



CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

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**CEC District 75
Special Education**

WORKING MEETING NOTES

The Working Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:00pm at 45-18 Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11101. The following people were in attendance.

1. Roll Call

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| ➤ Thomas F. Ryan, Jr., President | Present |
| ➤ Charlene Carroll-Hall, 1st Vice President | Present |
| ➤ Able Alagbe, 2nd Vice President | Absent |
| ➤ Gloria Gonsalves, Council Member | Present |
| ➤ Diana Marenfeld, Council Member | Present |
| ➤ Gloria Smith, Council Member | Present |
| ➤ Berangere Pierre-Louis, Council Member | Present |
| ➤ Jeff Stimpson, Council Member | Present |
| ➤ Joseph Williams, Public Advocate Appointee & Treasurer | Present |
| ➤ Dixon Deutsch, Public Advocate Appointee | Present |

2. Consideration of Agenda and Time Allocations

The time and allocations as note on the agenda were found to be acceptable.

3. Appointed Timekeeper

Charlene Carroll-Hall is the appointed time keeper.

4. Review of Working Meeting Notes: January 5, 2011/February 2, 2011

Notes will be submitted for the April Working Meeting.

5. Old Business:

i. CD75C Calendar Meeting Schedule

- January 19, 2011: Educational Forum, Joe Williams the organizer of the forum has reached out to the politicians and are waiting for a response. The meeting will be held at the Tweed Courthouse.
- February 16, 2011: The Calendar meeting will be held at P12X@Lewis Clark School in the Bronx. Guest speaker will be Laura Rodriquez. The council is waiting for confirmation of her attendance.

ii. Follow Up with Busing Survey

- Diana, Gloria Smith, Jeff, Jackie, Dixon and Ramona will be at the court square office on Saturday to help organize, review the returned busing surveys.

iii. State of Special Education Forum: Joe William

- Joe provided the council with a list of names of the invited politicians who were asked to participate in the Special Education Forum for District 75 on March 16th. There was no response and confirmation. After speaking to the invited politicians they are not aware of what is happening within D75 and special education. Joe had Ramona the A.A. to follow through with confirmation of their participation and no confirmation of attendance. The alternative Carmen Alvervz of UFT will present at the March Calendar Meeting.

6. New Business:

i. Meet & Greet of New Council Member

Jeffrey T. Stimpson candidate for the CD75 council application was approved by OFIA. Mr. Stimpson attended the working meeting to meet and introduce himself to the council. After the question and answer session Tom Ryan, informed the council that Resolution #15: Filling a Vacancy will be presented during the March 16th Calendar Meeting.

ii. Floor to Council Member Dixon Deutsch

Dixon presented to the council information regarding Charter Schools, the agenda of his organization conference (date will be emailed to the council).

iii. Review & Schedule Council Meeting Attendance

Tabled

iv. Discuss Meeting with Gary Hecht, District 75 Superintendent

The council scheduled an appointment to meet with Gary Hecht, superintendent of district 75 to have an open dialogue to better improve parent participation and support during the council's calendar-public meetings. The following items that will be brought to the table during the meeting are as follows:

- How are the flyers for the council's meeting being distribute
- The council has not received confirmation of distribution of the flyer as in the past.
- I-pads in the school who got it them and will more be distribute?
- Best Buddies program has been expanded and how D75 schools can work with the program.
- PEP Meetings, Space and Co-locations.
- Engaging Parent Coordinators, PTA, SLT, Principals and the School community.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM