

# Citywide District 75 Council

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## WORKING MEETING MINUTES

The Working Calendar Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 6:00pm at 45-18 Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11101. The following people were in attendance.

### **1. Roll Call**

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| ➤ Thomas F. Ryan, Jr., President                        | Present |
| ➤ Able Alagbe, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President           | Present |
| ➤ Charlene Carroll-Hall, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Absent  |
| ➤ Jessica Santos, Secretary                             | Present |
| ➤ Gloria Gonsalves, Council Member                      | Present |
| ➤ Diana Marenfeld, Council Member                       | Excused |
| ➤ Tywana B. Sharper, Council Member                     | Absent  |
| ➤ Joseph Williams, Public Advocate Appointee            | Present |

### **2. Filling the Officer of Secretary Vacancy**

Tom Ryan opened the floor for nominations for Secretary, Joe Williams nominated Jessica Santos, Gloria Gonsalves second all approved. Jessica Santos accepted and will be voted on during the August Calendar Meeting.

### **3. Consideration of Agenda and Time Allocations**

The time allocations as noted on the Agenda were found to be acceptable.

#### **1. Appointed Timekeeper**

Ramona Garcia, Administrative Assistant is the appointed time keeper.

#### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes dated June & July 2010**

Tom Ryan made a motion to accept the 6/2 and 7/7 working Meeting Minutes; Joe Williams motioned to accept the minutes, Gloria Gonsalves second and all approved.

### **3. Update on Girls Prep./P94/P188**

Tom Ryan mentioned the ruling from the Stated Education that on August 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner David Steiner, ordered the DOE to halt the expansion Girls Prep which shares space with P94 & P188. The commissioner concluded that the DOE had failed to assess the impact of the expansion. The DOE would have displaced the children of D75 at P94. Tom also reached out to Gary Hecht; Superintendent of D75 to find out what is the next stage after the ruling. Gary will attend the August Calendar Meeting to explain the future Plans of District 75 as well as P94. Jessica Santos, parent of P94 mentioned that the New York City Schools Chancellor's decision will be to use his "emergency powers" in order to bypass the August 2<sup>nd</sup> ruling.

### **4. Old Business**

#### **i. CCSE Calendar Meeting Schedule**

The council reviewed the yearly calendar, and Tom will reach out to Matt Berlin, OPT to speak during the September Calendar Meeting at Tweed Courthouse.

#### **ii. By-Laws**

Tom submitted the recommendations to the Annual Report for the council to review, amendments to the By-law will be made and presented and voted on during the August Calendar Meeting.

#### **iii. Update on Annual Report**

Charles will submit his Completed Report in September.

### **8. New Business**

Review of the follow items:

- Citywide District 75 Council Parent and School Packet.
- The New NYS Access Pass Guidelines
- Breaking Down Barriers: An Evaluations of Parent Engagement in School Closures and Co-Locations
- Federal Government on ELL Services
- 2010 Test Scores
- NYS Disability History Day- October 18<sup>th</sup>

***Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm***