

# Citywide Council on Special Education

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## **02/13/2008 CALENDAR MEETING NOTES**

The Calendar Meeting Minutes of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at 6:30pm located at P79M, 55 East 120<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10035. The following people were in attendance.

### **1. Roll Call**

➤ Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
➤ John Englert	Excused
➤ Maria Garcia	Excused
➤ Charles Henderson	Present
➤ Diana Marenfeld	Excused
➤ Ellen McHugh	Excused
➤ Tom Ryan	Present
➤ Patricia Connelly	Present
➤ Robin Murray	Excused

### **2. Secretary's Report- Approval of Meeting Minutes dated 12/12/2007**

No Quorum

### **3. Presidents Report- John Englert**

Read by Tom Ryan, see attachment. Tom also read the SLT- Resolution for consideration and will be voted on at the next CCSE Calendar Meeting in March.

### **4. Superintendents Report-Bonnie Brown**

Bonnie brown, Superintendent was not in attendance. Standing in for Ms. Brown was Gary Hetch, Deputy Superintendent of District 75. Reading from a prepared statement from Ms Brown:

- The budget cuts so far did not affect D75.
- The DOE has included D75 Superintendent in the Space Planning Meetings.

- New high schools slated to open in the Bronx, Staten Island and 2 schools in Queens.
- The inclusion programs are growing and new programs are opening as the old ones are closing. Inclusion schools may not have seats in September.
- Council for “Great City Schools” instruction collaboration report will be out in February.

A member of the audience asked if there was a freeze on hiring therapist for d75 and Gary’s response was no.

**5. Inside Dyslexia: A Documentary Film, Q&A Session on Programs/Resources Available for Children with Dyslexia**

Inside Dyslexia: A Documentary, see attachment of Teaching Guide/Resources.

Guest speaker: Marjorie Bissainthe, Outreach Director, Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic program offers Learning through listening, K-12 Learning Plan Curriculum, A Digital Library for lending and ordering books and a wealth of resources for parents, students and educators.

Danielle Mowery, Outreach Associate, International Dyslexia program offers tutoring for children, training teachers and health providers in instructional methods, presenting informational outreach seminars to the community, bi-monthly workshops for parents, referral services, to name a few.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm