



Community Education Council District 21

Officers: **Jay Brown** President
Randi Garay 1st Vice President
Lakeisha Bowers 2nd Vice President
Esfira Shakhmurova Treasurer
Elizabeth Rodriguez-Perez Recording Secretary
Borough President Appointee

Members: **Amy Chen** IEP
Nadiia Kushylina ELL
Dawn Qiu
Petra Remy D75
Priscilla Santos Borough President Appointee
Maxim Torbin
Mei Ping Tran

HYBRID MEETING (VIDEOCONFERENCING)

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023 **Location:** IS 303 - 501 West Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 112224

Zoom link: <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/87699821402?pwd=Y3NJTIAXZzNFcCtjQXVWRTU0WjBtQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 9982 1402 **Passcode:** 110280 **+1 646 518 9805 US (New York)**

Business Meeting 5:30 PM

Call to Order: at 5:30PM Motioned by: *Esfira seconded by: Mei Ping*

President Brown thanked IS 303 Principal Bailey 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 and Mei Ping
Virtual: Priscilla Absent: Petra

Old Business

Review of September's minutes

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

New Business

- **Approval of September's minutes** – minutes approved unanimously by members present
- **Treasurer's Report:** by *Esfira*
 - Opening balance: \$18,004, closing balance \$16,923 due to processing of reimbursements
- **Hiring Committee Update:** Committee met on 10/6 to approve the resolution to hire the Administrative Assistant. Stephen Washington was present at the CEC meeting and introduced to the community. Thanks, were also extended to Randi Garay for filling in as the Administrative Assistant and serving dual roles over the last year.

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

Adjournment at 5:35PM

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

Calendar Meeting 6:00PM

Call to Order at 6:00PM Motioned by: *Randi seconded by: Mei Ping*

President Brown thanked Principal Bailey 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

District Planning Presentation, NYC DOE: *Shahrukh Tasnim, Jyoti Folch and Bryan Smith,*

- The team did introductions and an overview of what District Planning is responsible for, zoning, and feedback
- Slides reviewed (See attached to email with minutes)



Community Education Council District 21

Officers: **Jay Brown** President
Randi Garay 1st Vice President
Lakeisha Bowers 2nd Vice President
Esfira Shakhmurova Treasurer
Elizabeth Rodriguez-Perez Recording Secretary
Borough President Appointee

Members: **Amy Chen** IEP
Nadiia Kushylina ELL
Dawn Qiu D75
Petra Remy Borough President Appointee
Priscilla Santos
Maxim Torbin
Mei Ping Tran

- Tasks for district planning
 - Community engagement to explore community needs and to collect community feedback
 - Share district planning annually for each district
 - Needs and Opportunities Assessments
 - District Data Consultations
 - Focused Community Engagement
 - Mandated Processes
- Shared overview of the rezoning process, but none currently planned for D21
- Partnership with CECs
- Data summary packet shared a couple of weeks back, and data trends within the district
- Questions from the public
 - Class size reduction: speak to connection: may prioritize schools that get support based on the requirements of the finalized plan
 - Question/follow up on next steps on planning if current trends show we are retaining students, and will have a need for seats
 - Team to share in a smaller forum, utilization, and how close they would be to meeting those requirements
 - 20-21 capacity vs enrollment, new blue book to come in 2023-2024 school year
 - Mark Twain - Citywide rationale for large volume of applications. Note that utilization in relation to enrollment can also be impacted by programming
 - For co-located schools; how do requests for additional seats come into play/consideration (i.e.; Seth Low, high demand for the school but have a charter requesting additional space
 - Is migrant student enrollment currently accounted for? Not separated by planning but included in general buckets of student's new enrollments/STH,
 - Can fulfill special requests, annual/ongoing engagement throughout the year

Superintendent's Report: *Isabel DiMola, Superintendent*

- Started with additional context around the district collaboration with district planning
 - Cadence of communication - vary depending on the needs of the year, if rezoning required would be higher need, may be higher engagement as they plan for a new school
 - In 15 years of being Superintendent, there will be new a school being built, first beyond extensions
- Reaction to the district planning data: It's great to see retention of parents and families across ES, MS, HS, serving as a testament to work being done, and is being recognized.
- NYC Reads update: in October, shout out to Teachers, Principals, APs, Paras and how they are responding and being flexible as everyone learns a new approach.
- Congratulations to a D21 teacher who received the Big Apple Award.
- Unpacking data from state exams, all data recently released (will share with CEC)
- Welcome Steve Washington as the new Administrative Assistant for CEC21
- District 21 Superintendents' Office committed to supporting all families, community and Council.

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](#).
- The community was reminded of Election Day; non-attendance day for students, provided links for polling sites, and reminded of upcoming Parent-Teacher conference dates.
- The impact of severe weather was mentioned, with examples of incidents in our district. Thanks were given to Principals, teachers and staff that reported and ensured the safety of children. There may need to be additional discussions needed around storm/extreme weather preparation given some schools being in Zone 1 and being high risk, and having some schools without a close by shelter identified.



Community Education Council District 21

Officers: **Jay Brown** President **Randi Garay** 1st Vice President **Lakeisha Bowers** 2nd Vice President **Esfira Shakhmurova** Treasurer **Elizabeth Rodriguez-Perez** Recording Secretary

Borough President Appointee

Members: **Amy Chen** IEP **Nadiia Kushylina** ELL **Dawn Qiu** D75 **Petra Remy** D75 **Priscilla Santos** Borough President Appointee **Maxim Torbin** **Mei Ping Tran**

Report of Committees

- Committees have been formed, the committees are working on dates and more news will be forthcoming
- The hiring committee met 10/6 via a special meeting at Seth Low, to approve a resolution to hire of the new AA, 8 members were present, and approved the hire of Steve Washington unanimously.

Public Comment

- NYS Assemblyman Alec Brook-Krasny: accolades for D21, highly desirable, get positive feedback from parents/community
- Viomo Emanuel (Community Liaison for NYS Senator Spanton): new office on Mermaid Ave, reach out/stop by location, 10/24 free flu shot event
 - Catalytic Convertor Theft Prevention Event (Saturday, Nov 4th from 10am-2:00pm)
- Adam Shapiro, UFT District Rep, resolution written around alternative policies for response to extreme weather
 - Coat drive, drinks, refreshments, all items given to NYC school students (Pre-K-HS)
 - Getting Broadway tickets for students to see a Broadway Show
- Assemblyman Colton
 - Pleasure and blessing to have D21 in his Assembly district, enjoyed meeting, glad schools are doing well, data showing retention is good news for us, district is a great place where parents want their children, congratulate, whole group, great job!
 - Past legislative session, introduced, resolution that passed; Lunar New Year will be a state holiday (introduced a year ago) Governor Hochul signed into law
 - 10-31 2:30-5:30pm Parents stop by office, treats and Halloween safety tips
 - Veteran recognition event- nominate vets by contacting office (11-13)
 - Concerns: Budget cuts, class size law
- Community member:
 - D20 concern; dispute with student, 24yo attacked middle schooler, 2 days later attacked family at home, D20 schools followed protocol, but information not shared in school, concern about management in schools. Communicate what to do if a victim of bullying, What school/district school can do in comparable situations
- Information shared for an open enrollment event at Liberation Diploma Plus High School, 718-946-6812.
- Community member:
 - PS 209, commercial/busy area, crossing guard, lasts short period of time, and then spend most of the year without coverage. In need of support for that school and have improved community safety Ave Z/Coney Island Ave. Have contacted precinct, told not their issue/concern, considering starting community petition
 - Superintendent shared that she is meeting with borough commanders and will raise issue to support the 209 community

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

Adjournment at 7:32PM