

Citywide Education Council for District 75

CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 15, 2014 **Time:** 6:30PM-9:00PM
Location: P373@P40, 91 Henderson Avenue, Staten Island, NY

MEETING CALLED BY	Gloria Corsino , President
TYPE OF MEETING	CALENDAR MEETING
FACILITATOR	Gloria Corsino , President
ROLL CALL & NOTE TAKER	Celia Green , 1 st Vice President
TIMEKEEPER	Aliya Rasool , 2 nd Vice President & Public Advocate Appointee
ATTENDEES	Gloria Smith , Treasurer and Public Advocate Appointee, Able Alagbe -Council Member, Rebecca Green , Secretary, Jackie Pierre-Louis , Council Member
ABSENT/EXCUSED	Valerie Williams , Audrey Dunlap and Wanda Scott , Council Members- Excused
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	

Agenda Topics

- ❖ Call to Order and Roll Call
- ❖ Appointment of Time Keeper
- ❖ Superintendents Report
- ❖ President's Report
- ❖ Alexandra Robinson, AM.Ed., CDPT, Executive Director, NYC Department of Education Office of Pupil Transportation & Mr. James Campbell, Office of Pupil Transportation Staten Island Representative

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: GLORIA CORSINO

The Chancellors is encouraging parent engagement and as a council we took an initiative to send to all of the parents an outreach letter (translated in various languages) we also created a pamphlet that will help parents navigate Special Education. The parent letter will help us without reach and increase our distribution list. We brought the council's parent letter and Navigating Special Education pamphlet to the meeting for you to fill out and return to us at the end of the meeting and share with your school community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: GARY HECHT

Superintendent Gary Hecht mentioned the following:

-Opened a new program 469X 60 (school organization with three sites for turning 5 students).

-D 75 participated in Learning Partners this year. The Chancellor provided opportunities for schools to be involved with Learning Partners (D75 partnering with general education schools borough wide). D75 schools/programs are partnered with 94M, 176X, 168X and 231K; they will share expertise, strategies and best practices.

-Ms. Chase, Special Education Division is no longer with the Department of Education. Ms. Chase's replacement is Christina Foti, Principal of 231K (D75). Her school has great practices in place, is a well-developed school and it was a great choice because of her knowledge and expertise with D75.

-Ms. Foti replacement is Jude Arthur, Inter-Acting Principal who was previously at 224Q and is scheduled to go through the C30 Process.

-Middle School after- school program started yesterday. OPT was vocal and helpful in ensuring that our students received busing. The district received 7 million for the after- school program and 2 million for busing.

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OPT BUSING

-Alexandra Robinson sent her apologies she was not able to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. Mr. Richie Scarpa, Manhattan and James Campbell attended on her behalf. Mr. Scarpa discussed how the OPT has improved over the years. The changes implemented to improve bus routes as well as pick up and drop of time and the trainings provided to the matrons and drivers. He also mentioned the improvement in how they handle busing concerns through 311 and work on closing out cases within 24/36 hours once received. Mr. Scarper mentioned there is always a need for improvement and they are willing to hear suggestions from the council.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS & VOTES	MOTION MADE	VOICE –VOTE TALLY

ADJOURMENT

9:00PM

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Submitted by Ramona Garcia, Administrative Assistant , CEC D75