

# Citywide Council on Special Education

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## 11/05/08 WORKING MEETING MINUTES

The Working Calendar Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 6:00pm at 45-18 Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11101. The following people were in attendance.

### **1. Roll Call**

1. Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
2. John Englert	Present
3. Charles Henderson	Present
4. Diana Marenfeld	Present
5. Ellen McHugh	Present
6. Tom Ryan, Jr.	Present
7. Patricia Connelly	Excused
8. Gloria Gonsalves	Present

### **2. Consideration of Agenda and Time Allocations**

The time allocations as noted on the Agenda were found to be acceptable.

### **3. Appointed Timekeeper**

Charlene Carroll-Hall

### **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated 10/01/08**

The meeting minutes dated 10/01/08 was approved.

### **5. Discussion of 11/01/08 Meeting & Next Steps**

CCSE met with Merryl Tisch, Dr. Marsh Llyles, Bonnie Brown, Gary Hetch, Stuart Lender and Becky Cort. During the meeting the follow items and recommendations were presented during the meeting:

1. Professional Development for Gen. Ed. Teachers so they're able to work with children with Sp. Needs/Education.
2. Comparison between the Gifted & Talented Program and the willingness fro schools to accept them vs. children with disabilities and the unwillingness of schools to accept them.
3. Five Year Capital Plan
4. Space: Portfolio Development
5. IEP Mandates/ IEP Teams in need of more training.

6. Accountability
7. Funding for D75
8. Related Services: There are enough funds to cover mandated services vs. the shortage of personal.
9. Charter Schools/Smaller Schools: Not expected to work/accept with Sp. Ed/Needs students.
10. Emotional Distributed children being pushed into D75 Schools.
11. Alternative Assessment
12. Transition Sites
13. Parent Guide

John will reach out to Dr. Lyles regarding the meeting and request a response.

**5A.** John mentioned there will be a meeting at Tweed with the Chancellor on 11/06/08 regarding the Budget Cuts throughout the Districts and Schools.

#### **6. Reviews of Items for 11/12/08 Public Meeting**

The Public/Calendar Meeting will be held at PS: Q 721, the topic: Space Planning for D75 and the Guest Speaker: John White, Chief Operating Officer/The Office of Portfolio and Development. The council will formulate a list of questions/issues to be presented to Mr. White during the meeting.

#### **7. Assignment of Decembers Public Meeting**

December Public/Calendar meeting will be held at P169, Topic: Testing, Standardize and Alternative Assessment. John will reach out to Bonnie Brown to provide information on programs and reach out to Carol Bueras of President Council to co-host the meeting.

#### **8. Old Business**

- i. Annual Report: The Annual Report will be placed on the D75 Website.

#### **9. New Business:**

- i. Five Year Capital Plan- 2010-2014: CCSE will invite SCA: School Construction Authority to the next working meeting.
- ii. Other Business: Holiday Party, December 17<sup>th</sup> at Carmines.
- iii. Public Meeting; Diana is working on getting a guest speaker for the January Calendar Meeting.

***Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm***