



## CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

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### Meeting Notes:

August 24, 2011

The meeting scheduled at 10:00 am

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am

The Citywide District 75 Council met with Ewel Napier, Senior Manager and Alice Wong, CEC Liaison of the Citywide and Community Education Council Unit. Located at New York City Department of Education, Office for Family Information and Action, 49 Chambers, New York, NY 10007 Room 503

The following council members in attendance:

- Joseph Williams, President & Public Advocate Appointee
- Maureen Dantzler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Charlene Carroll-Hall, Council member

Ewel Napier introduced Jesse Mojica, Executive Director for Family and Community Engagement to the council. Mr. Mojica confirmed that he received the invitation as the guest speaker during the February 15<sup>th</sup> Calendar meeting in the Bronx. Mr. Mojica scheduled the meeting onto his calendar and will be in attendance.

Mr. Napier informed the council due to the parents push back with OFIA within his five year employment with the DOE due to the changes of Directors (OFIA) and Chancellors office procedures within the office are revised and/or changed. Usually we plan in the summer for the coming school year unfortunately the office has been in a holding pattern.

This year for preparation for 2013 we are rewriting the Regulations for the selection process for the CEC's. When we write a draft it's open for public review then it's passed at a PEP Meeting. We will repeat the process and there will be an added layer to the A-660 to provide a parent focus group. When drafting the new regs. Parent input will be part of the beginning stages of the process instead of receiving comments at the tail end.

OFIA will request one member of a CEC, one member of the citywide councils as well as a public advocate appointee to represent their district during the revision process.

OFIA does not want a repeat of the 2011 elections regarding parent and the elective push back.

The 2013 CEC selection and candidate's election process will be formatted and formalized in October/November 2011.

Ewel mentioned the current chancellor is different from his previous predecessors. He currently has a child attending a NYC Public School and is from the community in Queens District 29. Under Walcott's tenure his office will have the opportunity to do some significant things for parents across the city and with the CEC's.

Ewel mentioned currently he and Alice are currently the only two servicing all 31 councils as well as the citywide councils. He is hoping by September to have hired two more members of OFIA to work with the councils.

Joe Williams, President informed Ewel and Alice of the past work implemented by the council. The council has made it a point to form a line of communication and working relationship with D75 Presidents Council, D75

Superintendent, UFT, Manhattan Borough Presidents Office, and the Public Advocates Office. Joe informed Ewel the visit to OFIA was based on establishing an open dialogue with their office. Joe also mentioned there are plans in the work for D75 as a whole and the support of their office is required.

Joe mentioned a project the council is working on with the D75 programs and Gen. Ed. schools called the Buddy Project. This program will buddy students in D75 with a gen. ed. student to establish a supportive relationship amongst their peers.

Joe mentioned co-locations and that Dixon Deutsch, who is no longer serving as a representative for the Public Advocates Office will remain as a point of contact and liaison for the council regarding charter schools.

The council wants transparency, distribution of information in a timely manner and assistance in ensuring that their agenda is supported.

Mr. Williams requested copies of the council's oaths of office to have on file within the office. A copy of the revised By-laws was provided for OFIA.

Mr. Williams provided a copy of the lay-off's affecting parent coordinators, school aides, family workers and wants to know how this will affect D75 and how many will be cut?

The council was introduced to Ron Noble, Deputy Manager for Family Engagement who currently works for School Clusters. Currently there are no Clusters within D75 however, there are Networks. Mr. Noble informed the council that the DOE has a contract with webinar to produce a series of trainings for the SLT and PTA.

Ewel provided the council with a point of contact for Charter Schools, Sonya Hook and Olivia Ellis with School Clusters.