

CEC 29Q CALENDAR Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2022

- CEC 29Q President Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.
- Roll Call: Recording Secretary J. Cummings
 - Present: Joann Cummings, Nicole Hammond, Esther Lelievre, Jermaine McCalpin, and Kim West.
 - Excused Absence: Tariq Khan
 - Absent: Jacques Leandre
 - No Quorum
- Secretary’s Report
 - Review minutes from July 21st Annual, Calendar and Business meetings. Suggested changes to the minutes: edit T. Khan’s position as CEC 29 Treasurer, currently listed as recording secretary. Dr. West approved motion to amend minutes, Dr. McCalpin seconded the motion.
- President report
 - President Hammond welcomed attendees to the meeting and reviewed the agenda.
 - President Hammond introduced Sheree Gibson, Queens Borough President Appointee to the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP).
 - Why is PEP important? Advocacy on behalf of families, PEP is School Board for DOE. Ms. Gibson will take issues/concerns from families to Borough President and PEP. Marching orders from QBP to go out and visit Queens schools to find out what's happening, programming, etc.
- Superintendent Report Dr. Bonds
 - Intro Dr. Van Ness, Queens South HS Superintendent
 - Dr. Van Ness shared the Queens South Back-to-School video.
 - Dr. Van Ness introduced Dr. Brown as the CEC & DLT point person.
 - Question: M. Gutierrez, QBP office asked about designating Pathways College Prep School as a dual degree program. Dr. Van Ness replied they are currently working with Pathways to get that school the designation.
 - Dr. Bonds, CSD 29Q
 - Superintendent Bonds reported on the first 30 days in District 29.
 - Supt/ Bonds introduced the D29 Team Leads Dr. Vaughn and Dr. Dixon
 - Dr. Dixon’s Team will support Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and D29 Building Leaders and Families.
 - Dr. Vaughn presented the Team she's leading.
 - Dr. Bonds informed the new Team of diverse learners and thinkers are committed to D29.
 - Dr. Bonds shared the feedback she received from CEC 29Q, which is included in the District Plan.
 - Superintendent Bonds also share the targeted goals for D29: Literacy & Numeracy, and the Mission & Vision for D29.
 - Dr. Bonds asked for feedback and input from the community on the proposed Mission & Vision for D29.
 - District office information:

- K. Hardy share information pertaining the D29 App for District Office information, and the contact info for D29 parent support team.
 - Superintendent Bonds closed the report with her commitment to D29 and encouraged the community to lock arms and stand up district team.
- Greetings from City Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers
 - Council Member met with Supt. Bonds and shared feedback from families regarding education in D29. Stated she is leveraging resources towards school programming. Requested ideas and thoughts on how to move the district forward together.
- Presentation: NYC DOE Office of District Planning – Ms. Rebecca Lichtenstein
 - Ms. Lichtenstein explained the role of the Office of District Planning is to provide equity, learning conditions, and work closely with CEC and PEP. The office receives community feedback of district priorities, and rezoning.
 - Shared District 29 Data Summary report
 - Question from M. Gutierrez, QBP, regarding G&T in D29. Ms. Lichtenstein replied the office is open to meet with QBP to discuss increasing G&T in D29.
 - Contact information to submit community feedback regarding the D29 Data Plan Summary was provided in the meeting chat.
 - D29 Data Summary will be represented to CCHS on September 14th.
 - Question: What would the process be to merge co-located D29 High Schools back as one? Ms. Lichtenstein replied District Planning team can explore this process based on community feedback, a complete analysis, and consultation with Superintendent and CEC.
- DTYCTSD 2022 – Mr. Rodney Pride, LCSW
 - District 29Q DTYCTSD 2022 will take place on Tuesday, September 13, 2022; DTYCTS week will take place beginning Sunday, September 11th through Saturday, September 17th.
 - Mr. Pride presented an overview of DTYCTSD, the mission of DTYCTSD, and the D29 theme “Calling of the Fathers of the Village”.
- Presidents’ Council Report: Ms. Howard brought greetings from D29 Presidents’ Council. Reported the next Presidents’ Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept 27th, 6:30 pm. Agenda: Election of Officers.
- Public Session – Speaker’s List
 - Elizabeth, State Senator Comrie: reported the office is open for constituent needs, provided contact information.
 - Joan Scott, NCRG Black College Expo: announced college fair; HBCUs college acceptance on the spot, awarding scholarships on the spot, essay contest (500 words or less); asked for help to get the word out.
 - Vanessa Sparks, CB 12 Education Committee, NYC Rep for Black College Expo
 - IS 59Q PC Sheryl Leverett asked what time does Expo take place? Ms. Scott replied: 10am - 3pm. Scholarship Awards at 3pm.
 - Dr. West noted Ms. Scott was the first higher education person she’s heard, prompt parents to bring elementary school students to the college fair.
 - Richard Connelly, American Debate League: looking forward to providing the debate program in District 29 schools (PS/IS 208, PS/MS 147, PS/IS 270, Eagle Academy, etc.).

- Superintendent Dr. Bonds informed community, the first two weeks of school, families can speak with a district office staff member at each D29 school.
 - Tia Collins-Hill, Pathways Parent who is committed to getting early college designation. Reported the Pathways School Community continue to hear the response that the designation is being worked on, looking to see action.
 - Charlie Ogbeni: Breast feeding specialist. Interested in working with D29 families.
- Meeting Adjournment
 - President Hammond motioned to adjourn Calendar meeting. All CEC members in attendance approved the motion. No one opposed. Calendar meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

CEC 29Q Business Meeting Minutes – August 18, 2022

- CEC 29Q President Hammond called the business meeting to order at 9:50 pm.
- Roll Call: Recording Secretary J. Cummings
 - Present: Joann Cummings, Nicole Hammond, Esther Lelievre, Jermaine McCalpin, and Kim West.
 - Excused Absence: Tariq Khan
 - Absent: Jacques Leandre
 - No Quorum
- Treasurer Report: President Hammond
 - A copy of CEC 29 Operating Budget for 2022-23 was presented.
 - N. Camille, AA, reported CEC members could not establish a separate line item for transportation costs. Those expenses can be reimbursed using the member reimbursement form. Mrs. Camille informed members Budget Officer D. Koleva can attend a CEC meeting to further explain the standard operating procedures for expenditures and reimbursements.
 - PS 181Q Donation request for Food, tables and chair donations. Council members agreed to the request. President Hammond will work with Mrs. Camille and PS 181Q Principal regarding the donations.
 - Budget Conversations with City Council Members: President Hammond reported CEC has met with Council Members Brooks-Powers, and N. Williams regarding NYC DOE budget cuts.
 - Dr. West reported on the meeting with Council Member N. Williams for further understanding of why the vote went the way it did. Dr. West explained to the community, the process of voting on the city budget. Council Members vote on each agencies budget. The agency then determines how those funds are allocated.
 - President Hammond reached out to Member Brooks-Powers office and received a similar response from Brooks-Powers Chief of Staff.
 - CEC will reach out directly to school principals to assist with budgetary concerns. Some D29 schools received additional funding.
 - CEC 29 was appreciative of the conversations, and knowledge of the process. CEC 29 will assist City Council members outreach to D29 Principals regarding their budgets.
- Old Business/New Business
 - OML Hybrid Meetings process: CEC 29 will begin to navigate how to hold hybrid meetings.
 - The council will seek out someone who can assist CEC in setting up the Hybrid structure, and troubleshooting the best way to facilitate this structure.
 - President Hammond reported on CEC input with Parent Coordinator hiring.

- Proposal to hold CEC 29 Calendar & Business Meetings on separate dates
 - o Feedback from CEC members:
 - Dr. West: Business meeting is most important and in favor of hold the business meeting on a separate date.
 - Dr. McCalpin would like to keep Business meeting the same day but encourage council to be more disciplined during meetings.
 - E. Lelievre agreed to keep Business meeting on the same day with the Council being on task.
 - President Hammond noted that most members do not wish to separate meetings, and agree with meetings being on task.
- IEP Workshop
 - o CEC 29 Member J. Cummings would like the council to host an IEP Workshop to help families compile their child's IEP binder.
 - The event will be in-person, an IEP break the ice workshop can be facilitated for Father's.
 - The workshop will cover: how to read an IEP, and a Back to School/Meet the Parent template.
 - President Hammond suggested the workshop series can be part of CEC 29 PRESS events. Encouraged J. Cummings to setup a Committee meeting for IEP workshop. J. Cummings replied the workshop can be pushed back to October.
- September meeting Agenda
 - o Members discussed agenda times for September 21st meeting:
 - Presentation by NYC Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene Education and Community Partnerships Unit.
 - President Hammond suggested the council host "Get to Know your CEC" which will introduce CEC members and their roles as parent representatives.
 - President Hammond mention distribution of the Jargon Booklet to inform families and the community of NYC DOE acronyms,
- Additional items:
 - CEC member E. Lelievre thanked CEC member Cummings for helping parent who had questions regarding their child's IEP. The parent found the information to be very helpful.
 - Dr. McCalpin noted March is Disability Awareness Month, and October is Disability Employment Awareness Month.
 - o Dr. McCalpin also reported he's giving an address to United Nations, Education Forum, on August 19th. Reported that Southeast Queens will be mentioned in his presentation.
 - Dr. West inquired as to how CEC Council can use its business session to further develop CEC members on topics of discussion related to curriculum info, professional development regarding district initiatives, goals and objectives, etc.
- Meeting Adjournment: CEC President Hammond motioned to adjourn Business meeting. All members in attendance were in agreement. No one opposed. Business Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.
- Minutes Submission: CEC 29Q August 18th Calendar & Business Meeting minutes submitted by N. Chambers-Camille, CEC 29Q AA.