



CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

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CEC District 75
Special Education

MINUTES WORKING & CALENDAR MEETING

The Working & Calendar Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, **December 7, 2011** at 6:00 pm at 721Q: John F. Kennedy, Jr., 57-12 94th Street, Elmhurst, Queens. The following people were in attendance.

Calendar Meeting:

*Note: Mr. Williams, President called the Calendar Meeting to order.

Call to Order at 6:30 PM the Calendar Agenda

1. Roll Call

Able Alagbe	Absent
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Maureen Dantzler	Present
Allison Bridges-Matthews	Absent
Diamaris Magarin	Present
Gloria Ann Smith	Present
Alicia Valeus	Present
Joseph Williams	Present

2. Report of the Secretary: Approval of Meeting Minutes- Allison Bridges-Matthews

Allison Bridges Matthews was absent; Joe Williams made a motion to call to order to accept the following working and calendar meeting minutes:

Gloria Smith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for September 21st, Charlene second the motion and all council members approved. Gloria Smith made a motion to accept the meeting minutes dated October 19th, Joe Williams second the motion and all council members approved. Gloria Smith made a motion to accept the November 2nd working meeting minutes, Diamaris Magarin second the motion and all council members approved. Gloria Smith made a motion to accept the November 16th meeting minutes, Maureen second the motion and all council members accepted. The approval of the calendar and working meeting minutes were approved.

3. Vote: Resolution # 21: Filling A Vacancy

Tabled

4. Report of the President: Joe Williams

- 1) One of the council's top priority for the school year 2011-2012 was to develop a working relationship with the Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT) for the purpose of resolving busing complaints. The outcome of this relationship can be seen in the positive results in the way that busing issues are currently handled. Issues that previously took days or weeks to resolve are now being addressed in a timely fashion, within one day and in some cases hours.
- 2) In conjunction with the district Office and the Presidents' Council, the council has helped establish PTA's in schools in all five boroughs attending SLT's, PTA's and other PA organizations.
- 3) In September the council embraced the chancellor's initiative to engage parents and encourage broader involvement in school activities and worked very closely with the superintendent in clearing up a lot of misinformation about cuts in related services.
- 4) The council has worked tirelessly to help spread the word about the fantastic work that is being done with District 75 both in the political arena and the entertainment field.

- 5) Going forth, the council is looking forward to increasing its respectability and dedication. The council is also looking for true partnership with the (DOE) by recognizing and respecting the effort and ability the members bring to the education community.

5. Report of the Superintendent: Gary Hecht

Mr. Kettler Louissaint, Network Leader, District 75 represented for Mr. Hecht, Superintendent at the calendar meeting. Mr. Louissaint informed the council and parents that the district has been working tirelessly to ensure when a student leaves us we want to ensure that they left with the full support of the school community. We know our job is primarily fostering independence within the students so when they move on from a school setting we know they have to enter the work force and the school of daily life. We know that some of the support we provided within the school will not be there when they leave. It is important while they are within the school setting that they receive support and students are entitled to such as; access to technology, assisted communication and so forth. As a district under the leadership of Mr. Hecht, we are trying our very best in this time of budget cuts to ensure that our schools are not affected. The district has absorbed the cuts to ensure that it will not impede on the students, schools and that all the resources that your children will need are available for them. We continue to work very hard to ensure that your children receive the latest assessment instructional practices. Within my network; we have a special initiative were we look at teacher's effectiveness in the classroom and put priority on their effectiveness with teaching the student(s). We believe you have to be the best you can be when you're teaching within the classroom. We within the district want to continue to evaluate our work as whole to ensure that we stay ahead of the curve.

6. Special Holiday Performances from GLR Dance Studio, Inc.

Charlene Carroll-Hall, council member volunteers her time working with the dance trope of GRL Dance Studio. Ms. Hall organized the holiday celebration for the council as well as provided gift-give-away's for the parents and children who attend performance. The children's performances were titled "The Lioness" and "Smile". The council thanked the performers and Ms. Hall for her hard work and presentation for organizing the holiday celebration.

Working Meeting: *Note: Mr. Williams called the Working Meeting to order

7. Roll Call

Able Alagbe	Present
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Maureen Dantzler	Present
Allison Bridges-Matthews	Absent
Diamaris Magarin	Present
Gloria Ann Smith	Present
Alicia Valeus	Present
Joseph Williams	Present

8. Appointment of Time Keeper

Charlene Carroll-Hall, Council Member

9. Review Council Reimbursements: Gloria A. Smith

Review of council reimbursements was tabled to January's working meeting.

10. Change of Location During Meetings: Gloria A. Smith

Gloria Smith brought to the councils attention of being mindful of the locations that are chosen for the calendar meetings. The location at P94M@267M; was out of the way and not easy to locate the building.

11. Review of 2011-2012 Calendar Schedule

The next Calendar Meeting (January) will be held at P753K@Brooklyn School for Career Dev., 510 Clermont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Invited guest speakers; Laura Rodriguez, Chief Achievement Officer and Raphael Rivas, Outreach & Information Specialist, Brooklyn Parent Center, Brooklyn Center for Independence of the Disable.

12. Update C.E.C Continuing Education Training

Tabled

13. Fiscal Management: Able Alagbe

Table to next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm