Katz* on October 6, 2016 for the Parent Advisory Board on grants, scholarships, HS admissions and other information for parents. At the meeting they gave out conflicting information on the HS admissions.

### **Member's Report**

*Ms. Chandler* contacted the SCA to follow up on last year's submissions. The SCA said they looked into all the CCHS submissions, not only our priority.

She asked about 4 schools of concern in particular.

East NY Early Family Academy, Brooklyn had poor heating in the main building, no heat in TCU, poor electricity and very old boiler in the main building. SCA will remove the old boiler and will give them a new building due to the removal of the TCU's. SCA plans to remove all old boilers in all the schools due to hazards.

In Francis Lewis HS, Queens, the building has over 100% capacity and have TCU's. They are also working with many schools to remove the TCU's, addressing them individually to resolve problems.

HS Arts and Businesses, Queens have no gym. They are using the school's cafeteria for gym and are making the students cross a major busy highway to use a gym in a neighboring school. The SCA will look into building a gym on top of the school building.

Forest Hills HS, has been under construction for over 6 years and it was supposed to be finished in 1 to 2 years. SCA said upon construction, building plans had to be changed at the last minute and this is delaying construction. Ms. Chandler will follow up with this school.

Ms. Russo attended a CPAC meeting this morning where the Office of Safety and Youth presented on supporting HS students in temporary housing. She would like them to present at a CCHS meeting. She also attended a workshop by IncludeNYC and Parent Leadership Institute. At the Brooklyn HS President's Council meeting parents complained about inaccessible schools for parents with disabilities. Some parents have to use loading docks to get into their schools.

No other members made a report.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Bajraktarevic read the Treasurer's report. See attached. Ms. Chandler asked questions and had revisions.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

We did not have a quorum.

### **Committees**

Ms. Gebrail will discuss committees at next meeting.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Ms. Chandler attended the FACE Bylaws training sessions. They compared the old Bylaws template to the new Bylaws template. They stated that what applies to the PTA's and President's Councils do not apply to CEC's and the functions of the officers. We do not have a document like the A660 for the PTS/SLT that can be applied to the CEC's. The only thing close is the Chancellor's Regulation Section D.

### **Business Meeting**

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

### **Adjournment**

Calendar meeting ended at 8:55PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**S. Mei Chan: Administrative Assistant**

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

**Approved by Council vote on**