

Citywide Council for District 75

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 6, 2020 **Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00PM

Location: Virtual Meeting: WebEx

MEETING CALLED BY	Shamel Lawrence , President
FACILITATOR	Shamel Lawrence , President
ROLL CALL & NOTE TAKER	Grisel Cardona , Recording Secretary
TIMEKEEPER	Shamel Lawrence , President
ATTENDEES	Amy Ming Tsai, Parliamentarian - Present, Tiesha Groover, Council Member-Present, Shamel Lawrence, Sr., Council Member-Present, Craig E. Spencer, Vice President- Present, Grisel Cardona, Council Member- Present, Debra Altman, Council Member- Present, Constance Asiedu, Public Advocate Appointee-Present
MEETING START	Start: 6:00pm Adjourn: 8:00pm

1. Call to Order and Roll Call: 6:31 pm
2. Appointment of Time Keeper
3. **Committees and Borough Reports:**

❖ **Manhattan: A.M. Tsai**

- There is an upcoming PEP for P130 co-location that will be on the proposal on My 7th pep. Parents concerns are: 1. what will happen with chapter 683/12-month program? 2. How will parents be notified of what is happening with the program? 3. And who will address the parents with their questions and concerns?

❖ **Bronx: G. Cardona**

- We have many parents complaining about middle school transitioning or placement.
- We are working with a parent organization that is focusing on trauma informed schools. They want D75 to be a part of the working group.
- Parents have expressed a need for specific dietary food they have not yet received. Parents have children who are on a liquid diet.
- Taft HS Campus: there's controversy with the Co-Location at the site. NYC City Council Member, Ms. Vanessa Gibson's office opposes the Co-Location. The conversation is still in the works to seek a resolution with all parties involved.

❖ **Brooklyn: T. Groover & C.E. Spencer**

- Ms. Groover attended the JPH. She has been hearing about the services of food pantries and has not heard about device issues.
- Ms. Groover mentioned parents are wondering about the 12-month program and how will it look?
- Mr. Spencer mentioned the JPH, in D13, D17, people were appreciative to have D75 there.
- Mr. Spencer attended a D13 meeting.
- Mr. Spencer reached out to folks regarding feedback from PS372 on their Parent Association and the election guidance. Craig asked Shona for Guidance to assure they are operating correctly.

❖ **Queens: S. Lawrence**

- Class dojo are being accessed on tablets, parents are unable to download the app, Mr. Lawrence reached out to APPLE to assist parents in need.
- Queens parents are worried about the 12-month programs.

❖ **Staten Island: D. Altman**

- Ms. Altman was able to speak on behalf of D75.

- Parents have been reaching out, with concerns regarding D75, regression, socialization issues, due to being in quarantine.
- OPWDD has shut down.
- She has been providing parents with resources.

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- Everyone finally received devices, and students were able to start. But there was a six-week delay.
- Summer program status, parents are waiting for governor to give a response.
- She has been working on a resolution and has been speaking to Tiesha, Amy and Grisel. She hopes the resolution can be passed.

4. Committee Reports:

❖ **Committee on Capacity and Utilization: C.E. Spencer**

- A lot to access about rec centers were available for parents of first responders and the most vulnerable.
 - He presumed that it was for our children in D75.
 - The roll out did not support our students in D75.
- Has been supporting the outreach committee: to see if his views can be justified.
- He asks the AA to reach out to the staff from SCA, UFT, District planning, the District and start holding a meeting prior to calendar, assessing where are we now and the roll out of entering our schools.

❖ **School Bus and Safety: A.M. Tsai**

- Due to school not in session, there is no need for transportation. It has been at a haul.
- The committee will collaborate with outreach, regarding contingency plans for the return of school and what that will look like.
- **due to Wi-Fi acting up we could not hear the rest of the report**

❖ **Bylaws: C. Asiedu**

- Requesting template so council members can look at the bylaws and make suggestions on the future by laws.

❖ **Legislation: D. Altman**

- Speaking to advocates on Staten Island, getting feedback from parents to compile the resolution
- She is waiting for the committee on outreach to provide the rest of the information needed to justify the resolution.

❖ **Committee on Student Transition & Workforce Planning: T. Groover**

- She will have transition information for May 20th meeting.

❖ **Committee on Outreach: G. Cardona**

- The committee had created a survey that's well rounded on D75
 - We did survey because families didn't receive devices or that they didn't receive the adequate devices.
 - We had asked questions around remote learning, language access etc.
- Data was broken down through the equity lens.
- Goal is to hold those stake holders accountable
 - Can D75 assist those families with alternatives for those families who are having issues around remote learning.
 - What will one do regarding regression?

- We need to assure that D75 is receiving equitable outcomes.

5. Discussion for May 20th Meeting:

Thoughts from council members on having a Townhall Meeting:

A.M. Tsai:

- ❖ conversation on summer programs and what parents want? Provide suggestions as far as returning?
- ❖ How can DOE provide social and emotional supports.

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C. Asiedu:

- ❖ A townhall needs to be done separate from a calendar meeting. A town hall does not allow for public comment. Oppose townhall for May 20th.

G. Cardona:

- ❖ Do not see difference between a Townhall and Calendar session and oppose to Townhall for May 20th.

D. Altman:

- ❖ Okay to give parents for space to speak.

T. Groover:

- ❖ Yes, to townhall/does not need to be called a Townhall.

C. E. Spencer:

- ❖ There is no clarification of voting.

Adjournment:

♦ **ACTIONS:**

VOTES	Motion made	Voice –Vote Tally