

Citywide District 75 Council

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WORKING MEETING MINUTES

The Working Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held on Wednesday, December 1, 2010 at 6:00pm at 45-18 Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11101. The following people were in attendance.

1. Roll Call

➤ Thomas F. Ryan, Jr., President	Present
➤ Able Alagbe, 2 nd Vice President	Absent
➤ Charlene Carroll-Hall, 1 st Vice President	Present
➤ Jessica Santos, Secretary	Present
➤ Gloria Gonsalves, Council Member	Present
➤ Diana Marenfeld, Council Member	Excused
➤ Joseph Williams, Public Advocate Appointee	Present
➤ Dixon Deutsch, Public Advocate Appointee	Excused
➤ Gloria Smith, Council Member	Absent

2. Consideration of Agenda and Time Allocations

The time and allocations as note on the agenda were found to be acceptable.

3. Appointed Timekeeper

Charlene Carroll-Hall is the appointed time keeper.

4. Approval of Working Meeting Minutes dated November 3, 2010

No Quorum, meeting minutes will be approved at the December 15th Calendar Meeting.

5. Old Business

i. CD75C Calendar Meeting Schedule

Diana Marenfeld asked for the Administrative Assitant to inform the council of the Scheduled Guest speakers and topic for the December 15th Calendar Meeting at 721Q. The guest speakers are:

- Leonie Haimson of Class Size Matters
- Margaret Howell, Queens Community College Financial Aide
- Busing Forum (Part 1)Parents Concerns with OPT

ii. **Follow Up with Busing Survey**

The council members were asked to bring five questions prior to the working meeting to add to the Busing Survey for the parents of D75. The council would like correlate information from parents about what is happening and what they are experiencing with OPT. Once the survey has been formatted it will be distribute to the parents of D75 and presented to OPT during the councils Calendar Meeting, providing OPT with the final report.

iii. **Follow Up with OPT Pamphlet**

Diana Marenfeld and Joe Williams, Council Members will meet with Matthew Berlin, OPT on December 14th at the District Office. They will review and make changes to the Pamphlet so it can be provided to the parents.

iv. **12/8 Holiday Dinner**

Charlene Carroll-Hall will make arrangements and send out the invitations for the Holiday Dinner for the council.

v. **Awards for John Englert & Charles Henderson**

The Adminstratvie Assitant will order the plaques the council agreed upon for John and Charles to thank them for their year's services with D75 council.

iv. **Upcoming Changes in Space Utilization Hearings**

Tom Ryan, Jr. mentioned that he will be in attendance at the hearing on December 8th at P139, located at Rego Park, Queens.

6. **New Business**

i. **Review & Vote on Resolution of Appointment of New Chancellor**

Tom mentioned to review and vote on the Resolution of the appointed of the new chancellor, Cathleen Black seems futile since Ms. Black was granted the waiver. Jessica Santos brought to the attention of the council that a law suit is pending in the removal of Ms. Black and the council decided to wait for the out come of the pending lawsuit to see what can be done, if any.

ii. **Purpose Special Education Cuts**

Jessica Santos mentioned the federal guidelines mandates were lowered and class sizes were increased (.i.e. speech therapy). Tom would like to invite Laura Rodriquez to the Feb 16th Calendar Meeting to provided information to any cuts to special education as well as follow through with mandates and school reform. The council would like to invite someone from the Regents to also come out and inform the parents if there are going to be any cuts to special education programs in the near future.

iii. **Review Application for Vacancy Seats**

The council met with Candidate Applicant Berangere (Jackie) Pierre-Louis for the open seat on the CD75C. The council was informed the legal department of the DOE approved her application. She informed the members her reasons for applying to the CD75C and provided her volunteer history within the DOE. After the interview process was completed the council Tom made a motion to accept Ms. Pierre-Louis as a council member and to vote on a Resolution # 14. Joe Williams seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm