



Citywide Council on Special Education

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3/10/2010 CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at P138M@ J47: American Sign Language & English School, 225 East 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010

1. Roll Call

Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
John Englert	Present
Charles Henderson	Present
Diana Marenfeld	Excused
Ellen McHugh	Excused
Tom Ryan	Present
Able Alagbe	Present
Gloria Gonsalves	Present

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes Dated 2/24/10

Meeting minutes for 2/24/2010 Tom made a motion for approval of meeting minutes with corrections, Charles second and all council members approved.

3. Report of the President – John Englert

There are a few items to report on:

- a) Chancellor's Regulation D-150 has been issued and will be voted on at this month's PEP Meeting. The Regulations call for a Citywide District 75 Council. In essence, the current CCSE will become the Citywide District 75 Council effective July 1, 2010. Once again, we'd like to thank everyone who provided comment as our combined voices made a difference.
- b) Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization

In the past two (2) months, many hearings have taken place throughout the City regarding District 75 programs and schools being displaced to make way for Charter Schools or general ed enrollment without following the

process of consulting the parents of the children being effected.

a. Girls Prep Charter School – Middle School Grade Expansion by Phasing out the P94@P188 District 75 Program

- o Meetings are still taking place deciding on the footprint for the schools and the construction that needs to take place.

b. Harlem Success Academy II (HSA II) at the expense of PS 138M@M030

- o Though no meetings have taken place regarding the use of the building, we understand that HSA II will have no impact on the space allocation of the District 75 programs because the building is underutilized. In other words, District 75 shall function as it does today in this building with no noticeable difference.

- o District 75 and P138 will be part of the planning process of the new shared use facility/space agreement once the proposal is approved.

- c. Tuesday, March 9th at Q072** - Re-siting of York Early College in District 28. This school will be moving out of Q072 where a D75 program is located and into Q008 where JHS 8 is located. There are no plans at this time for the use of the space in the building and this will not impact the D75 program in the building because the school is moving out.

- d. Monday, March 15th at the James Monroe High School Annex**, 1551 East 172nd Street in CSD 12, starting at 6pm (site for P.S. 721X – the Stephen McSweeney School).

- e. Monday, March 15th Co-location of Carl C. Icahn Charter School in the James Monroe High School Annex.** This charter school was sited in the annex for one year. The Charter's private space is not ready for 2010 and the proposal is for them to remain in the building one additional year. The Cinema School and Mott Hall V are still phasing in so there will be space for them to remain an additional year. The D75 program in the building has self contained space and the space will not be impacted by this continued co-location.

- f. P138@P33.** As you are aware this proposal has been withdrawn and the DOE is proposing to move Clinton to M047. However, in order to do this, hearings will need to take place as P138@M047. Without the proper hearings and space planning, this proposal cannot be put to vote.

- g. Monday, April 12th** at P.S. 140, 916 Eagle Avenue, in CSD 8, starting at 5pm (proposed site for P 186X Walter Damrosch School). D75 program in X840. This is a proposal for new space for D75 in the Bronx where we know there is a serious need.

- h. Tuesday, April 13th** at Q695 Queens Gateway Grade Reconfiguration. This is a proposal for Queens Gateway to expand from a 7-12 school to a 6-12 school. While there is no D75 program currently located with the school

Gateway will be moving into a new building for September 2010 and the new building has 72 seats for a D75 program. The grade expansion will not impact the space allocated for D75 in the new building and there is not currently a program assigned to the building.

- i. **Wednesday, April 14th** at P.S. 134, 1330 Bristow Street in CSD 12, starting at 5pm (proposed site for X352 The Vida Bogart School for All Children). D75 program in X834. This is a proposal for new space for D75 in the Bronx where we know there is a serious need.

It is imperative that as many parents as possible become active, write to your elected officials and show up to the hearings that effect D75 programs within your community.

4. Report of the Superintendent – Bonnie Brown

D75 has been invited to attend the hearings/meetings regarding the changes/moving of schools. There isn't any change in D75 even though we were invited to attend and have representatives present.

D75 will have for the coming school year (March) two new mini campuses servicing elementary students in the Bronx 140x (4 classrooms and multi-purpose room) and 134x (10 classrooms). Schools located in Queens (Dist 28), D75 will have sites at Gateway H.S. (72 Seats) and Metropolitan H.S. (215 seats).

District 75 will produce their own High School Directory (available after March 25th). This will provide parents and students, just like in the gen. ed. population a chance to choose the school/program site list of H.S. they would like to attend.

H.S. students that are not college bound and are in vocational program working within community based sites; the job coordinator when the student has a job with an employer, the parent may not allow the student to accept because of the travel distance. D75 has purpose changes within the vocational program:

- 1) To look for work-site not near the school (Possibly closer to their home).
- 2) Instead of having students wait on a school bus for 45 min. to an hour to have attendance taken and then head to work. D75 is working with OPT to identify the students, thus allowing for them to go straight to work from home.
- 3) Ms. Brown has mandated that any H.S. student that are going to a work site on a yellow bus after the first term will have to go with their job coach on public transportation.

Ms. Brown went on to thank the parents for their emails, phone, thank you calls in support and I appreciate it so much. She mentioned that it was the parents of 138M at who stood up for the school and their children, it was mind boggling. You turned the tied, with a small group of committed people who reached out and didn't stop. The out come was the DOE/PEP changed their mind and 138M will not have to share their space.

Pat Jewett, PTA President of 138M, her daughter Ahjaah (who performed by signing a song to Ms. Brown), Mirandy Rodriguez-Brown, Parent Response Team, Elizabeth, Parent Response Team, thanked Ms. Brown for her support and presented her with flowers.

5. Navigating through the Medicaid Service Coordinator Supervisor from Center for Family Support

Yolanda Wallace, Center for Family Support, Medicaid Service Coordinator Supervisor

The Center for Family Support (CFS) is a not-for-profit human service agency that provides individualized support services and programs for individuals living with developmental and related disabilities, and for the families that care for them at home.

Ms. Wallace provided information on the steps as to how to apply and received Medicaid Service Coordination through the Center for Family Support. (Please see attachments)

Meeting adjourned at 9pm