



Community Education Council District 21

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HYBRID MEETING (VIDEOCONFERENCING)

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 Location: KECSS – 2630 Benson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11214 Zoom

link: <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/87699821402?pwd=Y3NJTIAXZzNFeCtjQXVWRTU0WjBtQT09>

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Business Meeting 5:30 PM

Call to Order: at 5:35PM Motioned by: *Esfira* seconded by: *Amy*

President Brown thanked the school principals 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, Superintendent DiMola, and parents (in-person, and virtual) for attending.

Roll Call: in person: Jay, Randi, Lakeisha, Esfira, Elizabeth, Amy, Nadiia, Dawn, Maxim, Petra and Priscilla

Virtual: Mei Ping

Old Business

Review of October's minutes

- Sent to all members in advance of the meeting, no questions were raised.

New Business

- **Approval of October's minutes** – minutes approved unanimously by members present
- **Treasurer's Report:** by *Esfira*
 - Opening balance: Increase in the budget from \$16,923 to \$23,669 with the restoration of \$6,996 from the DOE (previous supplementation of the AA salary, which is no longer being applied to the CEC budget)
- **Member's Report:** Council Members gave reports of events attended across the District in the last month (PS 177, PS 199, Mark Twain, MTI Summit)

Motion to adjourn by: Motioned by: *Randi*, seconded by: *Amy*

Adjournment at 5:46PM

President Brown called stated the Calendar meeting will begin at 6:00pm



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Calendar Meeting 6:00PM

Call to Order at 6:05PM Motioned by: *Randi seconded by: Esfira*

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Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: in person: Jay, Randi, Lakeisha, Esfira, Elizabeth, Amy, Nadiia, Dawn, Petra, Maxim and Priscilla
Virtual: Mei Ping

Performance by KECSS Cheer Team under the direction of Coach Marshall

Superintendent's Report: *Isabel DiMola, Superintendent*

- Opened with an acknowledgment and moment of silence for Flora Ianelli, who was a beloved member of the District 21/31 family.
 - Thanks were expressed to the principals for hosting the meeting.
 - An additional update on the change to the reading curriculum was shared. There is a focus on how the shifts make sense for the students who are multilingual learners, with a goal to make all curricula accessible. Team members remain committed, are continuing to deepen their knowledge of this new material, and will continue to be a work in progress as we are a Phase 1 district.
 - The state of the district update will be coming soon.
 - Congrats were sent to Bay Academy and Mark Twain, which ranked in the top 10 in NY State-- as a district there is a lot of pride and excitement around the news.

District 21 High Schools Presentation: *High School for Sports Management, Leaders High School, KECSS*

- There were presentations from the Principals of The High School for Sports Management (HSSM), Leaders High School, and KECSS
 - HSSM shared a video, and highlighted a series of their programs, including their G-Lab which has grown in popularity in the building as a space to focus on e-sports. The school touts an 82% graduation rate, offers AP courses, and has a focus on doing intentional literacy/reading skill development with their students.
 - KECSS offers a 6-12 program. The principal shared a series of slides on the schools stats, and clarified means of admission given their 6-12 model. Students are interviewed for seats in 9th grade admissions given the limited number available. Those attending will graduate with a full AA degree which can be applied easily in many CUNY/SUNY schools, as well as many other private higher-ed institutions.
 - Leaders High School has a focus on small, intimate, student-led learning. Students spend time with smaller cohorts throughout their time in the school, supporting connection unmet by larger schools. Instruction is student-driven for exploration, discovery, as part of the Outward Bound model.
 - Information to the schools can be found in the listing of links at the end of the minutes (if provided)

President's Report: *Jay Brown*

- President Brown did an additional round of thanks to the school and the PTA for hosting the CEC meeting.
- Members were reminded to submit their activity reports and reimbursements
- Notes of upcoming school events were shared. The DOE calendars can be found [here](#).



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- Thanks were shared for schools that served as polling sites for the recent Election Day.
- Those who celebrated Diwali were acknowledged, along with the fact that there was advocacy to get that recognized as a holiday, which will take effect next school year.
- There was an acknowledgement for veterans and thanks to those within our schools and community that have served.
- Condolences were sent to the families of Karen Wang, and Flora Ianelli, two NYCPS members who recently passed.
- A report was shared on events attended across the city in the month, including events at PS177, PS 199, a blood drive at David Boody, and an event hosted by the Chancellor for all CEC Presidents. Issues and concerns around recent flooding were raised for awareness.
- The 2023-2024 Code of Conduct and Safety plan is circulating and open for public hearing of feedback.
- There were great events in the last month, including Halloween events, gun prevention in Coney Island, D21 Leaders Event coordinated by Council Member Bowers, and UFT Adam Shapiro's coat drive.
- CCSE update- the team flagged that there are reports of IEP services being delayed or not offered, with messaging circulating that missed services do not have to be made up, which is inaccurate. A survey to provide feedback is available for those interested in reaching out.
- NYC History Day offers opportunities for 6-12 graders to complete research projects. It's hosted by the Brooklyn Public Library, prizes and advance to additional competitions (BK Historical Society, scholarships for fees and travel)
- Regards for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday were shared

Report of Committees

- Committees have been formed, the committees are working on dates and more news will be forthcoming

Public Comment

- Donovan Swanson: Borough Hall, HS Sup for HEAT program, worksite-based program, BK south students. Tomorrow will be outlining the most recent PEG to agencies, Chancellor been transparent on most recent cuts being significant, budget does not reflect cuts coming down
 - CEC connected with leaders, about what cuts are being seen, Sups where schools may need to be merged or closed
 - Schools applying for funding to attend virtual workshop in December for Reso A, parent leaders to help support schools with creative means to request funding
- Lenny Markh, Senator Chu's office
 - Halloween celebration, 400 pumpkins, events, can join mailing list
 - Forming student delegation for HS students to learn about government, Dec 1st deadline TO APPLY
 - Thankful creative program, poetry essay submissions
 - MTA assistance in their office
 - Leaf bags available in the office
 - Senator had on-site visit with commissioner at location of a fatal accident, looking for ways to make the intersection safer, and others in the area that are of concern
 - Office can be contacted M-F, 10am-5pm 718-333-0311
- Eddie Mark, CB13
 - Mayor coming to Coney Island, Monday Nov 20th 6-8:30
 - Meeting date in November, Nov
 - Thanksgiving meal from 2-6, no reservations, Garguillos, free and open to the public
 - Dec 8th/15th free holiday events
- Community Member:
 - School safety, police classes put on hold
 - CEC to advocate and pass a resolution to ensure we retain school safety agents
 - Standardized Math/ELA curriculum starting next year, benefits of standardized, goals to improve student outcomes, for us to think about what this means for our schools
 - Some schools should be held exempt from those



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- Opt-out based on school and leadership team based on what is needed for their school
- PS 209 Community Members:
 - Advocacy for the crossing guard at our schools, thanks for that support
 - Got a guard at the school and was just there for 3 days, have not seen since, coverage not consistent, was not crossing in major intersections
 - Petitions for the school community, who to contact
 - Mr. Markh shared that we are 1200 short of pre-pandemic levels, letter getting sent to all CECs and schools on behalf of Senator Chu's office
- Council Member Priscilla Santos
 - Shared that UFT has a scholarship for High School students, deadline to apply is Feb 28th

Motion to adjourn by: Motioned by: *Randi*, seconded by *Amy*

Adjournment at 7:22PM

Links to information shared during the meeting:

www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/news/2023-2024-school-year-calendar

www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/testing/testing-calendar

www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/food/menus

www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/know-your-rights/disciplin-code

<https://tinyurl.com/iepservicesccse>

www.bklynlibrary.org/cbh/education/nyc-history-day

<https://vimeo.com/483295752?ref=em-share>

www.nysenate.gov/senators/iwen-chu/contact