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**CEC District 75  
Special Education**

## CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

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### **MINUTES** **CALENDAR MEETING**

The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, **June 19, 2013** at 6:33 pm at The Office of District 75, 400 First Avenue, NY. NY. The following people were in attendance.

\*Note: Joe Williams, President called the calendar meeting to order.  
Call to Order at 6:30 PM the Calendar Agenda

**1. Roll Call**

Able Alagbe	Present
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Gloria Corsino	Present
Maureen Dantzer	Present
Diamaris Magarin	Present
Jackie Pierre-Louis	Present
Gloria Smith	Present
Joseph Williams	Present
Aliya Rasool	Present

**2. Appointment of Time Keeper:**

Charlene Carroll-Hall

**3. Gary Hecht: Superintendents Report**

Gary welcomed the council and mentioned it was an exciting school year. First, with Hurricane Sandy, the bus strike followed and now we're in the beginning faze of Teacher Effectiveness: Rating Teachers on a State Scale. In addition to rating teachers we will also be rating Principals. As the Superintendent Gary feels he is truly blessed because he works with the best students and families. Barbara Joseph, Deputy Superintend and Gary Hecht are finishing up 35 years together and first meet in college and continued to work with each other in Special Education and the District.

The opportunity for all of us working together, whether you disagree or agree it has been a pleasure for him.

The DOE has reached out to District 75 pertaining to everything regarding special education. Gary reminded people at Tweed that D75 provides services to parents, teachers, students, Para-Professions and related service providers. All involved with D75 can learn from us what they need to provide to students and all the providers out there who will benefit from D75 Best Practices and expertise.

At D75, we have 24 thousand students and there are 165 thousand students with IEP's within the DOE. We were told that D75 schools will not receive a budget cut this school year however, the District in November will receive budget cuts and we are preparing for it.

District 75 was asked to participate in Project NAO (pronounced NOW) for children on the autistic spectrum. NAO developed robots that engage, communicate, improve academic skills, and walk with our students. The company would like to pilot with D75 and the District will receive 4 robots.

Schools participating in the program are: 10X, 993Q as we move the agenda forward and it is successful we will expand it to many of our schools.

Barbra Joseph mentioned that she and Gary attended many graduations at D75 schools and it's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the great accomplishments as our children leave us. We will have our doors open to our students and parents and wish them the very best.

Gary mentioned the Turning Five Process is over. Students who turned five and are identify to attend schools at a D75 program. In September the District will open 114 new classes; we're excepting over 1600 students turning five, this is the largest number of classes D75 has open for a new schools year.

The Turing Five Processing (students) start in May and ends in September. The DOE is finding new sites and we need for you, the parents to work closely with the District. Our student deserve the same space any other student. The DOE is working closely with us and are location space but Gary does not want for the location to be in the closet, located in an excluded area within the building or the basement of the building. It's important that D75 students interact with children thus it allow for children who are different to build relationships.

Gary finished by mentioning to please continue to work with us at the District, schools and as well as advocates for your children. Please share ideas and we wish to wish you a happy summer.

**4. The Citywide District 75 Council: End of the Year Report**

Tabled; not finalized and submitted by the President

**5. Joe Williams: Presidents Report**

Tabled; not submitted by the President

**6. Resolution Vote: I-Pad Reinstatement, Adequate Space for Related Services and Prevention of Sexual Misconduct within School Settings**

See attached resolutions. Please note the Adequate Space for Related Services and Prevention of Sexual Misconduct within School Settings was combined and renamed Abuse Prevention in Schools Settings.

**7. Acknowledge Council Members that Serve on the Citywide District 75 Council**

The council acknowledges departing council members Charlene Carroll-Hall, Maureen Dantzler and Damaris Magarin. A plaque with the inscription that read:

Service and Dedication Award-Awarded to - *Maureen Dantzler- Thank you for your years of service with the New York City Department of Education Community Education Council; The Citywide District 75 Council*-Awarded this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 2013 -The Citywide District 75 Council.

**8. Meet and Greet the New Council Members**

The newly elected members were invited to the June calendar meeting to introduce themselves to the returning council members. Newly elected members in attendance were Audrey Dunlap, Cecile Green and Valerie Williams.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm**

See attached resolutions below.