Citywide Education Council

CEC District 75 Special Education

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MINUTES
CALENDAR MEETING

The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, **March 20, 2013** at 6:00 pm at Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street, NYC. The following people were in attendance.

*Note: Mr. Williams, President called the calendar meeting to order.
Call to Order at 6:35 PM the Calendar Agenda

1. **Roll Call**

Able Alagbe	Excused
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Gloria Corsino	Excused
Maureen Dantzler	Present
Diamaris Magarin	Present
Jackie Pierre-Louis	Present
Gloria Ann Smith	Present
Joseph Williams	Present
Aliya Rasool	Present

2. **Appointment of Time Keeper:**
Diamaris Magarin followed by Charlene Carroll-Hall

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
Joe Williams called a motion to accept the February 27, 2013 Calendar Meeting Minutes, Charlene Carroll-Hall motioned to accept the minutes, Jackie Pierre-Louis, second and all were in favor.

4. **Report of the President**
Good evening!

I would like to welcome you to the March Calendar Meeting for the Citywide District 75 Council.

I would like to remind the parents the importance of Becoming a Parent Leader and apply for the open seats on the Community Education Council. March 27th is the deadline and we have post cards provided by FACE as well as applications on the table.

District 75 will host a Parent Workshop called Behavior and positive Discipline In special Needs Children Tuesday, March 26th at 10 am in the Bronx

District 75 Annual EPIC Parent Conference and Best Practices Fair is Saturday April 27th at 8 am and will be held in Brooklyn. The flyers are on the table for you to review.

This evenings meeting was co-sponsored by the Citywide District 75 Council and the Citywide Council on Special Education. I would like to introduce the members John Englert and Jaye Baye, Co-Presidents and Ellen McHugh, public Advocate Appointee of CCSE.

November 28th at Tweed the CD75 Council hosted a Public Forum regarding Police Procedures When Dealing with Individual's with Special Needs.

We promised to host another event focusing on Emergency Response Procedures When Dealing with Individuals with Special Needs. We invited NY Police Department Inspector Raul Pintos of the Office of Community Affairs Bureau, FDNY/EMS Lt. John Errico of Fire and Safety Education Unit and Captain John Ryan and LT. Gary Miller of FDNY EMS Academy.

Before we start the meeting please turn off your cell phones or put them on vibrate.

5. **Report of the Superintendent**

Gary Hecht, Superintendent of District 75 welcomed the attendees. Gary met with the Chancellor who agreed that the number of schools should increase at district 75. There will be 59 schools in September, in Queens, NY a school will open k-9 and in District 30 there will be two new buildings (Schools k-9 and 6-12). In the future Gary will meet with Portfolio and the Chancellor to increase the number of schools in Dist. 75.

In September the district is opening a school Dist.31 PS71R@P373, 2 programs in Manhattan at East 35th Street and West 34th Street, a school in Brooklyn @ 4th Ave and 78th Street.

These past months we had our second Saturday workshop (February and March) for parents. It's a great opportunity for parents to engage with their children, activities for parents that share in the same experiences. We will have another parent's academy in May and we encourage parents to attend and participate.

Gary wished everyone a happy holiday and wished everyone the best.

6. **Inspector Raul Pintos, NYPD The Office of Community Affairs Bureau**

Inspector Pintos presented NYPD's procedures and protocols with people with disabilities. Entry level recruits training manual student guide and talks about ADA: American Disability Acts affect police/law enforcement. The manual provides sections on complaints received from someone with a disability and getting witness. Arresting a person with a disability, telephone emergencies and providing emergency medical services with EMS. They receive a full introduction of the American Disabilities Acts and then they have scenarios on how to work with a person who is hearing and visible impaired and with HIV as well as transporting those with disabilities and service animals.
They have a large numbers of dealing with missing persons in general. Once they receive a call and they are informed it's a person with disabilities specific questions are asked along with following through. NYPD has received calls on what they consider wondering types who have Alzheimer's or Autism. In the case of Alzheimer's the question asked is what was their previous (daily) travel/routine was?
We have introduced to the officers in training people who have and show no fear, the lack of or no eye contact, how you talk to them and they run off.
Inspector Pintos spoke on his training as a first time recruit and how he was trained in responding to a person who went into a diabetic shock. The person in shock may exhibit a person who is drunk with slur speech or blood shot eyes. Not to assume what you may think is the obvious and because of his training he kept the information he was able to differentiate between the two.

7. **LT. John Errico, FDNY/EMS: Fire and Safety Education Unit**

Lt. Errico informed the attendees the importance of having a working smoke alarm in the home. To check and change the batteries twice a year and have it placed in an open area for optimum effect.
He mentioned the technology is getting better there are smoke detectors with five–ten year batteries and lithium batteries that need changing twice a year. Technology has improved to include a device for the hearing impaired. There is a smoked detector that is called a life tone unit, with a vibrating pad that work in conjunction with the smoke detector it coordinates with the device that is placed at the bed side. Regarding disabilities everyone's capability and abilities are different it's hard to designate one set rule with mobility and disabilities. A person with limited mobility living in a house the best rule for expedient departure during a fire is their bedroom location is one the first floor. When you inform the 911 operator that there is a person with disabilities in a specific location

within that home/building we are notified at the station house and on route of the location to search for that person. Keep items close to you at night such as your glasses, hearing aid and cell phone. If there is a fire and you're not able to depart close the door put a towel or an item under the door to block the smoke from coming in and open the window. Stand near the window and wave something out the window. This will allow for us to see and get you.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm