



Citywide District 75 Council

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5/18/2011 CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Tweed Courthouse Building, 52 Chambers Street, Manhattan, NY.

1. Roll Call

Able Alagbe , 2 nd VP; Queens Representative	Excused
Charlene Carroll-Hall , 1 st VP; Queens Representative	Present
Gloria Gonsalves , Council Member; Manhattan Representative	Present
Diana Marenfeld , Council Member; Brooklyn Representative	Present
Tom Ryan, Jr. , President; Queens Representative	Present
Joe Williams , Public Advocate Appointee; Queens Representative	Present
Dixon Destuch , Public Advocate Appointee; Manhattan Representative	Present
Gloria Smith , Council Member; Brooklyn Representative	Present
Berangere Pierre-Louis , Council Member; Brooklyn Representative	Present
Jeff Stimpson , Council Member; Manhattan Representative	Absent

2. Secretary's Report: Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 16th & April 27th

A motion to accept the meeting minutes dated February 16, 2011 was made by Tom Ryan, Diana Marenfeld motion to accept the meeting minutes, Charlene Carroll-Hall second and all were in favor. A motion to accept the meeting minutes dated April 27, 2011 was made by Tom Ryan, Charlene Carroll-Hall motion to accept the meeting minutes, Jackie Pierre-Louis second and all were in favor.

3. Report of the President

The EPIC Conference took place last Saturday; the Citywide District 75 Council had a table of council information during the conference. The event was a great success and the council would like to thank Gary and the D75 Staff for their hard work in organizing such a wonderful event.

The CEC Elections are back on, the parent advisory board is taking place this week and that is including the CD75C. For more information you can go to Power to the Parents.org.

The council is participating at the Autism Speaks Walk taking place this coming Sunday. We would like for the D75 School community to walk under the D75 council's banner as a form of solidarity. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Jackie, council member for organizing the walk. If you would like to receive more information or sign-up with

the council please see Jackie after the meeting.

Budget Cuts, were still waiting to hear about how the budget cuts will affect district 75 (teacher layoff and cut backs). When we receive information regarding the cuts we will inform you.

Busing Survey we will be releasing the Preliminary findings tonight and it will be presented by Diana Marenfeld. We want to extend a very special thank you to Diana for implementing the survey. It was a huge undertaking and we want to thank Dixon as well for his help with the survey.

4. Report of the Superintendent

We had the EPIC Conference on Saturday. I want to thank everyone and it was a huge success we had over 500 parents, students, and school staff attend. One of the nicest things when I received an email from Jackie, council member as the students were speaking on the panel someone required a tissue because they were so moved.

During the Fair we had the best speakers on the panel, what better way to engage the audience than to have the parents and students on the panel telling their personal experience. I want thank the council for participating and attending and a special thank you to Sacha Ingles, District 75 Superintendents office for planning and executing a wonder Fair.

Today was the first opportunity for district 75 to participate in their first on line webinar for the school leadership team. Every year it's mandated that the leadership team participate in two hour training. Because we have collated buildings it was suggested by D75 that we have a webinar training. Parents can watch the training from home, receive information and also have access to the archives. OFIA agreed to our suggestion and looked at what was formatted by D75 and are implementing our suggestion throughout the NYC school system.

I met with the Chancellor Dennis Walcott and he understands the complexities and challenges of District 75. I think it would be a great idea if the council would meet with Chancellor Walcott and provide him with your suggestion regarding D75.

5. Resolutions # 17,18, 19 and #20

- Tom Ryan read Resoulution#17: Shared Space at P369K@P67K and made a motion to accept Resolution #17. Gloria Smith motion to accept #17, Diana Marenfeld second the motion and all were in favor.
- Tom Ryan read Resolution# 18: Unnecessay Budget Cuts & Teacher Lay-Offs and made a motion to accept Resolution #18. Joe Williams motion to accept #18, Diana Marenfeld second the motion and all were in favor.
- Tom Ryan read Resolution# 19; Citywide District 75 Council 2010-2011 Fiscal Budget and made a motion to accept Resolution # 19. Gloria Smith made a motion to accept Resolution# 19, Charlene Carroll-Hall second the motion and all were in favor.
- Tom Ryan read Resolution # 20: Revision of New York State Law to Require Charter Schools Pay Fair Market-Value Rent to the Department of Education for Utilization of Public School Facilities. Jackie Pierre –Louis motion to accept #20, Joe Williams second the motion and all were in favor.

6. Amended of the Citywide District 75 Council By-laws

Tom Ryan informed the public the By-laws are revised to reflect the changes within the Executive Board members. The council will have Co-Presidents Vs. one President representing the council; one Vice President Vs. 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents representing the council. Tom Ryan made a motion to accept the revisions within the Citywide District 75 Council by-laws, Diana Marenfeld motion to accept the amended by-laws, Dixon Deutsch second and all were in favor.

7. Preliminary Reading of the Findings of the Citywide District 75 Council Busing Survey

Diana presented the Preliminary findings to the parents, she mentioned Brooklyn and queens had the largest response to the survey followed by the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island.

The Calendar Meeting Concluded at 9:00 pm