



# CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

## MINUTES CALENDAR MEETING

The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2012 at 6:00 pm at 400 First Avenue, New York, NY 10010. The following people were in attendance.

\*Note: Mr. Williams, President called the Calendar Meeting to order. Call to Order at 6:10 PM

1. **Roll Call**

Able Alagbe	Present
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Maureen Dantzler	Present
Diamaris Magarin	Present
Gloria Ann Smith	Present
Alicia Valeus	Present
Joseph Williams	Present
Ayiasa Rasool	Present

2. **Appointment of Time Keeper**

Charlene Carroll-Hall, Council Member

3. **Approval of Previous Monthly Meeting Minutes**

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> –Working and Feb. 15- Calendar council decided they would like the minutes to be revised.  
March 7<sup>th</sup> Working and March 21<sup>st</sup> Calendar Minutes  
April 4 Working Minutes  
May 16<sup>th</sup> Calendar Minutes  
June 6<sup>th</sup> Working Minutes

4. **Report of the President-Joe Williams**

Welcome to the District 75 June 21<sup>st</sup> Calendar Meeting, the last meeting of the 2011-2012 School Year. I would like to thank the council members for their time and dedication, and to remind you the work you do is very important, the time you volunteer to give a voice to those that are not able to speak for themselves, is a very noble cause. As President of the Citywide District 75 Council on behalf of the parents and the children's of District 75 I say thank you.

The Council's number one objective this year was to increase parent participation within their school Community... that objective was met, in conjunction with president council and the District Office there was an increased of PTA & SLT participation within the District 75 School by more than 50%. I have been a member of the Citywide District 75 Council for the past three years and for the first time the council has received calls from General Education Schools, Charter Schools, Private Schools, City and State Agencies as well as an increase of parent outreach to the council requesting our assistance in providing information on various issues, advocating for parents, help find a positive solution to a situation brought before us. As parents try to navigate and learn about an ever changing system we have made it one of our priorities to help them find a resolution. Finally! Everyone is realizing the great work...the hard work being done within District 75. Now that the spot light is on District 75 it places even a great responsibility on the council, which we individually and collectively do not take lightly. We will continue to work hard for our children... yes! all children who attend a D75 school or program is considered our children. I will continue to ask the parents, as I did in the beginning of the school year to support us by attending our monthly meetings, let us know how doing were. But most of all attend the meetings and the events that are held at District 75 main office and your child's school; join your PTA & SLT... don't ever think your presences is not needed and welcomed. Call us at the office... were here

to represent and help you or call to say hello. As this school year comes to an end we look forward to the challenges of the new school year and we welcome and look forward to seeing you next year!

Joe Williams

5. **Reading of Resolution and Vote for New Applicants of the Citywide District 75 Council**

Joe Williams informed the attendees, the council has three vacancies on the council and we will read the Resolution and Vote.

Mr. Williams called a motion for the Resolution to be read and for a voted:

Charlene Carroll-Hall read Resolution #22 Citywide District 75 Council Filling a Vacancy K. Oke

Charlene seconded – vote

In Favor total 4, Abstain total 2 and two members were absent during the vote.

Mr. Williams called a motion for the Resolution to be read and for a voted:

Diamaris Magarin read Resolution #23 Citywide District 75 Council Filling a Vacancy A. Dunlap

In Favor total 4, Abstain total 2 and two members were absent during the vote.

Mr. Williams called a motion for the Resolution to be read and for a voted:

Charlene Carroll-Hall read Resolution #23 Citywide District 75 Council Filling a Vacancy P. Bordes

In Favor total 5, Abstain total 1 and two members were absent during the vote.

6. **Reading of the End of the Year Report- 2011-2012**

[Note: Please see attached](#)

7. **Report of the Superintendent : Gary Hecht**

Gary Hecht welcomed the council, parents and Deputy Chancellor Laura Rodriguez to the meeting. He informed the attendees during the month of June the following items have taken place within District 75 (There are changes within D75 school organization):

- P53K will relocate into a new building (co-located) located at Spring Creek.
- 373R four classes located in two different buildings and will be moving into existing space within 373R.
- 140K originally 518 called Kappa they are relocating into a new building located within 258K (DeKalb Avenue).
- 10X will relocate into a new building located within X240 (k-5). Programs established within the building will work with parents and students after school, there is an Olympic size swimming pool for students to use and mental health agencies will be located in the building.
- P9Q Temple Annex will relocate into a new building located at P287Q.

During the EPIC Conference in May there were over 300 parents and 175 students were in attendance. Thank you to the council for attending and informing parents about the event. It gave us all the opportunity to engage parents and students during the conference.

New Principals:

- 754X the principal will retire next week. Completion of the Level 2 process for the new applicant has taken place and we are waiting to hear from Human Resource (July 1).
- P721X the principal will retire. Completion of the Level 2 process, selection process and approval of Frank DeGeronimo as the new principal of P721X.
- 811X the principal will transfer into a new position with Teacher and Effectiveness. She will continue to work with D75. We will undergo the Level 2 process next week with a selection of principals next Tuesday.
- 17X the principal will retire at the end of August. We will undergo the Level 2 process next week with a selection of principals next Tuesday.

This summer D75 will provided professional development to our principals and assistant principals.

Graduations:

Chancellor Walcott attended the graduations at 79M and 176X. It was a delight to have him in attendance during the graduations. Students at 176X part of the Big Band performed by using their I-pads (one student was playing the guitar and another was playing the saxophone).

One of our students from 25R while attending had many issues to overcome including being bullied. He will be attending School of Visual Arts receiving a four year scholarship.

We have a student who attended our vision program and he too had many issues to overcome. Our vision unit worked closely with him to help him improve his academics. He had a performance at Carnegie Hall playing the piano.

We provided services to a general education student who will be attending Harvard in September.

Many of our students who have graduated are participating in gaining employment. Mr. Hecht received a call from the hospital's director of the pharmacy department who would like to expand their hiring connection with D75. The director requested to hire another alternate assessment student to work at the hospital.

Chapter 683:

Chapter 683 is a 32 day program for D75 students. It will start on July 5<sup>th</sup> until August 14<sup>th</sup> and all of our programs are preparing for the instructional program, services will be provided and we will continue to focus on the citywide expectations (Common Core Learning Standards and the Teacher Effectiveness).

Gary Hecht closed that it's been a good year for D75 and he thanked the council and was honored to work with Deputy Chancellor, Ms. Laura Rodriguez.

8. **Award Ceremony**

Mr. Williams stated this is part of the agenda he was looking forward too.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm**