



THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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PANEL FOR EDUCATION POLICY
52 Chambers Street – NY, NY 10007

MINUTES OF ACTION

PUBLIC MEETING OF THE PANEL FOR EDUCATIONAL POLICY

**New World High School
921 East 228th Street
Bronx, NY 10466
December 17, 2009
6:00 pm**

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Hon. Philip Berry
Hon. Linda Lausell Bryant
Hon. Joe Chan
Hon. David Chang
Hon. Joan Correale
Hon. Dmytro Fedkowskyj
Hon. Tino Hernandez
Hon. Tomas Morales
Hon. Gbubemi Okotieuro
Hon. Gitte Peng
Hon. Anna Santos
Hon. Patrick Sullivan
Hon. James Whelan
Joel I. Klein, *Chancellor*
Michael Best, *Secretary*
Tammy Tram, *Student Member*
Joshua Varela, *Student Member*

Absent and Excused:

Hon. Joan Correale

Action was taken as indicated below:

Secretary Michael Best called the roll. All present except for Panel Member Linda Lausell Bryant, Panel Member Joan Correale, Panel Member Gitte Peng, Panel Member Patrick Sullivan, and Panel Member James Whelan.

Chairman Chang announced the appointment of James Whelan to the Panel and welcomed him.

Approval of October 7, 2009 Panel Meeting Minutes of Action—*Motion to adopt the minutes of action from the November 12, 2009 Panel meeting was made by Chairman David Chang, and seconded by Vice Chairman Philip Berry. The minutes were approved unanimously. ([Minutes attached via link to the Panel for Educational Policy website](#)).*

Panel Member Gitte Peng joined the meeting.

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Chairman Chang informed the Panel that the January 26, 2010 Panel meeting will take place at Brooklyn Technical High School in Brooklyn. The Chairman also stated that the Panel will vote on the list of candidates being considered for the Arts Advisory Committee at the January 26, 2010 Panel meeting, and that interested Panel Members should submit to him the names of candidates that they would like the Panel to consider for the Committee by January 8, 2010.

- A. Chancellor's Update—*Presentation by Chancellor Joel I. Klein on New York City's 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress results, the 12 New York City schools named among nation's best 100 schools on U.S. News and World Report, Mayor Bloomberg's speech on Race to the Top, the TrueNorth and Logan Bus Company contracts being considered by the Panel, and MTA budget cuts. No action was taken.*

Panel Members Linda Lausell Bryant, Patrick Sullivan, and James Whelan joined the meeting.

- B. Approval of Contracts—*Contracts Committee Chairman Tino Hernandez gave a report of the Contracts Committee meeting and reported that the Department had withdrawn item 36 from the agenda, and that the Committee recommended that all other items except for items 5 and 10 be passed without further discussion, but that items 5 and 10 be discussed further before a vote. Following public comment, Panel Member Joe Chan made a motion to vote on the resolution approving all items except for item 5 and item 10. The motion was seconded by Panel Member Tomas Morales. The motion passed unanimously. Chief Operating Officer Photo Anagnostopoulos made a presentation on item 5, which was followed by a presentation by Chief Talent Officer Amy McIntosh. Following panel discussion, item 5 was approved by a vote of 9-3 (yea: Berry, Bryant, Chan, Chang, Fedkowskyj, Hernandez, Morales, Peng; Whelan; nay: Okotieuro; Santos; Sullivan). Chief Operating Officer Photo Anagnostopoulos made a presentation on item 10, which was followed by a presentation by Chief Executive of DOE School Support Services Eric Goldstein. Panel Member Sullivan made a motion to table item 10, which was seconded by Panel Member Santos. The motion to table item 10 was defeated by a vote of 9-3 (nay: Berry, Bryant, Chan, Chang, Fedkowskyj, Hernandez, Morales, Peng; Whelan; yea: Okotieuro; Santos; Sullivan). Following panel discussion, the motion to approve item 10 was approved by a vote of 8-2 with 2 abstentions (yea: Berry, Chan, Chang, Fedkowskyj, Hernandez, Morales, Peng; Whelan; nay: Santos; Sullivan; abstention: Bryant; Okotieuro). ([List of contracts and resolutions](#) attached via link to the [Panel for Educational Policy website](#))*
- C. Approval of Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization—*Panel Member Philip Berry made a motion to approve eleven resolutions approving eleven proposed significant changes in school utilization. Panel Member Gitte Peng seconded the motion. Presentation by Deputy Chancellor Kathleen Grimm on proposals for eleven significant changes in school utilization, followed by public comment and panel discussion. Deputy Chancellor Kathleen Grimm withdrew the proposal approving the grade truncation of P.S. 126 Dr Marjorie H Dunbar (09X126) from consideration by the Panel, and the Panel did not further consider the resolution concerning PS 126. ([Resolution](#) attached via link). Panel member Berry moved to modify the motion pending before the Panel to remove consideration of the resolution concerning proposed grade expansion of New School #1 @ P.S. 60 (08X333) and New School #2 @ P.S. 60 (08X335). ([Resolution](#) attached via link). Panel Member Gbubemi Okotieuro seconded the motion and the motion to modify the pending motion passed by a vote of 9-0 with 3 abstentions (yea: Berry, Bryant, Chang, Fedkowskyj, Morales, Okotieuro; Peng; Santos, Sullivan. Abstention: Chan; Hernandez; Whelan). The Chair called for a vote on the motion to approve the nine remaining resolutions (regarding PS 262K, IS 229X and 230X, PS 246X, PS 58X, the co-location of new school Frank McCourt in building M470, PS 56, Young Women's Leadership School Queens, PS 163K, Creston Academy). ([Resolutions](#) attached via link). The motion to approve those nine resolutions was approved unanimously. Following further panel discussion, Panel member Berry*

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moved to postpone consideration of the proposed grade expansion of New School #1 @ P.S. 60 (08X333) and New School #2 @ P.S. 60 (08X335) to the January 26, 2010 Panel meeting. The motion to postpone passed by a vote of 9-2 with 1 abstention (yea: Berry, Bryant, Chan; Fedkowskyj, Hernandez; Morales, Okotieuro; Santos; Whelan; nay: Chang, Peng; abstention: Sullivan).

D. Public Comments on Other Topics

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

A full recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

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