

Community Education Council 24
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October 24, 2023

Community Education Council 24 Minutes

Held at Public School 19 at 6:00 pm

Attendees: Manisha Jain, Matthew Crescio, Anna Karwowska, Connie Altamirano, Veronica Piedra Leon, Mati Gonzalez, Johanna Pineda, Leticia Vasquez, Fatima Shamoon, Guo Zhou, Superintendent Teresa Caccavale, Rachelle Lewis, James Leahy, Eleanor McNamee, Donna Murphy, Principal Krystal Jimenez of Public School 19, Principal Laura La Sala of Public School 89, Jarret Freeman, Zeta Charter Schools, Dayan Gaston, Bertha Petimbay, Venus Ketchum, Dyiqui Torres, Mariana Sacramento, Juny Adames and Malgorzata Olechowski

Matthew Crescio resigned as CEC24 President and Fatima Shamoon resigned as Recording Secretary.

Connie Altamirano, CEC24 Vice President is the highest-ranking officer who will officiate the CEC24 Meeting as the President.

Leticia Vasquez read the Code of Conduct.

Election of President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary

Election of President

Veronica Piedra Leon nominated herself. No other nominations from the members.

The voting took place, and the vote was 8 Yes, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent. Congratulations to Veronica Piedra Leon.

Election of Treasurer

Mati Gonzalez nominated herself. No other nominations from the members.

The voting took place, and the vote was 9 Yes,1 Absent. The vote passed. Congratulations to Mati Gonzalez.

Election of Recording Secretary

Mati Gonzalez nominated Manisha Jain, she declined. Leticia Vasquez nominated Matt Crescio. He declined. No other nominations.

We will table this for the November Meeting.

Election of CEC24 Parent Member and District 24 Member

No one applied for the district 24 member.

Election of CEC24 Parent members are Juny Adames and Malgozarta Olechowski. Both candidates will answer a few questions each and the members will vote.

The Vote took place which did not pass. 3 Yes for Malgorzata Olechowski and 6 Votes for Juny Adames.

We will table this election for Parent Member at the November Meeting.

Public Session

Krystal Jimenez, Principal spoke about no Crossing Guard at 98 Street and Roosevelt Avenue; very scary, the cars run red lights and go through stop signs. Police should be present. Too many children walk to school, and she is scared for them. Ms. Jimenez discussed prostitution around and near the school. We need to have our children protected.

Ms. Jimenez discussed about Citibikes near the school, which many families have concerns. DOT is following up with the school. We need to advocate for a light.

The playground is still not usable due to the slide pull and matts. Matt Crescio will contact Ms. Jimenez and the Department of Facilities to take care of it. Many parents complained about the vendors without permits outside the school and along Roosevelt Avenue.

A parent said that there is not enough help from the police or the council members. There is a lot of garbage and vendors along Roosevelt and 98th Street and 99th Street. No one is cleaning this up.

Matt Crescio asked Ms. Jimenez about the Open Street Permit.

Jarrett Freeman, Manager of Strategic Impact of Zeta Charter Schools spoke about charter schools in the area.

Venus Ketchum talked about hybrid options, and it would be great to reach out to all families.

In your language, reach out to the council members and call the precinct every day to complain about the crossing guard, not enough lighting and the prostitution around the school area.

Attached Superintendent Teresa Caccavale's October 2023 Report

Stephanie, a student from Public School 19 helped Teresa Caccavale with the slide

Show. Save for College – every child will receive \$100.00 each to join.

Monthly Calendar – at the September meeting, all members received a copy of the calendar. Eleanor McNamee and Donna Murphy shared with parents the Suicide Awareness and Poison/Cannabis Edible Workshops.

Teresa Caccavale joined Matthew Crescio and Anna Karwowska at the Polish Parade and many parents from PS 153 and IS 71 attended. A lot of fun!

October 18, The Middle School Fair at IS 73 had about 400 parents. We have a new reading program HMH Into Reading

October 21 is the Walk n Treat Parade

Saturday, November 11 is Family Day at the Zoo – fun activities, all are free.

Tuesday, November 14th will have two sessions for the district 24 Community Resource Fair at the NY Hall of Science.

State of Our District

Demographics

35,676 students,

18 percent have IEPs, 36 percent are ELL, 18 percent double up, 76 percent are reduced lunch and 2.2 percent live in a shelter

Great News!

Math and ELA for 20-22-2023 went up 10% in Math.

Screeners. Where the children are now, grow and learn

Resolutions 158, 159 and 160

The resolutions will be tabled for the November meeting.

158 – Requesting Increases to Community and Citywide Education Council Budgets

#159 – In support of Bilingual Program Extension to Middle Schools and Citywide

Remote and Digital Learning World Language Programs Access

#160 – Improving the Use of Random Numbers for Admission Placement

No update on the District Learning Team Meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting.

Business Meeting.

AA, Janet Kregler’s computer was frozen all day, put a complaint in with DIIT and will get back to me. Need to send the Ticket Number to Eleanor McNamee and Veronica Piedra Leon.

Treasurer’s Report

The CEC24 Treasurer’s Report for 2023-2024 was approved unanimously by all members of the CEC24.

DESCRIPTION	OBJECT CODE	ACTIVITY CODE	ALLOCATED	BALANCE
P-CARD	198	SOM0	\$500.00	\$500.00
LOCAL TRAVEL and MEETING EXPENSES (refreshments)	452	SUR8R	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
PARENT INVOLVEMENT	489	SOMB	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
COMPUTER	332	SOM4	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
COMPUTER HOOK-UP/REPAIR	613	SOM7	\$250.00	\$250.00
MEMBER REIMBURSEMENT S	496	SOM9	\$18,250.00	\$18,250.00
DOE SUPPLIES	198	SOMA	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL			\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00

Discussion of Liaisons

Primary and Secondary Members

Minutes of September 12th, September 26th, October 10th Meeting Minutes will be discussed and voted on at the November 28th meeting.

CEC24 Meetings

November Meeting will be held at Public School 91 and December meeting will be held either at PS 290 Or PS 239.

Bylaws Committee

Six members joined the Committee.

Veronica Piedra Leon	Manisha Jain
Connie Altamirano	Johanna Pineda
Matthew Crescio	Mati Gonzalez

We will set up a Bylaws Committee meeting soon.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Janet Kregler

Administrative Assistant
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