



CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

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**CEC District 75
Special Education**

MINUTES WORKING MEETING

The Working Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, **September 7, 2011** at 6:00 pm at 45-18 Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11101. The following people were in attendance.

*Note: Mr. Williams, President called the working meeting to order.
Call to Order at 6:17 pm the Working Agenda

1. Roll Call

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

2. Consideration of Agenda and Time Allocations

3. Appointment of Time Keeper

Ramona Garcia, Administrative Assistant

4. Suggestions for Implementing Parent Involvement

Joe Williams asked the council for their suggestions for improving parent involvement regarding the council as well as outreach and attendance during the calendar meeting. The council presented their suggestion and will work on the following:

- Build a Council Website
- Build a New Facebook Page
- Contact Organizations for their assistance in supporting the council and piggy back off of their agenda and meetings
- Council Posters
- Informative Booklet about the council
- Award Ceremony honoring parents
- Raffles
- Joint Meetings with other PTA/PA's of Presidents' Council

5. Review of 2011-2012 Calendar Schedule

The next Calendar Meeting will be held at Michael J. Petrides Complex, Building B, 715 Ocean Terrace, S.I., NY hosted by P037R. The topic will be Busing.

6. Busing Agenda

Matthew Berlin, who heads OPT: Office of Pupil Transportation, is taking on a new assignment. Matt will be transitioning to the Finance Office and will work under CFO, Veronica Conforme, to lend his talents to help the DOE capture its Medicaid reimbursement.

Eric Goldstein, Director of OPT: Office Of Pupil Transportation was contacted requesting his participation during the September Calendar Meeting in Staten Island. Mr. Goldstein was provided copies of the Busing Booklet formatted by the council and thereafter worked on jointly with Matt Berlin and OPT staff. The council would like to finish the booklet for their September Calendar Meeting and present to the parents as a guide.

7. Gary Hecht, Superintendent, District 75

Gary Hecht and Barbra Joseph attended the September working meeting to speak to the council regarding the District 75 Quality Review: Several Schools received undeveloped and are now proficient (721M/811M). The New 2010-2011 progress reports are due (within 2-3 weeks). New classes will be opening for district 75 students, 22 in total (Queens). Gary mentioned the Annual Principal that was a success and parent coordinators meeting he wishes for the council to attend. Standard assessment ELA stayed the same and Math made some gains.

8. Guest Speaker: Jamie Pagliaro of Rethink Autism

Rethink Autism is an Affordable Web-Based Tools & Remote Professional Service that offers parents and professionals immediate access to effective and affordable Applied Behavior Analysis-based treatment tools; for the growing population affected by autism spectrum disorders. Rethink Autism's curriculum is based on the educational intervention that time and continual research has proven most effective in the treatment of autism: applied behavior analysis (ABA)

For more information regarding Rethink Autism please visit: <http://www.rethinkautism.com/default.aspx>

9. Note:

Previous Meeting Minutes were approved by the council:

Joe Williams called a motion to accept 3/16/2011 Calendar Meeting Minutes, Able Alagbe motioned to accept, Joe Williams second and all were in favor.

Joe Williams called a motion to accept 6/1/2011 Working Meeting Notes, Gloria Ann Smith motioned to accept the notes, Able Alagbe second the motion and all were in favor.

Joe Williams called a motion to accept the 7/6/2011 Annual and Working Meeting Minutes, Charlene Carroll-Hall motioned to accept the minutes and Gloria Ann Smith second the motion and all were in favor

Joe Williams made a motion to accept the 8/10/11 Annual, Business & Calendar Meeting minutes, Gloria Ann Smith motioned to accept the minutes and Allison Bridges-Matthews second the motion and all were in favor.

*Provided to the council to review the 2011-2012 Citywide District 75 Council By-Laws

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm