



# Citywide Council on Special Education

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## **10/15/2008 CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES**

The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held On Wednesday, October 15, 2008, Time: 6:30 p.m., Location: P372K: The Children's School, 512 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, New York 11215, (718) 624-5271

### **1. Call to Order**

- ✓ Welcome by the Principal: Arthur Mattia

### **2. Roll Call**

- ✓ Charlene Carroll-Hall Present
- ✓ John Englert Present
- ✓ Charles Henderson Present
- ✓ Diana Marenfeld Present
- ✓ Ellen McHugh Present
- ✓ Tom Ryan Present
- ✓ Patricia Connelly Present
- ✓ Robin Murray Present

### **3. Secretary's Report – Charles Henderson**

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes dated 09/16/08, 08/13/08**

- ✓ John Englert called for motion to approve 09/16/08 minutes
  - Charles Henderson made a motion to accept minutes
  - Pat Connelly 2<sup>nd</sup> the motionVote: Motion passed Unanimously
  
- ✓ John Englert called for motion to approve 08/13/08 minutes
  - Charles Henderson made a motion to accept minutes
  - Diana Marenfeld 2<sup>nd</sup> the motionVote: Motion passed Unanimously

### **4. Report of the President – John Englert**

President report topics included:

- A Better Capital Plan: President urged everyone to get involved with the movement. Contract of Excellence and Great City Schools Report the council is still waiting for a response from central.
- Term Limits: Public Meeting held at City Hall; Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm
- Mayoral Control:
- Parent Commission:

## **5. Report of the Superintendent – Bonnie Brown**

Topics included:

- Quality Reviews
- WEX – Writer Express Program
- Get Ready to Learn Project
- GED Programs – Getting dropouts and potential dropouts back involved with getting GED.
- EPIC
- PBIS Program
- PA Meeting: Parent Panel

## **6. Related Services – Public Forum**

- **Panelists: Helen Kaufman**, Adm. Asst. Superintendent, District 75
- **Angie Engongora**, IEP Coordinator, PS372K/The Children’s School
- **Additional panelists invited from:** Office of Special Education Services, Brooklyn Integrated Service Center (ISC), NYC Department of Education, PS372K/The Children’s School Based Support Team and Inclusion Concerns Committee

Pat welcomed parents and discussed meeting format – free form discussion

- What does speech therapy do for my child?
- Goal is to get student able to express himself. - Practice, Practice, Practice.
- What is the schools role regarding communication about related SVCS being available or not?
- What is prompt therapy?
- How does my child transition form pre-k related services to D75 related services?
- How can we increase therapy of 30 min. time limit on related service sessions?
- Why can’t related services take place after school?
- What is Push-In related services?

## **7. New Council Member**

**John Englert called for a motion to accept Gloria Gonsalves as a new member of the CCSE.**

- Ellen made a motion to accept Gloria as a new member of the CCSE.
- Tom 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Vote: Motion passed unanimously

**Meeting adjourned 9:00 pm**