

Citywide Council on Special Education

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04/01/09 WORKING MEETING MINUTES

The Working Calendar Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 6:00pm at 45-18 Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11101. The following people were in attendance.

1. Roll Call

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| ➤ Charlene Carroll-Hall | Present |
| ➤ John Englert | Present |
| ➤ Charles Henderson | Present |
| ➤ Diana Marenfeld | Excused |
| ➤ Ellen McHugh | Present |
| ➤ Tom Ryan, Jr. | Present |
| ➤ Patricia Connelly | Excused |
| ➤ 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 was appointed time keeper

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated 03/04/09

The meeting minutes dated 03/04/09 was approved.

5. Discussion on 4/22/09 Public Meeting

The Calendar Meeting the location will be moved from P176X, co-op city area in the Bronx to 811M@149M- Harlem Success Academy and the date will be changed from 4/15/ 09 to 4/22/09. The Topic: Student's in 811M possible being transition to another location; this will be their 4th move into another location. The council intends to invite Chancellor Klein and Manhattan Borough President Scott Stinger. A New Flyer will be produced for the Calendar Meeting, posted within 811M and distribute to parents in the morning by Ramona, A.A.

6. Review of Resolution on CEC's

The Resolution #009 will stand as is and will be read at the next Calendar Meeting and voted on.

7. Discussion on EPIC

EPIC Conference and Best Practices will be held at P811X (Bronx) on April 25th at 9 am to 3 pm. Council members who will be attending the conference should send an email regarding their participation for the EPIC Conference. CCSE will order carnations for the parents, CCSE will have a table, CCSE flyers and power to the parent's information (flyers and booklet) will be distributed to parents as well as other items.

John mentioned there is a Charter School Hearing at City Hall, Monday, April 6th at 12 noon (Charles will be attending) and on Monday, April 6th at 6 pm the Manhattan Borough President will be having a meeting (Gloria will be attending and Charles).

7A. Randy Lafargue, Community Liaison of the Public Advocate for the City of New York (Queens Representative) visited the council during their working meeting to receive information. John informed Mr. Lafargue he is attending the working meeting and the council has two monthly meetings (Calendar Meeting) and the council is preparing for the calendar meeting and it will be held on the 20th of April. The Public Forum is tomorrow at 79M in Manhattan and Mr. Lafargue informed the council his Manhattan counter-part will be in attendance during that meeting.

8. Update on Community Meeting with Garth Harries

Last month CCSE would try to facilitate and co-host meetings with CEC's within the five boroughs' and CCSE already had their meeting in Queens. The meeting in the Bronx for the month of April did not follow through as planned and will be moved to Manhattan. John received an email from OFEA stating that Garth Harries has delegated these meetings to be schedule by OFEA through CCSE and wanted them done by March 30th to April 16th. It came to John's attention that Melissa Harris of OFEA will be scheduling meeting for Mr. Harries and informed Kyiesha of OFEA that there seems to be in place a process for scheduling Mr. Harries meetings, contacting and scheduled by Melissa at OFEA. John asked OFEA to copy CCSE so the members can be in attendance. Mr. Harries mentioned that he wants the meetings to be small and/or smaller group of parent rep's.

9. Discussion on 5/20/09 Meeting

CCSE will present an award to Betsy Goutbaum, Public Advocate at Tweed for her dedication to special education during the Calendar Meeting. There is a consideration to invite someone from the Parent Commission during the Calendar Meeting.

10. Old Business

i. **Review/Discussion on Annual Report:**

Charles will submit a draft of recommendations that were based on what was submitted to Regent Tisch and Dr. Lyles and will present to the council members to review and add their comments.

11. New Business

i. **CEC Public Forum on 4/2/09:**

The public forum was last week and will be tomorrow, April 2, 2009. Tom mentioned the forum is based on how ever the president council for that district wanted the set up to be for the forum.

ii. **Meetings:**

Ellen attended **Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting** hosted by Linda Warnikoff the topic of the meeting was on the point of consent of Medicaid release. Ellen mentioned a form has been distributed to parents asking for them to release their Medicaid information. According to Ellen's sources there is a separate pile of money for school districts to receive funds (Children of D75 and those receiving Special Ed services).

The head of the **Career and Tech Ed schools** presented the development, status of the program; along with the future locations (1 in Queens, 2 in Manhattan, 1 in downtown Brooklyn).

John attended the **CEC Presidents Meeting** at Tweed and mentioned to Chancellor Klein NY was going to receive 8.6 Billion from the Economic Stimulus Plan. NYC will receive less than thought because the state said NYC receives Title 1 Funding. John mentioned that D75 does not have Title 1 schools and wants to ensure that D75 receives its fair share.

Ellen attended the **P.E.P Meeting** at Bklyn Tech to speak about what was happening at 811M. Other issue brought to the parent's attention: issues regarding charter schools and a school closing and moved due to construction.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm