

Citywide Council on Special Education

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10/01/08 WORKING MEETING MINUTES

The Working Calendar Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 6:00pm at Parent To Parent, 45 Morton Street, New York, NY 10014. 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. Robin Murray	Excused

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 9/10/08

The meeting minutes dated 9/10/08 was approved.

5. Preparation of Agenda for Special Ed Meeting

Merryl Tisch, Vice Chancellor of the NYS Board of Regents will meet with CCSE and NYC DOE Representatives on November 1st for a Working Session to discuss viable solutions facing Special Education, its future and roll within the NYC school system as well as the report from the Great City Schools.

Questions and suggestions presented for preparation for the upcoming meeting:

1. Who is responsible for special education?

2. Accountability for decision making regarding Special Education as well as full antinomy for policy/decisions making.
3. CCSE will send a purposed agenda to Ms. Tisch before the schedule meeting.
4. The council will submit to John by Wednesday, October 8th items to bring up for discussion.
5. 3 to 5 concerns/issues along with viable solutions will be presented at the meeting.

Wish List:

- A. Improvement for transition services.
- B. Should the DOE develop a partnership with outside agencies, (Heart share) to utilize there services, i.e. counseling, evaluating and/or providing services.
- C. Better training for I.E.P teams.
- D. 1 team in a collated school.
- E. Better understanding of the Continuum Services.

6. Old Business:

i. Review/Discussion on Annual Report

Charles made a motion to accept the 2006-2007 Annual Report and to discuss at a later date as to what further steps to take regarding the report Diana seconded the motion and the council agreed.

ii. Update on CCSE Retreat

The council came to the conclusion that at this time the retreat should be canceled.

iii. Discussion of CCSE Candidates

Ellen mentioned Ms. Gonsalves is interested in being part of the council, Ms. Jewett is currently part of the PTA at her child's school and didn't seem interested in relinquishing her position. Patty McGuire's application was submitted to OFEA.

7. New Business:

i. CGCS Response: Council on Great City Schools

John indicated that a letter was sent to Chancellor Klein and there has been no response to the District 75/ CCSE response to the CGCS Report from Marsha Lyles.

ii. Other

October Calendar Meeting will be held at P372K: The Children's School in Brooklyn, Topic: Related Service.

John mentioned that there is a Parent Commission Meeting on Friday and a CEC President's Meeting on Monday.

Charles mentioned we are behind on The Calendar Meeting Minutes for the month of June and September. The council will need to vote on the minutes at the next calendar meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm