



Citywide Council on Special Education

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11/12/2008 CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2008, Time: 6:30 p.m., Location: PSQ721: Queens Occupational Training Center, 57-12 94th Street, Queens, New York, (718) 760.1083

1. Call to Order

- ✓ Welcome: John Introduced the Beth Rudolph, Principal & Diana Sherron, Parent Coordinator
- ✓ Reine Sarmirnto, Hunter Graduate Student: Provide Survey to parents DLT & SLT Surveys to Fill out and return at the end of the meeting.

2. Roll Call

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| ✓ | Charlene Carroll-Hall | Present |
| ✓ | John Englert | Present |
| ✓ | Charles Henderson | Present |
| ✓ | Diana Marenfeld | Excused |
| ✓ | Ellen McHugh | Excused |
| ✓ | Tom Ryan | Present |
| ✓ | Patricia Connelly | Present |
| ✓ | Gloria Gonslves | Excused |

2. Secretary's Report – Charles Henderson

Approval of Meeting Minutes dated

- ✓ John Englert called for motion to approve 10/15/08 minutes
 - No Quorum

3. Report of the President – John Englert

President report topics included:

- C4E Funds:
- Council on Great City Schools:
- Proposed Capital Budget 2010-2014:
- Parent Commission on School Governance: Mayoral Control
- NYSED Changes Regarding IEP's Forms
 - ✓ (Please see attached President's Report)

4. Report of the Superintendent – Bonnie Brown

Topics included:

- Budget Cuts: D75 will absorb 4 million of the cuts
- Surplus Rollover to offset budget cuts (schools)
- Comprehensive Plan: Principals are in the process of preparing
- Professional Development: Focus on Autism
- Quality Review Document: New Template and Rubric Form
- Online Conference: The first on line conference is slated for January 22nd -23rd
- Related Services: Parent Coordinators and Para's will expand their knowledge on transitioning/age-out

5. Space Planning – Public Forum

- **Panelists: John White**, Chief Operating Officer, The Office of Portfolio Development

Special Education Population has increased, especially within D75. In the 2005-2009 and 2010-2014 Capital Plan how much is allocated towards the newly constructed buildings (programs) set aside for the increasing enrollment within D75.

- Demand Vs. Supply: New Construction & Reserve of seats underutilized buildings
- Capital Plans: Needs and Changes, Change- Foot Print and Inclusion Seats
- ISC:
- Space Planner: Tours the building looks at each room to maximize space and what space is being under utilized within the building.
- **Mr. White told the audience his dept is the D75 representative at space planning DOE meetings.**
- **A issue about inclusive environment was discussed, One parent expressed the need for separate but equal learning environments for spec ed. Another parent expressed the need to children in a fully inclusive environment, explaining that so many issues parents have regarding learning, socialization, tolerance, etc are all positive factors in a child's development gen ed and spec ed. Bonnie also confirmed that what most parents want is total inclusion.**

Meeting adjourned; 9pm