



Community Education Council District 21

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HYBRID MEETING (VIDEOCONFERENCING)

DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Location: P.S. 329 – 2929 West 30th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11224

ZOOM Link: <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/87699821402?pwd=Y3NJT1AxZZNFcCtjQXVWRTU0WjBtQT09>

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Community Education Council District 21 Business/Calendar Meeting

Business Meeting 5:30 PM

1. **Call to Order:** at 5:30PM Motioned by: **Amy** seconded by: **Randi**
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. In person: Jay, Randi, Esfira, Petra, Amy, Dawn, Maxim, Nadiia
 - b. Virtual: Dawn, Elizabeth
 - c. Absent: Mei – Ping, Lakeisha, Priscilla
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **Review of February Minutes and Absences**
 - i. Sent to all members in advance of the meeting, no questions were raised
 - ii. Nadiia absent was sent to Jay and Steve
 - b. **Council Member Report**
 - i. Members shared their school visits for the month of January and February
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Approval of January's Minutes and Absences**
 - i. Minutes and Absence approved unanimously by members present and virtual
 - b. **Treasurer's Report**
 - i. Opening Balance: \$21,683 Closing Balance: \$19,786
5. **Adjournment:** at 5:40PM Motioned by: **Esfira** seconded by: **Randi**

Calendar Meeting 6:00 PM

1. **P.S. 329 School Presentation followed by a performance by P.S. 329 Dance Team**
2. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** 6:18PM
 - a. Motioned by: **Randi** seconded by: **Amy**
 - b. In person: Jay, Randi, Esfira, Petra, Amy, Dawn, Maxim, Nadiia
 - c. Virtual: Dawn, Elizabeth
 - d. Absent: Mei – Ping, Lakeisha, Priscilla
 - e. President Brown thanked Principal Marbury and P.S. 329 for hosting our CEC meeting and the PTA for the refreshments. President Brown outlined the norms for our meeting and thanked principals, assistant principals, parent coordinators, FACE liaison, Superintendent DiMola, and parents (in-person, and virtual) for attending.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance and Pledge of Excellence performed by P.S. 329 Students**
4. **Superintendent's Report**
 - a. March 4th is Social Emotional Learning Week in NYC and P.S 226 and 216 are being highlighted for showcasing social emotional practices

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- b. Continuing Phase 1 District for NYC READs and working with schools with the impact for the second half of year
- c. With Parent Teacher Conferences happening it's important to engage with the student's teachers and administrators to learn where the students are in their journey

5. Office of Language Access Presentation

- a. The Office of Language Access supports NYCPS offices and public schools with translation and interpretation services for families whose preferred language is other than English. The top nine non – English languages in NYC Public Schools are:
 - i. Arabic, Bangla, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Urdu
- b. Their services are FREE
- c. The NYC Public Schools' Office of Language Access will forward requests to appropriate school, office or Committee on Special Education
- d. More information can be found [here](#)

6. President's Report: Jay Brown

- a. Hope everyone had a good break and wished everyone a happy New Year and a happy Lunar New Year
- b. Thanked the schools that are incorporating Black History Month
- c. March 7th are the start of Parent Teacher Conferences and the 2023 – 2024 and 2024 – 2025 School Calendars are online
- d. Thanked the Council Members for going out into the District 21 schools and going to different events and activities
- e. Wishes everyone a Happy Ramadan
- f. Despite the technical difficulties of the snow day, many families gave positive comments about teachers who were giving great instruction to students

7. Report of Committees

- a. Elizabeth, Chair of the Special Education Committee, invites everyone to the next meeting, March 26th, where best practices can be shared, do liaison visits, and try to make things prioritized in schools
- b. Jay, Chair of Committee Outreach Committee, had conversations with pedestrian safety organizations and people should bring concerns of safety to the school, Superintendent and the CEC to help coordinate with the local precinct

8. Public Comment – Requesting Two Minutes Per Comment

- a. Dr. Kai Smith, CEO of GRAAFICS (Gang Diversion, Reentry And Absent Fathers Intervention Centers), shared how he started the program to give young people an outlet to avoid conflicts and criminal behavior in elementary schools before they enter middle and high school
- b. Stanley Ng, Representative from District 43, shared Reso-A is closing soon

9. Adjournment: 7:17PM

- a. Motioned by: **Esfira** seconded by: **Amy**

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 20, 2024 LOCATION: P.S. 215 – 415 AVENUE S

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