

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 14

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September 29, 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: If you were a type of tree, plant or flower what would it be and why?

### **Attendees Present:**

Casey Laytin  
Jose Del Toro Alonso  
Marissa Manzanares  
Tajh Sutton  
Yuli Hsu  
Iris Gutierrez

### **Absentees:**

Kenyatta Reid  
Yuli Hsu

## **APPROVAL OF JULY 2022 MINUTES**

### **YAY**

Tajh Sutton  
Casey Laytin  
Jose Del Toro Alonso  
Marissa Manzanares

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Restorative justice coordinator Patel Rahulkumar will be staying in district 14 thanks to the community's support and advocacy. Thank you to all signatories! I'd like to invite Rahul to address the community and tell you a bit about the work he thankfully will continue to do within the district

Rahul, D14 Social Justice coordinator thanked the community for our work to keep him in the district. Updates for this year are PS 380 principal has started doing some wonderful restorative justice work, PS157 continued their RJ coordinator despite budget cuts, PS126 also is doing great restorative justice work. PS 257 did a lot of work to support refugee students into their community.

There will be a celebration of life for Ms. Barnes at PS 250 October 20th at 5:00pm. Contributions from the community will be welcomed by the CEC 14. Please email with contributions.

Peoples Plan NYC along with New Yorkers for Racially Just Public Schools, the Alliance for Quality Education, Make the Road NY and thousands of students, families, school staff and Faith leaders continue to ask Mayor Adams to #RestoreTheCuts as communities work toward ending mayoral control of our schools. If either of these are issues you care deeply about, we hope you'll sign up for our committees which will use to build parent power, uplift student voice, support staff and connect schools to resources

Education Council Consortium supporters meeting Saturday October 1st 9:30 am

Michelle K from the DECE discusses the cuts that are happening to the DOE social workers and the devastating impacts it will have for the future of our kids.

Please support them

here:[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCaeN8\\_27HgXT3l0yyUbqvJvPYykgooRkHecQDd7sNIEaBJg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfCaeN8_27HgXT3l0yyUbqvJvPYykgooRkHecQDd7sNIEaBJg/viewform)

Join the annual disability pride parade taking place this Sunday at 10am from Madison Square Park to Union Square Park for the Disability Pride Festival.

Community members offered ways to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month

The D14 CEC has vacancies for 4 parent positions and 1 student position. If you or someone from your community would like to make a nomination please email the district office.

CEC Committees are back. Please join us by signing up here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dRv1BHPw7oWfO0lBra35MBOHM8jb962n7KEPjFIIEw/edit>

School Fest is being held by CM Restler, CM Gutierrez, Superintendent Cintron, and the District 14 CEC more information to come.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:**

Schools are being asked to circulation the goals that were discovered during the listening and learning tour.

School celebration ps59 had an amazing party to welcome students back to the community this year. IS318 a phenomenal school that is using an impressive enrichment model being used. PS319 was visited as well and highlighting the parent participation in the opening days in school.

Class Size initiative was passed but we do not have details to share at this time. District Office is currently reviewing all the class sizes in district 14. 100% of classes in D14 are currently in compliance

Public health protocols, please remember to practice safety and health protocols. Social distance, hand washing, masking, testing, and getting vaccinated are all important to continue.

No changes in the district budget at this point.

Revisions to admissions policy were announced today. The application process will happen earlier this year. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> for high schools and Oct 26<sup>th</sup> for middle schools and will run through December. Waitlists will be extended through mid-September so that movement will be possible at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year.

District 14 will not be using screeners for admissions this year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**What is happening with special education and what will you do to provide adequate spaces for the kids with special services?**

First no special ed services should be cut due to citywide budget cuts. If a child is being denied services please escalate. The space at ps132 specifically are being addressed and the confusion over space is being addressed. The physical capacity does sometimes create an issue but all of the district 14 schools have the space.

**Election of Officers**

President - Tajh Sutton  
Vice President - Marissa Manzanares  
Recording Secretary - Casey Laytin  
Treasurer - Jose Del-Toro Alonso

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**Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 pm**