Citywide Education Council

CEC District 75 Special Education

CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

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MINUTES
Working Meeting

The Working Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, **July 11, 2012** at 6:00 pm at 400 First Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010. The following people were in attendance.

Working Meeting:

*Note: Mr. Williams, President called the Working Meeting to order.
Call to Order at 6:25 PM the Working Agenda

1. **Roll Call**

Able Alagbe	Present
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Maureen Dantzler	Present
Diamaris Magarin	Present
Gloria Ann Smith	Present
Alicia Valeus	Excused
Joseph Williams	Present
Aliya Rasool	Present

Note: Alicia Valeus notified the council via email she will not be in attendance during the meetings due to an emergency at her place of employment.

2. **Guest Speaker: Juan Rosales Senior Director, CEC Engagement Unit, Division of Family & Community Engagement**

Juan Rosales asked to meet with the council to review the selection process and criteria for nomination and election of perspective candidate to the D75 Council. He informed the council that FACE was aware of what took place at the June calendar meeting and would like to resolve any concerns with the council. The council discussed with Mr. Rosales the selection process, the chancellor's rules and regulations, qualifications for a potential applicant and the steps towards possible nomination and vote. He informed the council of the steps FACE takes to approve a possible candidate. Thereafter it is left to the council to follow the steps i.e. consulting with Presidents' Council. The D75 Council meets to interview possible candidates; decide on the candidate, prepares the resolution and votes during an open meeting. Mr. Rosales stated that each of these votes is a motion, put forth by a council member a motion to put any individual to fill a vacancy. Anyone on the council can move to table a motion. This is what each member on this council can do no matter if they are an officer or a member. But that is a motion within itself and so that also gets voted and placed into the minutes. For example I am not comfortable with this vote, I make a motion that we table this resolution and know one seconds my motion, then we are done and we move on to the vote.

In terms of challenging things any member can challenge a motion and it needs to be affirmed by the council and if it's not, then we preceded with the normal course of business. Mr. Rosales informed the council that the previous applicants would like to reapply for the open seats left on the council. The council wanted to know what would be the proper procedure for the previous applicants to reapply or to be considered for the council again. Mr. Rosales replied you are latterly repeating what was done previously. It's a new motion for consideration to fill a vacancy of so and so applicants. You have already done this and you already voted to not seat that individual but essentially you're starting all over again. The process is you meet the applicants initially to interview them as a council, consulting again with the Presidents Council and then put on the calendar agenda to nominate and vote on the resolution put forth by the council to fill a vacancy. Gloria Smith asked you still need six people to seat them? Mr. Rosales answered, yes of course that is true of any motion.

3. **Gary Hecht, Superintendent-D75**

Mr. Hecht informed the council Chapter 683 started and the process went well. School Construction Authority will be replacing air conditioners within a few schools the central air units are in need of repair.

Students who registered for summer school (11,700 versus last year's numbers 15,000 students) Mr. Hecht is hoping for an increase as summer school progresses.

Our student's analysts of students coming into the program; we started putting students on the spectrum. We're going to look at all of the disabilities, were going to look at a three year admission rate of students.

At D75 we had enrolled 6090 students with autism and three years later we have 6900. So we had a 15% increase of students with autism as of June 2012. We expect over 150 students with autism who are turning five to register into D75; we are expecting to surpass 7000 students with autism in September.

Mr. Hecht mentioned I have been working with a few parents who have issues with placement for September. We are resolving the issues as soon as they come in. Mr. Hecht was invited to the ARISE Coalition meeting (advocacy community based organization); the topic during the meeting was Special Education Reform. The guest speaker was Corinne Rello-Anselmi, Deputy Chancellor Division of Students with Disabilities & English Language Learners (replaced Laura Rodriquez). She spoke about her plans for the future; she informed the audience was that she is in the process of putting her team together. Her goal is that her team should be out in the field assisting schools, principals and teachers in Gen Ed schools as problems surface with students with special needs. Members of Arise Coalition voiced their concerns about the reform. There seems to be an issues outside of that, students are being referred with IEP to Gen Ed schools and programs that can't service the students. A student who has a 12:1:1on his IEP is referred to a school but he's not in a co-hort class with other students, so they are working on looking into that.

District 75 is providing extensive professional development (this summer) to our principals and assistant principals on the common core standards. It's a busy summer with professional development and opening classes for students on the spectrum. Mr. Hecht informed the council we may be opening up additional classes in the Bronx; we have a high number of students being referred to us from the Bronx. Within Queens and the Bronx we have always had a high number of students. My office is meeting and talking to portfolio about how many classes are opening up at D75. At 754X the principal retired, Principal, Mr. Daniel Hoeha (previously the assistant principal) is her replacement, 811X the principal transferred to Tweed-Central and the new principal selected is Nevus Greene (she transferred from 168X as principal). 168X interim acting principal is Maureen Fullerton, she comes with a special education background and from the Leadership Academy..

4. **Review, Schedule Dates for 2012-13 Calendar Year**

Due to time restraints the council reviewed a blank monthly working and public meeting calendar form for the coming school year. Within the monthly calendar form the council was asked to check off the borough, add suggested topics, guest speakers and events. Mr. Williams informed the council he added suggested guest speakers and topics for the coming school year. He asked the council to review the calendar, add their suggestion and the council will discuss during the next working/calendar meeting in August.

5. **Review Budget Allocations**

The A.A. provided the council with their monthly budget report. The council did not receive the FY12 D-75 Council Budget Report 2012-2013. Mr. Williams asked for the A.A. to reach out again to Ms. Paulson, Budget Officer, D75 CFN and request the council's budget report.

6. **Adjournment**

Joe Williams made a motion to conclude the working meeting. Charlene Carroll-Hall made a motion to conclude the working meeting, Diamaris Margin second the motion and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm

The Annual Meeting followed.

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Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, **July 11, 2012** at 6:00 pm at 400 First Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010. The following people were in attendance.

Annual Meeting called to order at 7:24pm by Joe Williams, President and Public Advocate Appointee. Joe Williams mentioned, this the Annual Meeting for July 11, 2012 this is the official end of the executive board for the year. Anyone that is running for office, we are going to have to elect a pro tem. The person running for pro tem is not allowed to run for a position. Anyone who is running for the open office we will start with President, I will turn it over to madam pro tem. Maureen Dantzler, pro tem read the Community & Citywide Education Council Template Script for Annual Meetings provided by DFACE.

1. **Roll Cal**

Able Alagbe	Present
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Maureen Dantzler	Present
Diamaris Magarin	Present
Gloria Ann Smith	Present
Alicia Valeus	Excused
Joseph Williams	Present
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2. **Selection of Chairperson Pro Tem**
Maureen Dantzler made a motion to nominate herself as pro tem.

3. **Nomination of Officers**
Maureen called for the nomination of Officers.

President:
Joe Williams: Nominated by Charlene Carroll-Hall and seconded by Diamaris Magarin; Yes-4 No-3
Charlene Carroll-Hall: Nominated by Gloria Smith. Charlene Carroll-Hall declined the nomination.
Gloria Smith: Nominated by Maureen Dantzler. 3 –Yes and 4-No's

1st Vice President:
Charlene Carroll –Hall: Joe Williams nominated and seconded by Maureen Dantzler; Yes-5, No-2
No other candidate was nominated

2nd Vice President:
Aliya Rasool: Nominated by Diamaris Magarin and Joe Williams seconded Yes-5 No-2
No other candidate was nominated.

Treasurer:
Diamaris Magarin: Nominated by Joe Williams and seconded by Aliya Rasool Yes-4 No-3
Gloria Smith: Nominated by Maureen Dantzler, no second

Secretary:
Table it: Joe Williams called a motion to table the vote for Secretary.

Mr. Williams asked for Maureen Dantzler to review the results, President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Treasurer and Secretary is still opened.

Mr. Williams asked for the AA to read the results: Joe Williams's yes-4 votes, Gloria Smith 3-yes, Charlene Carroll-Hall 6 –yes, Treasurer yes- 4, Secretary is tabled.

Maureen Dantzler read off again Aliya received 5-yes and 2-no's, the treasure received 4-yes and 3-no's and no one was elected as secretary.

Joe Williams asked for second reading of the tally of the votes to get it on the record and went as follow:

President: Joe Williams's 4-yes, 3-no's
Gloria Smith 3-yes, 4-no's

1st VP: Charlene Carroll-Hall: 5-yes 2-no

Note: after reviewing the tape for the minutes the correct total was 5-yes and 2-no. Correction to the tally was made.

2nd VP: Aliya Rasool: 5- yes 2- no

Treasurer: Diamaris Magarin 4 -yes 3 -no
Gloria Smith 3- yes and 4 - no

Secretary: Tabled.

Mr. Williams asked the AA to send the results to FACE to review.

4. **Elected Officers**
No elected officers.

5. **Adjournment**
Maureen Dantzler, pro tem asked for a nomination to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm; The Calendar Meeting followed.

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Calendar Meeting

Call to order & roll call at 7:54 pm by Maureen Dantzler, pro tem.

1. **Roll Call**

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Maureen Dantzler	Present
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2. **Introductions of New Elected Officers**
Tabled

3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
The council decided to table the Working Minutes: February 1, 2012, Calendar Minutes: February 15, 2012 and Calendar Meeting: June 21, 2012. The council will review the minutes and will revisit the vote in August.

4. **Report of the President**
Tabled

5. **Report of the Superintendent**
Gary Hecht, Superintendent, presented the report of the superintendent during the working meeting agenda.

6. **Speakers (s)**
Tabled

7. **Adjournment**
Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm