

Community Education Council for District 75

CALENDAR MINUTES

[NOVEMBER 20, 2013]

[6:30-9:00PM]

[45-18 COURT SQUARE, L.I.C., NY]

MEETING CALLED BY	Gloria Corsino , President
TYPE OF MEETING	Calendar Meeting
FACILITATOR	Gloria Corsino , President
ROLL CALL & NOTE TAKER	Celia Green , Recording Secretary
TIMEKEEPER	Aliya Rasool , Public Advocate Appointee
ATTENDEES	Gloria Smith , 1 st Vice-President , Audrey Dunlap , Treasurer, Able Alagbe -Council Member, Wanda Scott -Council Member
ABSENT/EXCUSED	Valerie Williams , 2 nd Vice-President -Excused, Rebecca Green , Council Member-Excused, Jackie Pierre Louis -Excused
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of August 7, 2013, September 4, 2013 and October 2, 2013 APPROVED as written

As there was no objection to the content of the minutes as submitted, the minutes of August 7th, September 4th, and October 2, 2013 were accepted general & unanimous consent of the council.

Agenda Topics

[PRESIDENTS REPORT: GLORIA CORSINO]

Welcome to the Community Education Council for District 75 November 20th Calendar Meeting. During tonight's public forum we have invited Gerome Quinn, Commanding Officer from the Bronx East Command and Helen Kaufman, Admin. Assist. Superintendent Clinical & Support for District 75. We also met the Director of Translations in order to gain a better understanding of their division. In hopes of resolving concerns regarding the translation of the IEP into different languages and also providing parents with translators during the IEP process. We have decided to take a different approach in addressing our concerns regarding translations of the IEP. We also would like to welcome Barbara Joseph, Deputy Superintendent of Dist. 75. Mr. Hecht unfortunately is under the weather and we wish him a speedy recovery. The Division of Family & Community engagement held a continuation of the Parent Leaders workshop at Hostos Community College in the Bronx. As always it served to better educate those parent leaders on their responsibilities as President's, Secretaries and Treasures. I'm delighted to congratulate Mayor elect Bill De Blasio on his election victory. He is the hope of all parents in the DOE but more importantly in D75. Our 12 years of disappointment is soon coming to an end.

[SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: GARY HECHT]

Barbra Joseph, Deputy Superintendent for District 75 presented the Superintendent's Report on behalf of Gary Hecht. Ms. Joseph informed the council that the District is in discussion with school safety in planning to do extensive training with all safety agents across the city to have a deeper understanding with students with special needs. They are working to create a safe environment, all students are known and understood within in the building, the plan is working on it with SSA Office to have ready by December and it will be a massive training. D75 stress to share what is appropriate with school safety to identify who are wonders and potential high risk students. Also it's important to have conversations with parents whose children are new a school to provide the students characteristics and other information thus allowing the school staff and school safety to be aware.

Ms. Joseph, mentioned the following items for District 75: Roll-Out New Teachers Evaluation, Professional Development, Teachers Conferences, Parent Engagement Events for December and working with IVR: Institute for Basic Research in Staten Island. As the numbers continue to grow the District 75 hiring new related service providers. The schools is in talks with DOE to have school building within the Bronx, Elementary schools/programs located at P340M, P290Q, P316Q, PS/IS1771 for the 2015 school year- IS437X and a High School located in Manhattan with 8 classes.

[GEROME QUINN, COMMANDING OFFICER, BRONX EAST COMMAND]

[HELEN KAUFMAN, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, CLINICAL & SUPPORT SERVICE, D75]

Gerome Quinn-See attached Presentation – Officer Quinn reached to the CD75C to have a dialogue regarding what are the needs of special needs students, safety within schools and suggested trainings that school safety agents should have when dealing with students with disabilities. Mr. Quinn’s presentation focused on the protocols that are in place with DOE and NYPD.

Helen Kaufman-See attached Presentation

Parent Training and Counseling: parent training is part of the IEP. It’s under related services but it doesn’t function in the same way that related services does. It’s not necessarily goal written. The intent behind parent training and counseling it comes from the State Education Department. Parents should know what their children are learning and what the IEP are constructive to achieve. If the classroom teacher is working on skills you as the parent should know what those skills are and you should be prepared to implement those skills within the home.

Note: Ms. Kauffman mentioned she has 2000 related staff providers for District 75

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNCIL	NYC DOE CEC Disclosure Forms: Gloria Corsino, Aliya Rasool and Celia Green NYC DOE CEC Personal Expense Summary Form & Request for Reimbursement: Wanda Scott- Oct. & Nov 2013, Gloria Smith- Nov. 2013, Audrey Dunlap- Oct. & Nov. 2013	
RESOLUTIONS	MOTION MADE	VOICE –VOTE TALLY
CEC D75 By-Laws	Gloria Corsino Gloria Smith, Seconded	6– Yes 1-Abstained Passed
Resolution #2 Addressing Appropriate Space and Co-Location	Gloria Corsino	6-Yes Passed
ADJOURMENT	9:00pm	
CALNOV13	Submitted by Ramona Garcia, Administrative Assistant, CEC D75	