



## **Citywide Council on Special Education**

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The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm at Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street, Manhattan, NY.

### **04/21/2010 CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES**

#### **1. Roll Call**

Able Alagbe	Present
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
John Englert	Present
Gloria Gonslves	Present
Charles Henderson	Excused
Diana Marenfeld	Present
Ellen McHugh	Present
Tom Ryan, Jr.	Present

#### **2. Secretary's Report-Approval of Meeting Minutes Dated 3/10/10: Able Alagbe**

Meeting minutes for 3/10/10, John made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Ellen 1<sup>st</sup> Approval for meeting minutes, Diana second and all approved.

#### **3. Report of the President: John Englert**

John mentioned that on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> he attended a walk through regarding the Clinton School relocating to J47 with the Panel of Educational Policy, Parents as well as Advocates. There are two additional hearings that are schedule: April 29 @ PS 11 and May 10 @ "J47".

On Saturday, May 01.10 from 8 am until 12 noon D75 is hosting their yearly event the EPIC Conference at P811X.

On the web there is a pilot program "Schools from Phase 1 Networks" from the office of Laura Rodriguez, Chief Achievement Officer that identifies 10 networks and 200 schools on the list is a few D75 schools.

#### **4. District 75 Superintendent's Report: Bonnie Brown**

Ms. Brown reported on her concerns regarding the large number of students who are on the wait list for April 2010. Her office finished a three year trend analyst of students coming in turning fives; there is a tremendous need for space in the following boroughs: 28 classes in the Bronx, 20 classes in Queens, a large amount in Brooklyn, some in Staten Island (number not provided) and Manhattan is ok, Portfolio was informed of the growth in student numbers, D75 are waiting for a response. D75 is 50 students over the projected March 31<sup>st</sup> register, the wait list in the Bronx is very large it's the first time in March that D75 had to tell the CEC's and sending placement offices that we have no seats.

D75 are doing a lot of reviewing and evaluating of what the students programmatic recommendations are, evaluations, what other interventions were tried before being recommended to D75, did they received services are were working with the CAO. Students on the wait list coming directly from general education to D75 without any service before hand is raising red flags. Were working with the CAO to take our proposal to the State Department, we would like to change the ratio of students coming in turning five's 8:1 to 2 with programmatic related services (speech teacher & occupational therapist assigned to every 4<sup>th</sup> class). Ms. Brown mentioned that programmatic related service will really add to a natural environment, training model and make collaborate communities a practice and collaborate enquiring allowing related service providers and teachers to jointly plan together.

Ms. Brown has been meeting daily with the CAO on developing a tool kit for the 10 Net Work Schools participating with the "Phase I" Pilot program and presenting it to the leaders at Teachers College.

D75 will provide Summer Trainings to Net Work Leaders focusing on Autism, "Stop Team" (helps identify students at high risk) therapeutic crisis, anger management),

D75 is preparing for the ELA and Math Exam, Simi Final American Idol, Achievement Fair, Very Special Arts, Step Ahead Pilot Program: 6 week

program focusing on preparing middle school students for high school (model after the TV show the Apprentice students who complete the program will receive 2 credits towards their CTE as well as incentives).

#### **5. Resolution #10 Citywide Council on Special Education Filling Vacancy**

John made motion to vote Ms. Jessica Santos and Ms. Tywana B. Sharper into the CCSE during the April Calendar Meeting; Ellen made a motion to accept, Diana second and all council members agreed.

#### **6. AHRC of New York City:**

- **Jennifer Teich, Individual Approach to Services**  
OMRRDD and the DDPC, came together to explore options for individualized and self-directed housing for the people with developmental disabilities in NYC. The programs offered are:
  - 1) Home of Your Own (HOYO)
  - 2) Housing For Independent living
  - 3) Certified Residents
  
- **Heather Gazzaley, Day Hab Without Walls**  
Progressive Programs: that provides job training, Independent living skill, and self awareness: how to identify physical and verbal abuse, physical well being: health care, diet as well as college prep programs to prepare your child for entrance into College
  
- **Michele Shapiro, Employment & Business Services**  
Prepares persons for employment: prepare a resume, interview skills, how to look for a job, dress for success.