

CDEC 29Q CALENDAR Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2022

- **CEC 29 President Hammond called the Calendar meeting to order at 7pm.**
- **Roll Call by Recording Secretary R. Begum**
Present: Rehana Begum, Joann Cummings, Nicole Hammond, Jacques Leandre, Esther Lelievre, Jermaine McCalpin, Kim West.
Excused Absence: Tariq Khan
 - Quorum with seven members present.
- **Secretary’s Report, R. Begum**
 - Approval of Minutes: January 13 Calendar & Business meetings.
 - Changes proposed for the minutes: attendance and roll call votes.
 - Member K. West motioned to accept minutes with changes as written. Member N. Hammond seconded. No one opposed.
- **CEC President’s Report, N. Hammond**
 - President Hammond reminded community members to be mindful of their self-care and to make it a priority.
 - In recognition of Black History Awareness Month President Hammond invited CEC Member Dr. McCalpin to present an overview of his speech relating to people of African American decent.
- **D29 Community Superintendent’s Report, B. Mitchell**
 - Superintendent Mitchell welcomed the school community and wished everyone well.
 - Updates:
 - Schools are working with families to determine promotional criteria.
 - Parent surveys are available online. Families are encouraged to complete the survey.
 - Superintendent Mitchell reviewed the current NYC DOE Health & Safety Guidelines with the public.
 - Deputy Superintendent Dr. Vaughn presented the “Principal Practice Observation” action plan for K-8 and 6-8 schools. Professional Learning will begin in March.
 - Mr. Pressey, D29 Family Leadership Coordinator (FLC): presented data from the DESSA (SEL screeners). Reported 70% students are receiving DESSA intervention services.
 - Announced College Readiness Workshop 3/1.
 - Also announced upcoming webinar addressing families and suicide prevention.
 - Provided an update to D29 Healing Ambassador programs. Reported ambassadors have completed training and have hosted the required workshop for families. Ambassadors are working to schedule workshops for the remaining schools.
 - Ms. M. Davis, Early Childhood Principal reported applications are open for district 29Q 3K and 4K programs.
 - CEC 29 second VP Dr. McCalpin acknowledged and congratulated the BlaQue Resource Network (BRN) for receiving a Community Empowerment award from Queens DA Melinda Katz.
 - Superintendent Mitchell announced District Office plan to collaborate with BRN, would keep the community updated on the partnership details.
 - **Fair Student Funding (FSF) Budget Presentation:** Mr. Lubin, D29 and Voncille Chaney, DOE

- Purpose of presentation is to receive public comment.
- After review of public comments, the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) will vote to approve the budget.
- Question raised regarding school's budgets. Mr. Lubin informed the public that each school's budget is on the NYC DOE website.
- Question asked regarding the funding for District Offices. District offices receive funding based on the number of schools, and the support needed to service students. Superintendent's office welcomes the proposal of additional staff for the district office.
- **Presentation** from Eagle Academy Queens Healing Ambassador, Ms. Mosalita McMillian
 - Explained the healing strategies she uses for students and families.
 - She has a designated space in the school to foster engagement with the school community.
 - Reported parents have been responding well to the program.
 - Ms. McMillian will begin self-care days in March because of the positive participation in the program.
 - Parent in attendance testified to the appreciation of having a healing ambassador in school. Asked for strategies she could use with her boys.
- **D29 Presidents' Council Report**, Ms. K. Aubry, President
 - Reported Presidents' Council will host a Black History event on Monday, Feb 28. Special Guest speaker Public Advocate Jumaane Williams.
- **Public Agenda Session: Speaker's list**
 - Elizabeth Sowunmi, Senator Comrie: encouraged community to contact Senator's office for assistance with issues/concerns.
 - Announced Youth Recognition Program.
 - Reported public comment period is open for the new Roy Wilkins recreation center.
 - Reported the Homeowners assistance fund ends on Feb 18.
 - Mr. Stephens, Parent: expressed to CEC based on the capital plan discussion noting challenges schools had with their PA Systems, he has possible solutions for the problem. In addition, Mr. Stephens offered to help prospective students who are interested in building a media proposal for High School. President Hammond asked Mr. Stephens to email the CEC office with the details.
 - Mr. Richard Connelly, CBO: reported the debate team has expanded to include district leagues, operating in over 100 schools in districts 23, 24, and 15, in addition to D29.
 - Reminded schools have until March 4 to allocate funding for a Debate League program in their schools.
 - Announced Summer school debate program, in-person at Queens College. Scholarships available for families facing hardships.
- President Hammond provided a platform for fellow CEC members to address the community
 - First VP E. Lelievre commented related to her positive experience as a parent leader in D29.
 - Member K. West gave accolades to Dr. McCalpin for his black history segment. Recommended the public to read "The 1619 Project: Born on the Water."
- **Meeting Adjournment:** President Hammond motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9pm.

CDEC 29Q BUSINESS Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2022

- CEC 29 President Hammond called the Calendar meeting to order at 9:05pm.
- Roll Call by Recording Secretary R. Begum
Present: Rehana Begum, Joann Cummings, Nicole Hammond, Jacques Leandre, Esther Lelievre, Jermaine McCalpin, Kim West.
Excused Absence: Tariq Khan
 - Quorum with seven members present.
- Treasurer’s Report
 - Mrs. Camille, AA, reviewed the council’s operating budget and proposed budget modifications to cover expenses through year-end.
 - Proposed Budget Modifications
 - Reallocate \$5,000 from Reimbursement Expenses and move to General Supplies
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 - Reallocate \$1,000 from the P-Card and move to General Supplies
 - Reallocate \$1,400 from Meeting Expenses and move to General Supplies
 - Reallocate \$1,000 from Constant Contact and move to General Supplies
 - Schedule Assembly Member Hyndman rollover legislative grant of \$5,000 in General Supplies.
 - First VP E. Lelievre proposed the use remaining funds in CEC meeting expense to fund a council sponsored Juneteenth event.
 - President Hammond also proposed the council consider hosting a Spring PRESS event.
 - Dr. West proposed adding a funding line CEC member can use to attend training sessions. Informed members of upcoming workshop on dyslexia.
 - Council held a Roll Call Vote to approve Proposed Budget Modifications as listed. All members in attendance voted to approve the proposed budget modifications. No member opposed. The proposal approved with 7-Yes votes.
- Old Business/New Business
 - Superintendent Mitchell delivered news from Office of District Planning about the approval for a building addition at PS 95Q for the removal of TCUs. The TCUs currently house PS 95Q kindergarten students. Kindergarten students will attend PS 35Q until the building addition is completed.
 - Next steps for PS 95Q, a proposal will be released to the public followed by a hearing and then a vote at the April PEP mtg.
 - SCA is considering a building addition to PS/IS 116Q. The district office has not received confirmation of the project.
 - CEC Member Dr. West asked Superintendent about the status of PS/IS 116Q. Superintendent Mitchell replied conversations are ongoing with SCA.
 - Dr. West previously requested to attend district meeting with the Superintendent/SCA/ODP team. Superintendent responded yes, then later was informed the meeting is internal to DOE. Superintendent Mitchell informed council that SCA and

ODP are willing to attend CEC meetings to discuss upcoming plans and proposals for the district.

- CEC members expressed to Superintendent the lack of receiving information timely. Members feel there is a lack of communication from SCA.
- CEC members requested to have presentations forwarded to the council in advance of meetings to allow time for review and comments.
- School Liaison List
 - Members reviewed list to include new member Joann Cummings.
 - Dr. West suggested PS/IS 208Q; Ms. Cummings serves as PTA and SLT rep, called on B. Matadin/FACE liaison for clarification.
 - FACE Liaison B. Matadin informed members of a conflict that exists if a member liaises with the school their child attends. Member is ok to support the council member(s) assigned to the school their child attends.
 - President Hammond suggested Ms. Cummings choose schools that would be convenient for her to advocate and support.
- Discretionary Funding Application
 - Mrs. Camille, AA, informed members of the upcoming deadline to apply for the City Council Discretionary Funding Application.
 - Members want to request City Council members fund the annual History Fair, Science Fair, Graduation Ceremony and PRESS events.
 - CEC member E. Lelievre informed members she is working with PS 134Q to obtain funding to paint a mural on the school.
- Resolutions
 - School Governance: members briefly reviewed the resolution in public. Agreed to further review for additional comments and/or changes. Council will consider voting on the resolution during the March public meeting.
 - PA/PTA Access Parents Contact Information: members reviewed the resolution. The consensus agrees with the resolution with parents giving consent to have their information shared.
 - FACE liaison B. Matadin reported on conversations with D29 parent leaders regarding increasing parent engagement in D29. President Hammond suggested a partnership between CEC and Presidents' Council. Leaders agreed to help lift parent/PTA engagement at the following schools: PS 34, PS 181 and PS/IS 295.
 - CEC 29Q Opens Meetings Law Resolution: Members feel CECs should have the option of hosting public meetings either in-person, virtual or hybrid based on format that best fits the district needs. Both CEC 16 and CEC 21 has open meetings law resolutions that the council can review for additional information. The council will review those resolutions
- Meeting Adjournment: President Hammond motioned to adjourn the Business Meeting at 11:55pm. All members in attendance agreed. No one opposed.
- CDEC 29Q February 17 Calendar & Business meeting minutes submitted by Administrative Assistant Nakida Chambers-Camille.