

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 14

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March 10, 2022/ 6-8pm / Public meeting with members and public via zoom

## **INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMUNITY CHECK IN**

Introductions in the Chat and Community Welcoming

Meeting started at 6:01pm

Ice Breaker: Choose two of the most influential women in your life, one personal and one public.

### **Attendees Present:**

Yuli Hsu

Casey Laytin

Jose Del Toro Alonso

Marissa Manzanares

Tajh Sutton

Iris Gutierrez

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### **Absentees:**

Kenyatta Reid

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of February 2022 District 14 CEC meeting

### **YAY**

Yuli Hsu

Tajh Sutton

Casey Laytin

Jose Del Toro Alonso

Marissa Manzanares

Iris Gutierrez

## **COMMUNITY CHECK IN**

Welcome to the CEC 14 monthly meeting for March. Please introduce yourself in the chat!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

### **School Mask Mandate:**

On Monday, March 7th masking in public schools became optional to mixed reviews. Details here:

<https://gothamist.com/news/elected-officials-call-for-mandatory-student-covid-vaccinations-and-masked-option-for-nyc-schools>

The Council is unanimous in its disappointment about the removal of the mask mandates so quickly. We stand in solidarity with our most vulnerable students and staff.

Click this link for Advocacy tools regarding continued mask wearing to protect our most vulnerable students and staff

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VdIQ5Ltw7YPx47YNs2uotozHJy9Gd3JN0xQJ5KdBkiE/edit>

### **STATEMENT BY CEC VICE PRESIDENT YULI HSU ON ANTI ASIAN VIOLENCE & SOLIDARITY:**

Yuli is presenting on AAPI women for women's history month.

Mary Harrison Lee - a civil rights movement freedom fighter

Victoria Wong, cofounder of AAPA and front woman for 80s punk band Repeat Offenders

A photo of Asian American students at a memorial rally for Bobby Hutton, Black Panther who was killed by Oakland police

Patsy Takemoto - The first Asian American to seek presidential nomination in 1972, she was the first Asian American woman elected to congress, serving 12 terms. Mink wrote several landmark laws in women's education.

Merle Woo - Queer educational activist

Yuli then addressed the recent increase in anti-asian violence in NYC. Since the beginning of March there have been 10 assaults on Asian people in NYC, today is March 10. In 2022, As of March 10th, 4 Asian Americans have died in New York due to anti-asian violence and attacks.

Resources to educate yourself on AAPI:

Cefaan Kim, an abc news correspondent: IG: [@ceefan](#) Twitter: [@CeFaanKim](#)

CACF - Coalition of Asian American families and Pan Asian Canti-opressionoalitions  
[CACF.org](#)

YK Hong - An educator and speaker on anti-opression - IG: [@ykreborn](#) Twitter: [@ykhong](#)

League of Extraordinary [@17.21women](#)

Asian Americans Fighting Injustice is having two events this weekend. One on Saturday 3/13 for elevating AAPI women & femme voices in memoriam of the 1 year anniversary

of the Atlanta spa shooting. There will be a self defense class for AAPI women on Sunday. Please share and support. #StopAsianHate Information at [afihq.org/1yr](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1-year-memorial-atlanta-spa-shootings-elevating-aapi-womens-voices-tickets-289749347097)  
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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tiger-power-street-self-defense-seminar-empowering-aapi-women-femmes-tickets-273201752797>

### **AID FOR UKRAINE:**

PS31 is doing an aid for Ukraine collection, they are collecting anything and everything. [kmanber@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:kmanber@schools.nyc.gov) for more information

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING**

There is a D14 collection initiative for Ukraine

Dr. Dixon discussed the 4 pillars of education presented by Chancellor Banks

D14 is continuing to use soapbox for civic engagement

D14 has two Big Apple Teachers finalist announcements:

Jessica Yapez from PS 59 Jarissa Santiago PS 132

Curriculum night - went over the 5 pillars of early literacy

Attendance update:

D14 is 88%, which is higher than the citywide average

D14 Parent workshops will continue: information link here

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jY37fgOmghDQp2eZuLkBuCZww9zuAkKt/edit>

### **LITERACY COLLECTIVE PRESENTATION**

<https://www.literacyacademycollective.org>

The literacy collective presented its mission to advocate for change in how reading and literacy foundations are taught in New York City public schools.

### **BUDGET PRESENTATION ON FAIR STUDENT FUNDING:**

BK North Budget Director

Micherie Dundas

2022-2023 School Budgets - 37.8 Billion

All DOE budget information can be found on the DOE budget website

### **STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

Lyric and Aria from MS50 have won the Black Lives Matter design contest for the last two years. Aria discussed her artwork stating that black women are both black and women, but many people do not discuss or focus on the beauty of black women. Her sister Lyric won last year. She explained that she put the first because black lives matter she added plants to represent nature, the crowns is to remind everyone that black people are kings and queens! You can purchase merch with their beautiful artwork here: [BLMEDUNYC.ORG](http://BLMEDUNYC.ORG)

### **D14 STAFF HONORED BY MAYOR**

Ms. Torres from PS 297 announced that Ms. Allison, who works in the PS297 cafeteria, is more than a Cook. She was honored by the mayor as a hunger hero. Many members of the community expressed how wonderful she is with the students. That she goes above and beyond on a daily basis. Congratulations Ms. Allison, the D14 community is blessed to have you!

### **Public Comment:**

Are the workshops from D14 recorded so parents who cannot attend may watch on their own time. They currently are not but the D14 office will look into starting this for future workshops.

Brilliant NYC, is that still happening and when will we hear. The D14 office does not have any information about Brilliant NYC at this time.

PS110 follow up. Parent and PTA member stated that she is not sure what has been happening for follow up.

The Literacy Presentation - the chancellor is going back to a phonetic reading plan. What is the action plan? Dana Queen answered that phonics instruction has not gone away. Foundations and Tier 2 will continue.

Discussion about literacy access and family outreach especially for ESL families and families that may not have easy access to technology.

### **Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm**

*Minutes by Recording Secretary: Marissa Manzanares  
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