

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 14

December 18th 2023/ 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 6:08pm

Attendees Present:

Marissa Manzanares
Aubree Henderson
Laraine DeAngelis
Sandra Fereirra
Gianinna Hutchinson
Resham Mantri

Absentees:

Tajh Sutton (attending CSA principal's union conference)
Ariana Lopez

Welcome to our December 2023 Community Education Council meeting! Please introduce yourself in the chat with your name, school or community affiliation and preferred pronouns. Feel free to share 1 thing you are coming into the meeting with and 1 thing you hope to leave with.

Ice Breaker: If you could be any wintertime article of clothing or accessory, which one would you be and why?

Announcements and acknowledgements:

- CEC14 Survey for Missing Services & RSAs:
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-
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- Mayoral Control:
 - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-
vrXAEne3scs5vroVCpoXdY6UnKb3vQfTgqYzY3vVwkpcbW/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-
vrXAEne3scs5vroVCpoXdY6UnKb3vQfTgqYzY3vVwkpcbW/viewform)
 - Brooklyn Mayoral Control Hearing: Thursday January 11th 2024 6p-9p Boys & Girls High School (1700 Fulton St Brooklyn NY 11213)
 - Members of the public may participate by providing oral testimony at any of the public meetings or submitting written testimony at the link above by January 31st at 5p ET.
 - Panel for Education Policy (PEP) Meeting Wednesday December 20th 6p-9p
- CEC14 Community Guidelines

- Be respectful when someone else is speaking. Everyone has something important to contribute.
- When making comments in chat, use “I” statements. No one speaks for an entire group of people.
- People can disagree. Differences in perspectives foster our learning.
- There’s time for public comment at the end. Be concise to make room for others. You will be limited to 2min.
- Absolute no’s:
 - This is not a space where we will tolerate antagonistic behavior or any of the following: homophobia, transphobia, misogyny, ableism, racism, or any other forms of oppressive beliefs or behaviors. Anyone who violates this guideline will be removed.
 - There will be no name-calling of any community members in this space. If you violate this, you will be removed.
 - If you continually disrespect the community, you will be given 2 warnings before being removed.

Presentations

- New York City School Construction Authority (SCA)
 - Topic: Capital Plan
 - Tamar Smith, External Affairs and Community Relations
 - The presenter walked through an overview of the SCA and its work, as well as highlights for District 14 and its current capital improvement projects in the 2020-2024 period. Presenter also shared SCA’s 5-year capital plan for 2025-2029.
 - Questions:
 - Q: Will students have adequate computers to support the move toward computer testing? A: Yes, capital plan accounts for building infrastructure to support better technology. Computers themselves are not typically included as a part of a capital plan.
 - Q: Will kitchens be included in the cafeteria improvements? A: Yes, some of that will also be making the cafeterias a more attractive and pleasant place for students to have a meal.
 - Q: Cafeterias flooding, sometimes with sewage when it rains. Any plans for this? A: Every school has an additional pump to help with flooding, and catch basins are cleaned every few months.
 - Q: The budget for this Capital Plan is \$2B less than it was before. Any idea why? A: It’s absolutely a function of the city budget and the issues you mentioned in your introduction. General issues with the economy. Just keep in mind that the early stages of our current plan were also smaller and they grew. We hope to grow the budget in future years. We are still planning to cover a huge amount of work in this plan.
- Terrence Paulin | Brooklyn North High Schools

- Field Support Liaison
- Presenter shared about BKNHS plans for Reimagining How We Learn - strategies to support students with a wide variety of learning needs in meeting their goals. These programs will be explored in partnership with principals.

Superintendent’s Updates:

Superintendent Cintron shared a reminder that while we cannot always agree, we should always be agreeable toward one another. Superintendent Cintron called for folks to observe a level of decorum and help us preserve safety and maintain healthy dialogue as we discuss topics that feel divisive.

Upcoming Events: December 20th 9am “Promoting Social-Emotional Well Being at Home” Family Workshop
 January 26th 2024 9am “Parent Leadership Summit”

Important Dates:
 December 25-January 1st - Winter Recess, School Closed

Introducing free online therapy for NYC teens - talkspace.com/nyc

NYC Reads

- Parent Institute Series (February-May)
- CSD14 Paraprofessional training
- Community Based Organization partner involvement

NYC Kids Rise “Save for College” - January is scholarship month

Website: NYCDOED14.org
 Twitter: @NYCPSD14
 Instagram: @CommunitySchoolDistrict14

Resolutions

The council did not have quorum so resolutions were presented to the community via verbal overview from VP Manzanares and in the chat for community review

- Asylee Students
- Mayoral Control
- A-412

Public Comment:

Much of the public comment section and chat was focused on questions about the process to fill vacant CEC seats. Parents described feeling unheard following CEC14’s Israel/Gaza resolution and hoping to join or nominate others to take over vacant CEC spots to represent perspectives

they don't feel are represented on the CEC. Parents also expressed displeasure with the CEC not holding meetings in person. CEC members described not feeling safe meeting in person based on the death threats and other violence councilmembers have experienced.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 pm

Minutes by recording secretary, Aubree Henderson
Cc: File