

Community Education Council 24
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November 28th Community Education Council 24 Meeting Minutes

The November 28th CEC Meeting took place at Public School 91

Attendees: Veronica Piedra Leon, Connie Altamirano, Mati Gonzalez, Fatima Shamoan, Matthew Crescio, Manisha Jain, Anna Karwowska, Johanna Pineda, Leticia Vasquez, Guo Zhou (absent); Superintendent Teresa Caccavale, Eleanor McNamee, Donna Murphy, James Leahy, Rachelle Lewis, Elizabeth Kot, Director of Facilities, Richard Donnelly, American Debate League, Principal, Gregory Filippi, Interim Acting Principal, Kevin Lopez for the new Motion Picture Technology High School; Jennifer Tomes, Jennifer Vega, Jacqueline Rodriguez, Altagracia Ramirez, Edwin Labay, Alane Caridi, Color Guard; Code of Conduct was read by Leticia Vasquez, CEC24 Member.

Veronica Piedra Leon, CEC24 President

Welcome to the November 28th CEC24 Meeting at Public School 91.

Congratulations to the Public School 91's Color Guard:

Jaelouis Candelier	Lucciana Djura
Olivia Healy	Madison Tabala
Larisa Ibrahim	Patryjca Gurdak
Rosalia Lombardo	

Thank you to Ms. Alane Carid for organizing the school's Color Guard ceremony.

Enjoy the School Government – 3rd graders and 5th graders. We want to extend our sincere gratitude to the children who makes this worthwhile. This is an example of working together.

Nomination and Election of Recording Secretary

Is there any member that would like to nominate themselves or another member for the position of Recording Secretary? Mati Gonzalez nominated Fatima Shamoan. One nomination, we will proceed to a vote. Fatima Shamoan nominated herself. No other candidates.

Roll Call for the Recording Secretary: Veronica Piedra Leon, - Yes; Connie Altamirano- Yes; Mati Gonzalez- Yes; Johanna Pineda-Yes; Leticia Vasquez-Yes; Fatima Shamoan-Yes; Matthew Crescio-Yes; Manisha Jain-Absent, Anna, Mr. Zhou - 8 voted – 2 absent.

Congratulations to Fatima Shamoan, Recording Secretary for the CEC24.

Mati Gonzalez, For the first time there are 4 women on the Executive Committee. Congratulations to all!

Election of CEC24 Vacancy

We have one parent vacancy and have had an election since the August meeting. We will proceed with a vote between these two parents, Juny Adames and Malgorzata Olechowski.

Roll Call:

<i>Leticia Vasquez- Juny</i>	<i>Connie Altamirano-Juny</i>
<i>Johanna Pineda- Juny</i>	<i>Mati Gonzalez- Juny</i>
<i>Matt Crescio- Margaret</i>	<i>Fatima Shamoan-Juny</i>
<i>Anna Karwowska- Margaret</i>	<i>Veronica Piedra Leon – Juny</i>
<i>Manisha Jain- Margaret</i>	<i>Mr. Zhou, Absent</i>

Voting: 6-3-1.

A motion to move forward and table the December 2023 Meeting to have the parent election take place at the December 19th Meeting by Mati Gonzalez and second Connie Altamirano.

If you are interested, we have a District 75 Vacancy.

Thank you to Juny and Margaret. Please attend the December 19th CEC24 Meeting.

A thank you to Superintendent Caccavale for your collaboration in the CEC24. Many of the council members have been attending their school liaison meetings and have been working together on issues with other stakeholders.

November 29th is the PEP meeting regarding the truncation of eliminating 6th grade at PS 153. A vote will take place to collaborate to move forward.

The new CEC social media and Facebook Committee will be transparent and comply. The new Communications Committee will be spread throughout the district and be equitable to reach out to all our school's communities to move forward.

Mati Gonzalez, CEC24 Treasurer

Treasurer’s Report for November 2023.

CEC24-DESCRIPTION	ALLOCATED	SPENT	BALANCE (12/1/23)
P-CARD	\$500.00	-	\$500.00
LOCAL TRAVEL/MEETING EXPENSES	\$1,000.00	-	\$1,000.00
PARENT INVOLVEMENT	\$2,000.00	-	\$2,000.00
COMPUTER	\$1,000.00	-	\$1,000.00
COMPUTER HOOK UP/REPAIRS	\$250.00	-	\$250.00
MEMBER REIMBURSEMENTS	\$18,250.00	\$4,550.00	\$13,700.00
DOE SUPPLIES	\$1,000.00	--	\$1,000.00
TOTAL NOVEMBER 2023	\$24,000.00	\$4,550.00	\$19,450.00

Member Reimbursements-

The monies are used and approved, \$1,500.00 per member (\$125.00) per month.

The \$125.00 includes \$75.00 for internet and \$50.00 for childcare per member. the President receives \$200.00 per month.

As we set up meeting locations, please be mindset that it will cost the members approximately \$100.00 per taxi with no transportation in site. We need to make decisions regarding travelling to a school location for monthly meetings.

Committees

Veronica will oversee all committees. Veronica discussed who will chair or co-chair each committee.

Leticia Vasquez	Parent Engagement
Connie Altamirano	Special Education
Mati Gonzalez	Bylaws
Mati Gonzalez	Capital Plan
Matthew Crescio	Capital Plan
Fatima Shamoon	Communications/Facebook, Website
Johanna Pineda	ELL/Dual Language
Anna Karwowska	Dual Language
Maniksha Jain	G&T/American Debate League

Manisha Jain, G&T and American Debate League (tentative) will decide by next month.

Anna Karwowska and Johanna Pineda may co-chair the Dual Language Program to work with all languages.

We make sure that everyone works together, and we will look over all priorities with the district and be supportive of each other.

Chancellor's Town Hall Meeting has been moved from May 2024 to Monday, March 18, 2024

There were some suggestions on different school's sites: IS 5, PS 343, IS 61, PS 19, PS 110

We need a location that is ADA accessible, close to transportation and has parking.

Suggestions for PS 343, PS 110 and IS 61. Matt mentioned an older school, so the Department of Facilities can go in and clean the school, paint and update the school for the visit. IS 61 is the largest intermediate school in the US. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Elizabeth Kot from the Department of Facilities

Maintains and works in your school building and any repairs you might have. We also work with SCA (School Construction Authority).

Thank you to Ms. Elizabeth Kot to help with the polish language translator.

District 24 Superintendent Teresa Caccavale,

Thank you for District 24. Thank you for the Parent Fair from the UFT on Saturday, November 4th.

We had so much fun giving out books to all the parents and children.

A reminder the High School applications close December 1st. Middle School Application are due Friday, December 8th.

You can apply online with MySchools; by phone at 718-935-2009 or be visiting a Family Welcome Center

Kindergarten applications open on Tuesday, December 5th and will remain open through January 19th. If your child was born in 2019 and lives in New York City, they are eligible to attend kindergarten in fall 2024.

The district office is holding a family information session for kindergarten admissions on Thursday, December 7th at 10:00 and 6:00 pm.

Computer Based Testing

Grades 5 and 8, ELA (English Language Arts), Math and Science

Spring 2024

Required CBT (Computer Based Testing) for grades 5 and 8, optional CBT for all other grades

Grades 4 and 6 ELA and Math

Spring 2025

Required CBT for grades 4, 5, 6, and 8

Optional CBT for grades 3 and 7

Grades 3 and 7 ELA and Math

Spring 2026

Required CBT for all grades 3 – 8

Kids Rise – Save for College Program

Students with NYC Scholarship Accounts 7,348

Families who have completed Building Block 1 29.2%

BUILDING BLOCK 1 COMPLETIONS THIS MONTH 27

\$829.109 NYC Scholarship Funds

Unclaimed BB1 \$130, 200

Community Scholarship Funds \$23, 559

Every eligible student is automatically enrolled in the Save for College Program, unless their family chooses not to participate.

This school year, kindergartens, first and second grades are eligible to participate

Newly Arrived New Yorkers

Does immigration status affect participation in the Save to College Program?

It does not. Families do not need to provide a social security number to be enrolled into the program.

What happens if students move to another school or leave the NYC public school?

Once the child receives a NYC Scholarship Account, they will continue to have access to the account. They will be eligible to earn additional benefits and rewards.

Can money in an NYC Scholarship Account be used for education abroad?

Yes, the account can be used for qualified higher education expenses at any eligible institution in the US and abroad.

Over 4,000 people showed up for the Day at the Zoo on November 11th. What a wonderful day and fun we had.

District 24 office had a Community Resource Fair on November 14th at the New York Hall of Science and more than 30 vendors focusing on mental health, family support, social services, immigration, and educational resources.

PS 211 – 2nd place winner for We are Walking Here

Public Session

Kevin Lopez, Interim Acting Principal for Motion Picture Technology HS in District 30. The school will be ready to open in September 2025. This unscreened High School in Northern Queens is on Northern Boulevard and Broadway (the Sports Authority store). Students living in Queens have top priority seats. As of today, we have only 200 seats, and 261 students applied. Remind the school principals if their students are interested in film or advertising, this school is for them.

Mr. Lopez will be having an introduction high school meeting at the Arri Rental Headquarters on November 29th at 5:00 pm located at 47- 27 36th Street.

Thank You to Diana Iqbal, from FACE (Family and Community Empowerment) – it is her last day and Congratulations and Thank you for your service.

Resolutions

Resolution #158 – Requesting Increases to Community and City Council of Education Budgets approved by all members.

The resolution was approved by all members.

Resolution #159 In support of Bilingual Program Extension to Middle Schools and Citywide Remote and Digital Learning Work Language Programs Access

The Resolution did not pass.

Resolution #160 on Improving the Use of Random numbers of for Admissions Placement

The resolution did not pass.

Resolutions 162 read by Leticia Vasquez Calling for the Reinstatement of the Recently Canceled New School Safety Agent Class and an Adequate Number of School Safety Agents was approved unanimously.

Resolution 163 read by Fatima Shamoon to allow for Hybrid Meetings According to Open Meeting Law

The Resolution was approved 7 – 2-0.

At the December meeting, we will discuss Resolution 164 Opposing 60-day limitation on Shelter Stays for Families of Public-School Students.

Richard Connelly from American Debate League discussed the Debate League that has been sponsored by Council Member Bob Holden and Thank you to IS 93 and PS 91 for hosting these debates. Manisha Jain, CEC24 member has been a judge of the panel for the American Debate League.

Veronica Piedra Leon (Closing Remarks)

Thank you to Principal Mr. Filippi, the Color Guard, and the young Student Government for presenting this evening.

We are closing the calendar meeting at 7:50 pm.

Business Meeting

Roll Call by Fatima Shamoon

Discussion on Public School 153 – elimination of 6th grade at Public School 153. Not all members agreed with the dismissal of 6th grade.

November 29th is the PEP meeting referring to this elimination for the CEC members to discuss and move forward.

Some of the members discussed their School Liaison Visits.

Discussion of the January meeting location will be at Public School 290. We will check in with Principal Morris to see if the school is available.

Meeting ended.

Janet Kregler

Administrative Assistant

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