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, **August 22, 2012** at 6:00 pm at 400 First Avenue, New York, NY 10010. The following people were in attendance.

*Note: Mr. Williams, President called the working meeting to order.
Call to Order at 6:02 PM the Working Agenda

1. **Roll Call**

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

2. **Revisit Old Business-Review Applications**
The council reviewed the previous applicant's applications and discussed the candidates. The council will follow up at the September Working Meeting to consider the applicants for filling the vacancies-no quorum.

3. **Review Schedule Dates 2012-2013 D75 Council Calendar Meeting**
The council selected the Working and Calendar dates to add to the yearly Calendar. September the council chose to hold the Calendar Meeting at P369K@ Academy of Integrated Learning, Brooklyn, NY. Locations were chosen for the months of October to December as well as guest speakers. The council will discuss at the next Working meeting locations and guest speakers for January to August 2013.

4. **Review Budget Allocations**
The budget was reviewed and a Budget Resolution will be formatted during the September Working Meeting.

5. **Adjournment**
7:02 pm

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CALENDAR MEETING

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1. **Roll Call**

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2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
No quorum meeting minutes table until September Calendar Meeting.

3. **Report of the President**
Without a doubt, the summer of 2012 has been one of the busiest summers that I've had in a long time.

In June, I worked in conjunction with the Arise Coalition to identify more than thirty-five parents that were experiencing problems with the Special Education Reform. We prepared parents on how to navigate the new Special Education Reform system to ensure that in September their children will be placed in schools that can meet their IEP requirements.

I collaborated with the Principal of the hospital schools to set up a program to include parents, so that they can participate in parent associations while their children are in the hospital and keep up with their school work while hospitalized.

I met with Governor Cuomo's Education Reform Commission to discuss the special Education Reform concerns in the committee report. In July I attended the commission's hearing in New York City and have been asked to submit a written testimony about my concerns and to provide my input in the commission's report due in December 2013. The report will be issued following hearings to be held in seven cities in the State of New York.

I was selected as one of the first thirty-five parents from across the country to participate in a parent advocacy training organized by the Ohio State University's African American Studies Program. The purpose of this training was to empower African American parents to properly advocate for their children with special needs, and go back to their communities and arm other parents with the tools to advocate for their children with special needs.

Let's make no mistake: the recognition that I have received is due in large part to the hard work of many people throughout the district. People from around the City, State and the Country recognize and appreciate the work that is being done in District 75.
In appreciation for all the help that district 75 has given me and my family, it is an honor and pleasure to represent

the district in any way I can.
Joe Williams

4. **Report of the Superintendent: Gary Hecht**
   Mr. Hecht conveyed his apologies to the council he was unable to attend.

5. **Revisit Old Business-Reading of The Resolution & Vote for New Applications of the Citywide District 75 Council**
   Tabled

6. **Election of Pro Tem**
   Tabled

7. **Election of New Officers**
   Table

Adjournment
Joe Williams called a motion to adjourn the meeting, Diamaris Margin motioned to adjourn the meeting, Charlene Carroll-Hall seconded it and all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.