

CEC 29Q Calendar Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2022

- CEC 29Q Calendar Meeting called to order by 1st Vice President Kim West at 7:00pm.
- Roll Call: Recording Secretary Joann Cummings
 - Present: Joann Cummings, Tariq Khan, Jacques Leandre, Esther Lelievre, Jermaine McCalpin, and Kim West.
 - Excused Absence: Nicole Hammond
 - Quorum Reached
- Secretary's Report – J. Cummings
 - Review & Approval of September 21st Calendar & Business meeting minutes. After review, T. Khan motioned to approve minutes, E. Lelievre seconded the motion. All in favor approved, no one opposed.
 - Resolution: CEC 29Q Hybrid Meetings
 - J. Cummings read the CEC 29Q resolution to approve Hybrid Meetings.
 - Comments were taken from the floor prior to roll call vote.
 - Roll Call vote: J. Cummings – Y; T. Khan – Yes; J. Leandre – Y; E. Lelievre – Y; J. McCalpin – Y; K. West – Y.
 - Resolution passed with 6 – Yes votes, none opposed, none abstained. The resolution will be submitted to FACE.
- D29 Superintendent's Report – Dr. Crystal Bonds
 - Reported district focus on literacy and numeracy
 - Bonding with Bonds: Superintendent met with students' grades k-2 and 3-5. Students reported feedback regarding school lunch, bullying, and want more school trips to make learning fun. Bonding with Bonds events take place monthly.
 - Superintendent's Report: available upon request to district office.
 - Announced "Sailing in time with D29" reading program, in partnership with Queens' library.
 - Announced upcoming Town Hall meeting, Thursday, October 27th @ IS 59Q. There is no live stream option for the town hall.
- Queens South HS Report – Dr. James Brown, Field Support Liaison, on behalf of Supt. Dr. Van-Ess
 - Dr. Brown reported high school graduation rates, attendance, and chronic absenteeism.
 - HS Admissions Update: reported a proposed screening process for an early college program option at Pathways is being considered.
 - Reported September 2022 Highlights and looking ahead.
 - Introduced Eagle Academy Principal Dr. Christopher Smith
 - Dr. Smith reported on Eagle Academy data: attendance rate and graduation rate.
 - Announced Open House dates for Eagle Academy.

- DTYCTSD 2022 – Calling on the Fathers of Our Village
 - D29 Community Ambassador Mr. Rodney Pride reported on DTYCTSD 2022 and ways in which schools hosted programs for Dads. Mr. Pride suggested D29 leadership to take a look at using men to support education in the district.
 - CEC member Dr. West commended the families who participated in the Jackie Robinson program.

- Presentation: NYC Civic Engagement Commission
 - Voter Education: there's still time to request absentee ballot by November 7th via postal mail. Absentee ballots are available in person until Election Day, Nov 8th.
 - Voter's rights: voters are allowed time off to vote; parolees are eligible to vote; voting available in voter's primary language; voters allowed to have an assistant in the booth, as long as it's not an employer or union representative; Interpretation available at most poll sites.
 - Ballot Proposals: there are four proposals on the ballot: 1. Proposal to amend NYC charter. 2. Proposal that every NYC agency specify a racial equity plan. 3. Cost of living increase. 4. NY Environmental Bond Program: clean water, clean air.
 - Participatory Budgeting (PB): NYC first ever citywide PB process. 5 million for expense funding - mental health, after school, community gardening are eligible expenses. Phase 1 from Sept to Nov 7th; Phase 2 vetting process; Phase 3 ballots and voting; Phase 4 winner is funded.

- Public Speaking Session: Speaker's List
 - Elizabeth, Senator Comrie's office: Announcements, advised attendees to contact Senator's office with any constituent needs.
 - Maylene, Assembly member Hyndman's Chief of Staff: extended Congratulations to Superintendent Bonds and the D29 team.
 - Rev Thorbs, CB 12: extended invitation for D29 community to attend CB 12 monthly meetings. Dr. West made a request for CB 12 meeting schedule. Rev. Thorbs reported CB 12 meets every 3rd Wednesday.
 - Richard Connelly, American Debate League: reported the ADL debate program in D29 schools 147, 270 208, and Eagle Academy; reported schools COVO 356, 36, and 195 have expressed interest in the debate program. Announced 208 will host a D29 debate tournament; ADL will table around the district for recruitment.
 - Venus Ketchum, Parent: inspired by Superintendent Dr. Bonds; reported would like to know more about the reading and math curriculum used in D29. Leaned on Community Based Organizations to assist in lifting D29. Also recommended the public read the Chancellor's book - Soar.
 - Vanessa Sparks: Announced 1st SE Queens College Fair on Saturday, October 19th, 12-5pm; 22 colleges have rsvp'd including Sophie Davis medical program, and career readiness workshops.
 - 360 PTA President: Announced NAUW LI Branch will host a workshop at Cambria Heights Library, Managing Transitions.
 - Dr. West extended condolences to Dr. Noville family on the passing of Dr. Virginia Noville.

- Meeting Adjournment: CEC 29 Calendar Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

CEC 29Q Business Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2022

- CEC 29Q 1st Vice President Dr. West called the meeting to order at 9:20 pm.
- Roll Call: Recording Secretary Joann Cummings
 - Present: Joann Cummings, Tariq Khan, Jacques Leandre, Esther Lelievre, Jermaine McCalpin, and Kim West.
 - Excused Absence: Nicole Hammond
 - Quorum Reached
- Treasurer's report – Tariq Khan
 - Review current CEC 29 operating budget
- Old Business/New Business
 - IEP workshop series: J. Cummings reported the building use permit was submitted; INCLUDE NYC presentation confirmed; currently working on ordering supplies and final to-do items; Childcare: Children's Art Workshop.
 - CEC 29 letter to school building leaders: in process of amending letter for distribution to schools.
 - o Members questioned if all schools have assigned members, requested an updated school list.
 - o Mr. Pressey replied he would forward an updated list of D29 Building Leaders to CEC 29. Will also follow –up with Dr. Bonds attending the IEP Workshop Series kick-off event on November 5th.
 - CEC 29 President proposed hosting a Legislative Breakfast Chat & Chew event; additional information forthcoming.
 - Capital plan: Dr. West reminded members school visits are a part of the Capital Plan process.
 - Additional info: Need updated list from Pressey.
- Meeting Adjournment: CEC 1st Vice President Dr. West Hammond motioned to adjourn Business meeting. All members in attendance were in agreement. No one opposed. Business Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.
- Minutes Submission: CEC 29Q October 20th Calendar & Business Meeting minutes submitted by N. Chambers-Camille, CEC 29Q AA.