

Community Education Council 29Q

New York City Public Schools

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CEC 29Q Calendar Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, October 17, 2024

Time: 6:30 PM

Host School: PS 118Q

Meeting Called to Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by CEC 29Q President Allen Williams, Sr.
 - Welcome by Principal Soussoudis, introducing Ms. Jazmin Gonzalez, 5th Grade, running for Student Council President and CEC Reading Ambassador.
 - Hispanic Heritage performance followed.
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Roll Call:

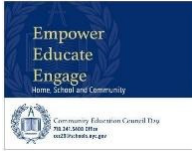
- Roll call conducted by Recording Secretary Tamara Morrison.
 - Present: Mejbah Ahmed, Denese Joyner, Tariq Khan, LaTrina Mitchell, Tamara Morrison, Annmarie Schrouter Gayle, David Washington, Mark Washington (Virtual), and Allen Williams, Sr.
 - Excused Absence: Joann Cummings
 - Quorum reached
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Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes from the September 26th Special, Calendar, & Business Meetings were approved.
 - Motion by Annmarie, seconded by Tariq.
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President's Report:

- **PRESS Event** - Discussed the upcoming family engagement event.
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Presentations:

- **Office of Language Access (OLA):**
 - Mr. Robert Williams presented background and commitments.
 - Q&A followed.
 - **Office of Pupil Transportation (OPT):**
 - Presented on various updates:
 - Support Hub for contacting OPT with challenges.
 - NYC Ferry discount for all high school students via NYSSP.
 - NYCPS School Bus App (also available on desktop).
 - Webinar available on Parent University.
 - Student OMNY Card: 4 free rides, anytime, year-round; digital OMNY cards coming soon.
 - Q&A followed, including a parent letter request from PS/IS 208 for a bus service exception for 7th & 8th graders.
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District 29Q Presidents' Council Report:

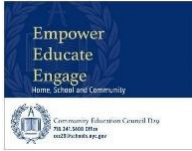
- President Monteiro:
 - The next meeting is on Monday, October 28th, with plans to secure enrollment.
 - First quarterly meeting scheduled.
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Superintendent's Report:

- Report was shared with Council Members prior to the meeting, see report for details.
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Council Member Reports:

- Trina:
 - Announced the upcoming High School Fair.
- Anmarie:
 - Shared details about the HARTS STEM Fair.
- David Washington:
 - Announced the Storybook Ball at PS/MS 147Q.



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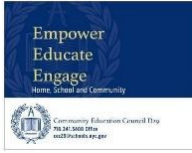
- Allen:
 - Raised concerns regarding traffic issues at PS/IS 295 and IS 109 SLT.
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Speakers' List:

- Assembly Member Hyndman's office representative Cherise Parson introduced Elizabeth as the Deputy Chief of Staff, who discussed an open house and Casino Night for seniors.
 - Ms. Jones shared pickup and drop-off service information:
 - 1-800-975-8715 or msjonesbusservice.com.
 - Allen announced the CEC vacancy.
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Adjournment of Calendar Meeting:

- The calendar meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.
 - Motion by Denese, seconded by Trina.



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CEC 29Q Business Meeting Minutes

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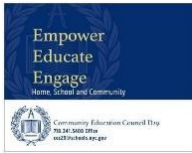
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New Business:

- President Williams announced an adjustment to the Agenda to accommodate a CEC Member who needed to leave.
- **Presentations for November:**
 - Northwell HS, D29 HBCU, and David Newell, Deputy Director for Facilities in D29.
 - Discussion on time constraints for presenters: 10-minute presentation, 5-minute Q&A.
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive (PS 52, 116 & IS 109Q):**
 - Proposal to allocate \$125 from the CEC budget for Thanksgiving food.
 - Discussion by council members of possible donors.
 - Motion by Annmarie to allocate \$125 to District Office and IS 109Q; seconded by Tariq. Approved by all.
- **Legislative Event:**
 - Draft Save-the-Date for December CEC meeting at PS 116Q.
- **Giveaways for CEC 29 Tabling Event:**
 - Trina ordered additional safety kits.
 - Motion by Allen to allocate \$250 from the P-Card for children's giveaways; seconded by Tariq. Approved by all.
- **Incentives for CEC Meeting Attendance:**
 - Motion by Annmarie to allocate \$800 from the P-Card for 4 TVs to be raffled for in-person attendance at CEC meetings in Nov, Dec, and Jan (under \$200 each).
 - Seconded by Allen; 7 in favor, 1 abstained.
- **Elected Officials Support Letter:**



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- Discussion on compiling a list of elected officials to solicit funding and drafting a letter for support.
 - **Budget Meeting Outside of Business Meetings:**
 - Suggestion to hold a separate budget meeting outside of the regular business meeting.
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Other Reports:

- **History Fair:**
 - Allen met with PS 135 to discuss logistics.
 - History Fair packet to be distributed to members.
 - **Keurig Donation:**
 - A member has offered to donate a Keurig machine; members showed interest.
 - **Member Support for PRESS Event:**
 - Member support needed for the PRESS event on November 2nd.
 - **Bylaws Committee:**
 - The committee is open for members. Tamara is a mandated member.
 - **Parliamentarian:**
 - Discussion on the role of the Parliamentarian, who must be well-versed in bylaws and legalities.
 - **D29 STREAM Fair:**
 - Annmarie nominated M. Ahmed, who accepted.
 - **Additional items:**
 - School liaison list: Mejbah will choose 4 schools to liaise with.
 - Tariq suggested the Council begin to engage with the online community.
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Adjournment:

- The business meeting was adjourned at 9:54 PM.
 - Motion by Annmarie, seconded by Tamara.