

Community Education Council for District 75

CALENDAR MINUTES

[SEPTEMBER 18, 2013]

[6:30-9:00PM]

[P811M@149M, 34 WEST 118TH STREET,
NY, 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, Valerie Williams , 2 nd Vice-President, Audrey Dunlap , Treasurer, Able Alagbe , Council Member, Wanda Scott , Council Member
ABSENT/EXCUSED	Rebecca Green , Council Member-Excused, Jackie Pierre Louis , Council Member-Excused
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Tabled

Agenda Topics

PRESIDENTS REPORT: GLORIA CORSINO

Good evening welcome to the September Calendar Meeting for the Citywide District 75 Council. My name is Gloria Corsino, I was elected as the President for the CD75 and I would like to introduce our returning and new council members to you. The council's Executive Board members are First VP Gloria Smith, Second VP, Valerie Williams, Treasurer, Audrey Dunlap and Secretary, Celia Green. Council members are Jackie Pierre-Louis, Rebecca Green, Able Alagbe, Wanda Scott and Aliya Rasool, Public Advocate Appointee.

The council members are focused on working hard for the improvement of our children's education.

There are many concerns we will need to continue to address such as:

- Co-locations
- Lack of Space
- Related Services
- Charter Schools
- DOE Transparency and Notification in a timely manner.
- Busing

Our council has represented parents within District 75 first as the Citywide Council on Special Education and when the laws changed July 1, 2010 the parents of District 75 wrote letters and signed petitions to ensure that their children had a unified voice that would continue to represent District 75.

We have fought for the parents when it came to their child's IEP; Busing, supported Principals, the superintendent and addresses any other concerns that have come to our attention.

We will continue to work at partnering with and building a relationship with outside community based organizations, all CEC's as well as continuing to gain the respect and support of the parents and most important be the voice for the children of District 75.

During tonight's meeting we have invited Gary Hecht, superintendent of District 75, Jesse Mojica; Executive Director for Family and Community Engagement. Ms. Maria Bautista, Campaign Coordinator, The Alliance for Quality Education and Ms. Betty Zohar, Parent and Community Liaison-Brooklyn, UFT.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: GARY HECHT

Mr. Hecht welcomed the council back and was enthusiastic to start off a new school year. The district is ready to support the goals for the council and to focus on student achievement. Gary mentioned it’s going to be a challenging year for the district staff, teachers and administrators. In addition there is continued challenges and issues parents face; OPT-Busing, Related Services. Regarding co-locations we hope the district can work together with the council so there is one unified voice. When issues surface as a collective group we can come up with a solution. Gary informed the council there will be transparency with the council.

Gary mentioned New Programs in District 75 located borough wide in state of the art buildings:

- 231 called 331 located in Sunset Park, BKLYN
- 369 at 133 located in Park Slope, BKLYN
- 94M at 281 and 51, located in Manhattan- East and West Side
- 277 at HS 404 and key 78, located in Long Island City
- Six new additional sites located in existing buildings: 771 at P66 located in East NY

PARENT ENGAGEMENT AND EVENTS: JESSE MOJICA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

UNDERSTANDING CO-LOCATIONS; HOW THE DOE DECIDED ON SPACE & PLACING SCHOOLS IN A BUILDING; MARIA BAUTISTA, CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR, THE ALLIANCE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION AND BETTY ZOHAR, PARENT AND COMMUNITY LIAISON-BROOKLYN, UFT

Jesse Mojica, Executive Director, of Family and Community Engagement: Mr. Mojica provided the council and attendees on the day to day functions at FACE and they’re department primarily advocates and assist parents. Work with, train and assist the CEC’s and Citywide Council. Mr. Mojica mentioned past events and how CD75 co-host an event with his department. He also provided the council with his department’s objectives and future endeavors for the 2013-2014 school year.

Maria Bautista, Campaign Coordinator, The Alliance for Quality Education & Betty Zohar, Parent & Community Liaison, Brooklyn UFT: Both organizations are a cataloes that helps mobilize communities, keep them informed of policies, procedures that affect students within the board of education. They have legislative and policy expertise and are associated with grassroots organizations that are focused on a high quality education for all within the NYC Public School System.

ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE COUNCIL		
RESOLUTIONS	MOTION MADE	VOICE –VOTE TALLY

ADJOURNMENT	8:30pm
CALSEP13	Submitted by Ramona Garcia, Administrative Assistant, CEC D75