



Citywide District 75 Council

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4/27/2011 CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Petrides Complex, Building A-Room 118A, Staten Island, NY.

1. Roll Call

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| Able Alagbe , 2 nd VP; Queens Representative | Absent |
| Charlene Carroll-Hall , 1 st VP; Queens Representative | Present |
| Gloria Gonsalves , Council Member; Manhattan Representative | Present |
| Diana Marenfeld , Council Member; Brooklyn Representative | Present |
| Tom Ryan, Jr. , President; Queens Representative | Excused |
| Joe Williams , Public Advocate Appointee; Queens Representative | Present |
| Dixon Destuch , Public Advocate Appointee; Manhattan Representative | Excused |
| Gloria Smith , Council Member; Brooklyn Representative | Excused |
| Berangere Pierre-Louis , Council Member; Brooklyn Representative | Present |
| Jeff Stimpson , Council Member; Manhattan Representative | Excused |

2. Secretary's Report: Approval of Meeting Minutes: December

Approval of meeting minutes are table for the February Calendar Meeting.

3. Report of the President

First, I hope everyone survived the Easter/Passover break. I'm sure everyone is happy and relieved that the children are back in school.

Diana Marenfeld, Chairperson for the Busing Committee will be providing you with a sneak peak of the results we have so far of our Busing Survey. Last Friday was the cut off date to return the surveys. We have been working on the results and will be presenting our findings to OPT, District 75, The Chancellor and the Bus Company Owners.

On Wednesday, May 18th during our Calendar Meeting we will present our findings to the Parents of District 75 at the Tweed Courthouse Building. We ask that you please spread the word and come out to support us during the meeting.

We want for OPT as well as the DOE to understand the importance of improving the Busing Service for our children. It's important for the DOE to also know that Busing Service

improvements are a necessity.

Special thanks go out to Diana Marenfeld who spearheaded this project and the rest the Busing Committee who worked very hard assisting in this effort and we would like to thank the Parent Coordinators for their efforts as well as the parents for their input.

Our terms as Council members for District 75 will be coming to an end on June 30, 2011. Elections for all the Community and Citywide Education Councils will be held soon. Candidate applications for the CEC's should have been submitted by April 23rd. District 75's Presidents' Council will host the Candidate Forum Wednesday, May 4th at the District 75 main Office, 400 1st Avenue at 6 pm to 8 pm and for more information regarding the election can be found at the website www.powertotheparents.org.

The council has made changes this year in our By-laws because of the overwhelming issues within the DOE and since we have members who work a nine to five; we thought it would be better to share in the duties in relation to the presidency. On tonight's agenda we will be voting on the revised by-laws as well as Resolutions 17,18 & 19.

On March 28th, Charlene Carroll-Hall, co-president and I attended a meeting with the Education Council Presidents who met with then Chancellor Cathy Black to express our concerns and ideas within the Districts we represent. Approximately one week later Ms. Black resigned and was replaced by Dennis Walcott as Chancellor of the NY City School System. A similar forum was held earlier this month with Mr. Walcott and again we presented and voiced our concerns and ideas within each District we represent. In both of the meetings the main concerns and discussions focused on the Budget Cuts, Teacher Lay-Offs and Charter School Expansion. Hopefully our concerns were heard and the new Chancellor will take them seriously.

Again we will release the Busing Survey's on May 18th at the Tweed Courthouse

District 75 will host its EPIC Fair May 14th; Superintendent Hecht will have more on the Fair in his report.

On June 15th at district 75 main office we will host our last Calendar meeting and we hope that you will attend that meeting as well.

Thank you everyone for attending tonight's meeting.
This concludes the President's Report for April, 2011.

4. Report of the Superintendent

- EPIC Conference is on May 14th. It will take place at P94M@276 (Battery Park)
- Several schools have completed their Quality Reviews. The results are as follows: 169M Proficient, 396K Undeveloped, 811K Developing, 223Q Well Developed, 186X Developing, 811M Proficient and 140K Undeveloped. There are four schools that will be reviewed in May, 37R, 168X, 721M and 373R.
- Schools are in the process of preparing for the State ELA and Math exams. Since exams are taking place we have cancelled D75 Idol.
- Chapter 683 begins on July 1 for staff and July 6th for students. The program will

end on Monday, August 15th.

- Deputy Superintendent Barbara Joseph along with Mr. D. Dixon from the Council visited P177Q and P231K to observe their PBIS program and the use of Technology for student with disabilities.

5. Resolutions # 17,18 and 19

No quorum: The resolutions were tabled until the next Calendar Meeting in May at the Tweed Courthouse Building.

6. Amended By-laws

No quorum: The Amended By-laws were tabled until the next Calendar Meeting in May at the Tweed Courthouse.

7. Preliminary Reading of the Findings of the Citywide District 75 Council Busing Survey

Tabled to the May 18, 2011 Calendar Meeting at Tweed Courthouse.

The Calendar Meeting Concluded at 9:00 pm