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. CEC24 April 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes

. Veronica Piedra Leon, CEC24 President

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting.

. Roll Call

Veronica Piedra Leon, Mati Gonzalez, Johanna Pineda, Matthew Crescio, Manisha Jain, Juny Adames, Guo Zhou, Anna Karwowska.

Excused - Leticia Vasquez and Connie Altamirano

. Attendance

Principal Michael Casale, Superintendent Teresa Caccavale, Rachelle Lewis, James Leahy, Donna Murphy, Eleanor McNamee, Council Member Gutierrez, Charlie Vavruska, Representative to Bob Holden's office

. Veronica Piedra Leon, CEC24 President

I am highlighting some events that took place this month.

Colocation of D75 and PS 305 which the joint public hearing was on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Town Hall with Chancellor Banks on April 4<sup>th</sup> at IS 61 was successful.

. Recording Secretary Election

Will be tabled at the May Meeting.

. NY School Surveys

Parents and Guardians have filled out the surveys for feedback for the DOE (Department of Education)

Next month we will discuss specialized programs.

. Treasurer's Report by Mati Gonzalez

	Balance
P-Card	\$441.08
Travel Expense	\$200.00
Parent Engagement	\$8.37
Member Reimbursements	\$6,550.00
TOTAL	\$5,125.00
	\$5,774.45

. Theresa Caccavale's Superintendent April Report

April is Arab American Heritage Month and Autism Awareness Month

During this month, the achievements of Arab Americans are shared through arts, and they celebrate the school district communities and organizations.

Autism Day is coming up and I hope we all attend from IS 61. Next year, let us plan that we all go together. It is a great and fabulous day to join and have fun.

The mission of the New York City Public Schools System-wide Priorities:

. 1<sup>st</sup> Priority

All students learn to read

LETTERS Training Our principals around the world.

HMH included over 100 District 25, District 26 and District 30 principals, assistant principals, and their colleagues. It was a great day for all.

Ready Set Grow targets students and thanks to James Leahy for setting up this grant.

### .2nd Priority

. All students are physically and emotionally safe

Some children are not happy with their bodies and support children with social and emotional.

Mitigating the Impact of Trauma in Schools (MTIS) Trauma affects everyone.

There is a Trauma Illness and Grief sessions located in PS 19, IS 61, IS 73, IS 93, PS/IS 119, IS 125, PS/IS 128, PS 143, PS 199 and IS 311

The Second Step is located at IS 5, IS 77, PS/IS 128 and PS 307

Dynamic Mindfulness is located at PS 7, PS 12, PS 13 PS 19, PS 89 and PS 330.

We are physically safe. What else can do we to help out? We need to overcome changes.

### .3rd Priority

. All students have a high-quality academic experience

Deep dive into the Math Shifts Children at IS 93 are advocating their math progress monitoring priority 4

### .4th Priority

. All students graduate college, career ready, and have a strong path and pathway to economic security

Children enjoy Career Day and Some schools have STEM ICT Classes.

PS 14, PS 239, IS 73, PS 102, PS 19, PS 290, and upcoming PS 91 and PS 13.

The District STAMP Expo is in May 2024.

Guidance Counselors are on hand helping the children in the schools. There are many options.

Steps on science, math and kids are doing better on exams in grades 4, 5, 6

B. All Districts and schools are more inclusive and responsive to parents and families

. Chronic Absenteeism

.5th Priority

Family and community Engagement Calendar by Donna Murphy

Congratulations to the Battle of the Boroughs Finalist in Minecraft:

PS 239 and IS 125

. Who is Eligible to Receive Testing Accommodations?

Individuals with disabilities to receive necessary testing accommodations

A substantial limitation of a major life activity may be based on the impairment which affects the condition, manner or the individual who performs

A person with a history of academic success may still be a person with a disability

Examples of Testing Accommodations -

Schools have coaches and civic advocacy.

A student IEP (Individualized Education Program) or 504 Plan team

Braille, Screen reading technology, Extended time

Wheelchair accessible, Scribes to transfer answers to Scranton bubble sheets

Distraction-free rooms, Physical prompts

Permission to bring and take medications during the exam

These schools have coaches

Schools PS 88, PS 199, PS 102 and PS 19 are included in the Ready Set and Grow Grant which will set up on a Saturday programs

8-10 kids.

Literacy Partners Authors come into the school at PS 19 and PS 88 in English and in Spanish.

#### Civics for All IS 93

Several D24 schools are enrolled as a companion to the passport to Social Studies.

Comprehensive resources, professional opportunities, and teacher-developed tools

Kids Rise is rising with 10,862 Students with NYC (New York City) Scholarship Accounts

We are very happy with this program.

#### Bilingual Hiring Fairs

Schools are holding interviews for ten plus teachers to expand our bilingual and ENL (English as a New Language) Program. Email your resume ASAP to:

[jointhe143fam@143q.in](mailto:jointhe143fam@143q.in)

We have so many different accomplishments going on at D24.

State Assemblywoman Catalina Cruz gave a Special Proclamation to the Mosaic Pre-K at the Hall of Science

EID was celebrated at Mosaic Pre- K Center

#### District 24 Nest and Horizon Programs

District 24 School	Program	Grades	Seats
PS 88	Nest	K	0 seats
IS 125	Nest	6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>	2 seats in Grade 6 1 seat in Grade 7
PS 153	Nest	K – 5 <sup>th</sup>	1 seat in Grade 4
PS 91	Horizon	K - 5 <sup>th</sup>	0 seats
PS/IS 128	Horizon	6 <sup>th</sup>	3 seats
PS 229	Horizon	K	0 seats

Some of the schools celebrated Autism Awareness and the teachers decorated their doors and floors.

PS 239 named after Police Officer Ramon Suarez celebrates every year for his birthday and a carnival.

Council Member Jennifer Gutierrez, a former IS 73 student was present to answer any questions. Council Member Gutierrez is happy to discuss with the CEC any improvements for schools in our district.

The Calendar Meeting adjourned.

#### CEC24 Business Meeting

##### . Roll Call

. Mati Gonzalez discussed the website. Ms. Gonzalez has been in talks with Edutech. The Website will be the original one we had, CEC24.org. Ms. Gonzalez will follow up with any modifications and feedback by Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Bylaws need to be approved by the members of the CEC but signed by the President and Recording Secretary. The Recording Secretary member has resigned. We need to have a special meeting within 48 hours or ten days to have a public meeting to discuss the changes to the bylaws.

Special Meeting before the Calendar Meeting this item of the reading before you can use the owl for hybrid meetings. All in the Bylaws agreement. Presentation of the proposed bylaw revisions and a 2<sup>nd</sup> voting can be held at the May monthly meeting.

Discussions where the 1<sup>st</sup> special meeting will be held and check with Mosaic Pre- K Center #777 (where the CEC24 office is located) and if the date of May 9<sup>th</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup> is available. The permit will be from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. The May 28<sup>th</sup> CEC24 meeting will be the recap of the Bylaws Committee meeting and will be discussed and voted on before using the owl.

Eleanor McNamee discussed the Rise Up Fair -

The Rise Up Fair will be held on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 2:00 pm at Public School 58 in the Cafeteria for Special Education families in our community and District 75 parents.

There will be no School Safety Agent at the Grand Avenue entrance. The only entrance will be on 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The scaffolding will be gone in three weeks before the May 11<sup>th</sup> fair.

This fair will be helpful for parents in Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech. There will be tables with different vendors for services, a balloon artist, Family arts n' crafts, Pizza and snacks.

Johanna Pineda has discussed in having a workshop a Sponsor Fair on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Public School 19. It will be an ELL (English Language Learning) Fair.

The Workshop will be at PS 19 in the auditorium. The bathrooms are not ADA. Resources for all ELL families for any resources, and council.

Johanna Pineda, in the respect I have the need to meet obstacles, I am the ELL Representative and cannot force everyone to come to a consensus. It is frustrating to do the right way and hope to move forward. I already have organizations and donors. We should come to an agreement with the ELL.

All in favor, all CEC24 members voted yes.

Veronica Piedra Leon brought up an idea from Leticia Vasquez.

I would like to facilitate/coordinate given my expertise in college access, career readiness, and higher education.

The members have decided we will discuss Ms. Vasquez' workshop at the May meeting.

Manisha Jain

Discussed an American Debate League celebration for the many children excelling in their studies. Some of these students went on to Harvard University to debate.

We need to celebrate all the kids who participated in American Debate League, Minecraft, the Spelling Bee and create and elevate all of them not inclusive of all our schools PS 239, IS 125 and IS 5.

I am willing to work with Richard Connelly with other schools too and we can award it all.

Theresa Caccavale mentioned as a suggestion, we can award these children.

We can make it for a School Community Event. Highlighting a Proclamation and not at all these meetings, Principal, Assembly before the meeting.

Our District is doing better with Minecraft and is in 1<sup>st</sup> place this year. The Teachers should get an award, from the elected officials. The Big Apple Award ceremony is in June.

A Legislature Breakfast, if it is too late, we can use the funds at the June meeting and celebrate everyone. October should be the Legislature breakfast.

More people, demographics more principals in District 24.

There are two teachers that were nominated in Corona from PS 14 and PS 199. There are five of our semi-finalists.

Some suggestions:

1. Liaison to get a Proclamation for the teachers
2. Liaison for Parent Coordinators and PTA to celebrate
3. Repurpose the funds of the Big Apple Awards in June

We can have a Luncheon for the PTA parents and the Parent Coordinators or send one representative or a delegate.

Discussion of approval of Minutes

All minutes should be translated into Spanish, Mandarin and Polish for the members. The minutes should be done before the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Five-Year Proposal Plan

Reach out to Danielle Schaaf at SCA (School Construction Authority) to get books for the members.

Johanna Pineda mentioned some parents from her liaison schools have not received the flyer for the CEC meetings. The meeting flyers are done thru Canva.

The meeting adjourned for 9:00 pm.

