

Citywide Council on Special Education

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7/11/2007 Calendar Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly Calendar meeting of the Citywide Council on Special was held on Wednesday, July 11th, 2007 at 6:30pm at the District Office located at 400 First Avenue, NY, NY. The meeting was attended by the following members:

1. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting took place prior to this meeting. The Meeting Minutes have been published and approved.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Secretary's Report - Approval of Minutes dated 06/13/2007

A motion was made by Ellen McHugh to accept June 13th 2007 minutes. Tom Ryan 2nd the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

4. President's Report - John Englert

John reported that he was extremely excited to serve on the Council for another term and was looking forward to working collaboratively with the Superintendent and President's Council. He stated that within the next few months the Council would be in the planning stages for the new term and invited any suggestions that parents may have be brought to the attention of the Council.

5. Superintendent's Report- Bonnie Brown

Currently there are no District 75 Progress Reports online. Tweed is in the process of developing parent surveys which will assist in the quality reviews. District 75 is in the process of developing a new curriculum for Alternate Assessment which should be ready by September. Lorraine Boyhan will discuss this further during her presentation. P753K has come off the Persistently Dangerous School List; however, there is concern that several schools may be added to the list before the beginning of the school year. There are approximately 3-5 new schools with the Brooklyn Transition Center being one of them. Bronx will have 4 new Agency Sites and District 75 will open up a new Transition Center.

Chapter 683 Program is underway. There is no funding allowed for absent teachers. The District tries to make provisions to have subs available in the event they're required.

6. Discussion with Lorraine Boyhan - Director of Curriculum/Accountability, NYCDOE, District 75

Lorraine reported that 12:1:4 program improvements are almost ready to be rolled out. The framework will be on CD and should be available by the end of July for School Administrators. There will be class programs in Literacy, Math, Health, Safety and CDOS: students in real life lessons. CDOS is functional life skills and how we are dealing with the child's needs in real life. This will be taught to the following age groups: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

Lorraine reiterated that Progress Reports are not in place yet for Accountability within District 75. The District was looking into what instructional tools need to be addressed. The following measures were discussed:

- a. Brigance to be used for Alternate Assessment
- b. Computerized Adaptive testing may be utilized to measure benchmark academics - NY state is considering allowing this.
- c. Finalized ELL Instructor
- d. Professional development which entails sending a school team rather than just a teacher. A professional development model will follow the teacher afterwards.

Lorraine reported that the DCEP is currently being worked on and Appendices will be updated. A big revision is anticipated in the Fall.

Contracts for Excellence: nothing received yet on tasks or extended school day

Ilisa Sulner spoke about Alternate Assessment and explained new adaptive development technologies which is a tool to help teachers know where to move forward for each student. This will be done three (3) times a year and they are considering 12 pilot schools for this program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm