



Citywide Council on Special Education

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The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide Council on Special Education was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2010 at 6:30 pm at District 75 Main Office, 400 First Avenue, Manhattan NY.

06/16/2010 CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Able Alagbe	Absent
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Excused
John Englert	Excused
Gloria Gonslves	Present
Charles Henderson	Excused
Diana Marenfeld	Excused
Ellen McHugh	Excused
Tom Ryan, Jr.	Present
Jessica Santos	Excused
Tywana B. Sharper	Absent
Joe Williams	Present

2. Secretary's Report-Approval of Meeting Minutes Dated 6/16/10: Able Alagbe

No Quorum: Meeting minutes will be approved at the next Calendar Meeting July.

3. Report of the President: John Englert, President

John informed the parents and council effected June 30 he will resign as President of the D75 Council (Previously know as the Citywide Council on Special Education) and as of July 1st will be part of the newly comprised Citywide Council on Special Education.

CCSE has been distributing information regarding the health fair cuts that will affect those within special education/IEP. They are looking to cut early intervention, speech therapy, para professionals and occupation therapy. Please reach out to the Board of Regents via the email/calling them to let them know that you're against the cuts.

4. District 75 Superintendent's Report: Bonnie Brown

Gary Hetch, Deputy Superintendent presented for Ms. Bonnie Brown during the Calendar Meeting. Mr. Hetch presented the following:

- Site offers for students articulating from D75 elementary to middle school and middle school to high school are now taking place.
- D75 American Idol final took place and the winner on the program was the Peace on Earth Singers from 176X.
- Special Education Reform Phase 1 begins in September, general education schools that have students that require special education services are to provide the specific services to those students within their current school, thus decreasing the number on inappropriate referrals to D75
- Chapter 683 (Summer School) will begin for students July 6 and conclude on August 13, we are fully staffed for summer school.
- Samuel Stern Awards: will increase number of students coming into D75 this year and will significantly increase within the next year.
- Step Ahead: A six week curriculum the 8th graders going into high school will have the opportunity to earn two credits, build a business plan and make the transition into high school.
- The District is waiting for the results of our ELA math examines.
- This year we exceeded our projected register by a reasonable number of students, clearly the largest influx of students in D75 are students with autism. We will be opening several new schools and sites: 2 in Queens, the Bronx and elementary school.
- Ms. Brown thanked John for the amount of work you have done and the support you have given the parents and students of D75.

5. End of Year Report

The CCSE would like to present a list of items that took place throughout the school year:

- The beginning of the year was the Garth Harries Report along with the council's recommendations.
- D75 was fazed with Budget Cuts. Bonnie responded that there are no budget cuts the teachers absent reserve which is 8 days per

year is now is down to 6 days.

- C3 (Contact for Excellence) Funds for D75 and every district gets contracts for excellence funds except D75. we met with Laura Rodriquez, Chief Achievement Officer and her Deputy Chief Dov Rokeach only to find out a month later that he was resigning.
- CCSE Developed a questionnaire for all the candidates running for office and the mayor did not submit a response which left a void on his thoughts regarding special education.
- Deputy Mayor Walcott was the guest speaker at the Calendar Meeting in the Bronx addressing parents concerns and the changes taking place within the DOE.
- Every Year CCSE responds to the Five Year Capital Plan and we didn't receive feedback to the response. This year I had to pull out the SCA in a middle of a hearing and received their response within two days.
- D75 students were displaced (or tentatively) within every borough except Staten Island; however at 94M, Harlem Success II @ 138M (taking more space for their program), Girls Prep is expanding at 188M, there is PEP Meeting (Vote) for Clinton M.S. next week, we recently heard about Martin Van Burin and Scott Stringer Manhattan Borough President has written the Chancellor regarding 811M and 138M we are waiting for a response. The CCSE council members attended every hearing to voice our opposition regarding the displacements of students within D75.
- This Year the Council focused on a theme regarding "Transition". CCSE invited presenters from advocate agencies: HRC of NY, Heart Share, subjects: Transition to Middle, High and Trade as well as navigating through Medicaid system.
- As of June 30th D75 was not going have an Education Council. If it wasn't for the council members and the parents advocating to get Chancellor Klein to agree to revise the Chancellors Regulations regarding D75. Those of you that followed the Governance Law and the changes that took place towards the end of the summer last year the Citywide Council on Special Education will only have two seats reserved for D75 and I hold one seat. This council: **Citywide District 75 Council** will be dedicated to D75, the students and parents and it's up to the parents to spread the word about the changes.
- Last, this doesn't effect D75 is the New Special Education Initiative That affects the community education schools.

This concludes the End of the Year Report.

