

Community Education Council Calendar and Business Meeting

January 30, 2024

Calendar Meeting

. **Interpretation Services** Bangla Mandarin and Spanish

. **Roll Call** and welcomed by Veronica Piedra Leon

Veronica Piedra Leon, Mati Gonzalez, Anna Karwowska, Connie Altamirano, Fatima Shamoan - excused, Johanna Pineda, Leticia Vasquez, Guo Zhou, Matthew Crescio, Manisha Jain

Attendees: Principal Matthew Borelli from IS 125, Rachelle Lewis, Eleanor McNamee, Donna Murphy, James Leahy, John Harrington, UFT Representative, Charlie Vavruska from Council Member Robert Holden's office; Council Member Julie Won, Council Member Juan Ardilla along with his representative. Superintendent Teresa Caccavale

. **Code of Conduct** Leticia Vasquez

. **President's Report**

Welcome to the Community Education Council Meeting at Intermediate School 125
Thank you to Principal Matt Borelli for hosting this meeting.

We welcome the Student Government who will now say the Pledge of Allegiance. Each student received a Certificate of Appreciation. The names of the students from Student Government are:

Graham Wallace
Nathan Barthels
Valentina Franco
Atifa Amira

Ayash Wafah
Nitheela Roy
Mason Begazo

Thank you to **Emily Tamay Saeteros** who received a Certificate of Recognition Award for being a wonderful leader. Thank you for demonstrating leadership.

. Presidents Report

Welcome to the January 30th meeting with Council Member Robert Holden’s office, Council Member Julie Won, Council Member Juan Ardilla and this wonderful community and the UFT, John Harrington.

The months of December and January were very eventful with work behind closed doors and will impact our schools, our budget, Kindergarten applications and Pre-K applications.

I have spoken to several groups including, Language Access, Nutrition and Office of Pupil Transportation. These topics will be included at the upcoming monthly meetings. The traveling to the districts or outside the district for our schools is a priority to understand. Interpretations are important and impact some of the challenges ahead at our February meeting.

I do want to apologize for rescheduling the meeting on January 23rd because some members felt ill, and we were unable to attend. It is a great need that is our top priority for our children’s testing, state testing, children who come from all walks of life. The Sunnyside community who has been replaced from a fire. What are the resources for our children to think for our community in a practical way for the families, teachers, and we are working together and supporting them?

. **Parent Vacancy**

- A. Juny Adames is the only candidate for the election. Both candidates received notification. We will move forward with the vote for the parent vacancy. The voting will be:

Voting for Candidate Juny Adames	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
VERONICA PIEDRA LEON	x	-	-
FATIMA SHAMOON	Absent		
MATI GONZALEZ	x	-	-
CONNIE ALTAMIRANO	x	-	-
MATTHEW CRESCIO	-	-	x
MANISHA JAIN	-	-	x

JOHANNA PINEDA	x	-	-
LETICIA VASQUEZ	x	-	-
ANNA KARWOWSKA	-	-	x
GUO ZHOU	x	-	-
Voting for Candidate Juny Adames	6	excused	3

B. Second round of voting for Juny Adames -

Voting for Candidate Juny Adames	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
VERONICA PIEDRA LEON	x	-	-
FATIMA SHAMOON	absent		
MATI GONZALEZ	x	-	-
CONNIE ALTAMIRANO	x	-	-
MATTHEW CRESCIO	-	-	x
MANISHA JAIN	-	-	x
JOHANNA PINEDA	x		
LETICIA VASQUEZ	x		
ANNA KARWOWSKA		-	x
GUO ZHOU	-	-	x
Voting for Candidate Juny Adames	5	absent	4

We will now open the application process for the CEC24 Parent Vacancy. We will reach out to the candidates if they are still interested and will send out a flier shortly.

. Mati Gonzalez, CEC24 Treasurer

. **CEC Treasurer's Report - January 2024**

January 2024 Balance Forward: \$18,250.00

	Starting Balance	Expenditures	Ending Balance
P Card	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Travel Expenses for Members	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Parent Involvement/Engagement	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Computer	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Computer Hook-Up Repair	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Member Reimbursements	\$ 12,500.00	\$ (1,325.00)	\$ 11,175.00
Supplies Through DOE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ (840.77)	\$ 1,159.23

January 2024 Ending Budget Balance \$ 16,084.23

. Superintendent's Report

Rachelle Lewis, Executive Director of School Support and Operations will report on Superintendent Teresa Caccavale's half.

Mosaic Pre-K did a tribute and recognition to Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

Parent Community Event, Donna Murphy plans the monthly calendar together where parents can support, parent workshops, Parent Coordinator workshops, please look out for it.

Foundation Gill for Sandbox session, minutes, record keeping, flash , election team , parents due every month. Foundation Building Block on Title 1 and Parent enrollment sessions, 218 participants, for Spanish, Chinese, Polish, Arabic parents are supported by translations.

. Kindergarten/Pre-K

January 19 Kindergarten Application/Enrollment closed. March 27th is the Kindergarten Offer Release.

January 10 Pre-K Admissions Open, March 1 Pre-K application closes, and Pre-K offers on May 14th.

Encouraging all the parents to use the NYS account (Myschools.nyc) and we will mention it at every CEC Meeting.

Open Houses for Kindergarten, 305, 239, PS/ IS 119, recruiting parents in the neighborhoods.

Parent University is ready to support all families or anyone interested in supporting students and lifelong learning, courses, resources, events and activities to educate and empower families.

Superintendent Teresa Caccavale promotes the NYC Rise Save for College Program. The NYC Kids Rise Save for College Program is a scholarship and savings program that supports the college and career training futures of NYC public School students.

We will highlight 48 new individuals compute the application and are entitled and parents can link in the 529 account and expenses for your children.

In December, the Superintendents attended the ELL practices where ideas and to generate ideas where it will support all languages.

IS 93 is a Future Workshop for girls - high paying careers, goals. Thank you to Council Member Juan Ardilla for the iPads to access in school and outside schools.
PS 153 Polish Dual Language Program, the Republic of Poland what to do in the United States.

Social Emotional Learning

The DOE announced the Comfort Dog Pilot Program in the NYCPS in partnership with the North Shore Animal League and staff members from the DOE's office of Counseling and Support programs. Comfort Dogs offer goal-specific activities with students through the use of Animal Assisted Interventions. These dogs which must undergo extensive training prior to participating in interventions provide our students with a safe and welcoming environment and act as a motivational tool, offering emotional stability and support.

At seven schools, the use of rescued comfort/therapy dogs are in classrooms. At Public School 81, the comfort dog Cypress and Public School 211 has Dusty. There are two more comfort dogs, one at Public School 229, Cannoli and Public School 14 has Fleet.

Thank you to Tiffany Harris for a wonderful event for the necessary warm clothing, hats, gloves, scarves given to the children at Mosaic Pre-K. .

Matt Crescio mentioned the Comfort dog program - Good Puppy Foundation.. This program provides and teaches a person and their dog how to be a team to provide animal assisted intervention for education and counseling purposes. Six hours of required training consisting of two- hour classes held once a week over a three- week period during school hours. All dogs are certified.

The fee is \$20.00 for pre-class in-person evaluation. \$475 good dog certification course and practice. \$125 annual re-evaluation and re-certification with correctives, as needed.

This DOE preparation and certification class does not guarantee acceptance into the program. School environment and other factors must be considered. There is documentation of what the dog is doing every day.

Cypress is grandfathered in the old program. The old program worked. The DOE is not managing since the dog needs a break. I have seen seven dogs and this office needs to be investigated. I do not want retaliation to come back to my site.

Thank you to Superintendent Caccavale for getting Cannoli who works one day a week until 1:30 pm at Public School 229.

Veronica Piedra Leon, motion to change the agenda to introduce Council Members Juan Ardilla and Council Member Julie Won - Motion approved.

.Assembly Member Juan Ardilla, Assembly District 37 shared community updates.

Council Member Julie Won shared updates.

We allocated new capital investments FY'24 for the schools in our district. \$150,000 for Public School 199; \$125,000 for Public School 343 and \$81,000 for I.S. 125.

We allocated New Program Investments FY-24 for schools in our district \$20,000 in all three schools. .

. Resolutions are attached.

Resolution # 164 Resolution Opposing 60-Day Limitation on Shelter Stays for Families of Public School Students

Sponsor: Veronica Piedra-Leon

Resolution 164 was approved by all members at today's meeting on January 30th, 2024.

We need to change being it resolved,
Changing the wording on resolution #164 with approval from all members.

Resolution # 165 -
Improving Multilingual Support and Communication in NYCPS
Sponsor: Anna Karwowska

Resolution #165 did not pass. The voting was 6 Yes, 2 Abstained and 1 absent. .

There are three additional languages to be used: Spanish, Polish, Italian and Yiddish. There are two schools that have Polish Dual Language programs. Interpretation, translated documents should be included.

Public sessions are open to clarification and the public is allowed to speak - Roberts Rules.
Matt Crescio D24 - Evelyn Pineda from ELL, computer, enrollment - Italian an polish. Yiddish in D 14 half of the coming is lost.

Extend communications in all 12 languages. There are nine languages on the DOE Website,

Resolution #166

School District 24 Top Five (5) Priorities for the 2024-2029

Five-Year Capital Plan Amendment

Approved by CEC24 Members and Voted on January 11, 2024, at the D24 Special Meeting.

. Public Comments

Guest Speakers,

Richard Connelly, D24 debate league and citywide tournament in December at IS 93 and PS 71 with over 700 students. Thank you to our wonderful sponsor and Council Member Robert Holden for always being there. Saturday, February 3rd is our next tournament.

D24 is the NYS Middle School Championships. We will try other districts and state assembly members, PS 119 will be going forward to Howard University. Each year we are so excited. I will invite all the council members to have the councils reach out to ten schools, elementary and middle school and honor the students at the May or June meeting.

Julie Won

Council member for Sunnyside Woodside and Astoria. Proud honor of being devoted to these three schools IS 125, PS 199 and PS 343.
Children is first,

Connie Altamirano and Matthew Crescio adjourned the meeting.

The Business Meeting will begin.

Business Meeting

Roll Call,,

Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting is now April 4, 2024 at IS 61

Motion to approve, unanimously in agreement.

Presentation by James Leahy class size matters

Bill 946

James Leahy would present at an upcoming meeting regarding class size matters

James mentioned not to share the information. James will present either at the February or March meetings.

. Bylaws

We will leave the date for the meetings as the 4th Tuesday of each month. If you will be late, later than 15 minutes, you need to call the president and/or Administrative Assistant.

Five-Year Plan

Matthew Crescio brought up numerous water issues that need to be reviewed and corrected in our schools. We need to set up a meeting to discuss this.

ELL/MLL

Anna Karwowska,

How are we working together to support each other as a team? The benefits of our children, communities and families. As a co-chair of the Dual Language program, we need to follow up on the rules. We need to comply with the bylaws.

We will discuss this further at the February meeting.
The February 27th meeting will be at Public School 239.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.
Janet Kregler, Administrative Assistant