



Citywide Council on Special Education

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08/19/2009 CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at District 75 Office, 400 First Avenue, New York, NY 10010.

1. Annual Report

Please see attached minutes for the Annual Report: August 19, 2009

2. Roll Call

Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
John Englert	Present
Charles Henderson	Present
Diana Marenfeld	Present
Ellen McHugh	Present
Tom Ryan	Present
Able Alagbe	Absent
Gloria Gonsalves	Present

3. Report of the President – John Englert

John Englert mentioned the following during his report:

- o The CCSE submitted their response on the Garth Harries Report to Joel Klein and is waiting feed back from the chancellors' office.
- o Mayoral Control was signed and passed in Albany and the CEC's, CCHS and CCSE officially exist.

This concludes the Presidents Report

3A. Introduction of Lashanta Baptiste, Deputy Borough Director of the Office of Family Engagement and Advocacy

Lashanta Baptiste, Deputy Borough Director, is the new liaison for the CCSE. She is responsible for supporting all issues regarding the CCSE including but not limited to; elections, support, trainings, and mediation.

4. Report of the Superintendent – Bonnie Brown

Bonnie Brown, Superintendent of District 75 was not in attendance during the Calendar Meeting. Ray Velez, Family District Advocate for District 75 took notes during the meeting and would convey questions to Bonnie from the CCSE for her to get back to them at a later date via email.

CCSE requested the following:

- Enrollment numbers for D75 Middle schools?
- Will D75 have an enrollment site open and if so where and what is the process?
- Are there new programs being developed? What is the total amount and when/where will they be opened?
- Have notices of recommendations been received by D75? (How many students have been referred to District 75 and is there a wait list)
- An update on the IEP Online pilot program?

Ellen McHugh informed the council that she attended a meeting at OSEPO (renamed DDS) and inquired about the numbers of students who will be articulating into elementary, Jr. H.S., H.S., They were not able to provide her with the numbers as of yet. Ellen also informed the council that the Division of Schools supports schools in developing appropriate special education programs for students who are assigned into programs. There is also a Special Education Call Center and on 8/31/09 enrollment centers will be 12 -13 opening (temporary sites) in addition to the sites already in place.

District 75 will not be working with OSEPO or DDS regarding enrollment. However the enrollment centers will take the parents information and the enrollment will be done at District 75's Main Office. Parents will have to go to the school PS45 instead of Fordham Plaza to enroll their child.

5. Vote on Proposed Name Change of P721Q to "The John F. Kennedy Jr. High School".

The proposed name change from P721Q was presented at last month's Calendar Meeting (see July meeting minutes). The recommendation was made by the Superintendent and supported by the PTA/SLT and parents of P721Q. The CCSE vote was moved to the August Calendar Meeting: Tom F. Ryan, Jr. motioned to accept the name change from P721Q to The John F. Kennedy Jr. High School, Diana Marenfeld seconded all were in favor and none opposed.

6. Review of CCSE 2009-2010 Schedule & Public Input

The CCSE requested input on topics from parents on what the council should focus on in the coming school year. The council reviewed the schedule calendar dates and locations formatted at the last working meeting. Suggestions:

- Transition Series: Elementary, JR HS, HS, Job Transition (monthly)
- Busing
- Update on Special Education

Meeting adjourned at 9pm