

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 14

October 9, 2025 / Public meeting with members and public via zoom

CALENDAR MEETING

Meeting started at 6:15pm

Attendees Present:

Neil Padover	Françoise Olivas	Lara Fareed	Carlos Cabrera
Maura Conley	Natalia Espinoza	Minden Koopmans	
Laraine DeAngelis			

Absentees:

Tanaisha Ayuso Carli Iannotto

OCTOBER MINUTES

Calendar Meeting

Subgroups: The Council agreed to the following subgroups to further discuss topics / advance Council efforts (all groups can have additional Council Members “join” and all Council members will support as needed):

- Bylaws Review
 - Carlos will lead a review and share out findings and recommendations to the Council
- External Communication Review
 - Lara and Maura will lead a review and share out findings and recommendations to the Council
 - Review will include website, and all other potential channels (social media, newsletter, digital and/or paper flyers for Parent Coordinators)
 - Council members general agreed that social media seemed like an additional task and the work could better serve families if that effort went to promoting information through PTA social and Parent Coordinators, as schools are already trusted communicators for many families
 - Suggestion to ask parent coordinators to add a CEC Bulletin Board in an area that parents traffic
 - Council interested in further discussion on point person to make monthly meeting flyer more appealing / eye catching
- Internal Communication Review
 - Laraine will lead and share out findings and recommendations to the Council
 - Review will include how to communicate what Councilmembers learn from SLT school meetings and tours
- Equity, Transparency, Accountability (ETA) Review
 - Françoise will lead this review and develop recommendations to the Council
 - Review will include looking at school funding (including capital funding), requesting school funding details from Local Elected Officials,

School Liaisons List: The Council has developed the School Liaison assignments and will share it publicly on the website (timing TBD due to needed web development - aiming to post before the next CEC meeting)

- List will direct all inquiries to the Council-wide address: CEC14@schools.nyc.gov (not individual members)
- Council discussed Liaison responsibilities
 - Each CEC member is assigned a set of schools to be the liaison
 - Liaison will build relationships with Admin / Parent Coordinators / School communities they are assigned to
 - This includes School visits are a part, attending PTA meetings, required to attend 3 SLT meetings/year, SCA tour
 - Council agreed liaisons will aim to visit each school they are assigned 1x per year in-person (whenever possible)

Funding questions for Elected Officials: Council discussed incorporating this into “ETA Review Subgroup”.

- Questions for Elected:
 - Request basic, summary information of funding advocated for or allocated by elected official, by school

IEP Survey: IEP survey has been reviewed by the Council and all feedback has been incorporated.

- Council agrees next step is to 1) review with Superintendent Cintron, 2) create google survey, 3) disseminate via Parent Coordinators (sent by each liaison to their schools)

Superintendent Town Hall on 10/15

- Council suggested the following topics for the Town Hall: Federal Funding, AI, Mayoral Election, Electronic testing (how prepared are students to take a test fully on the computer, are we teaching kids how to type / tracking how they are doing)
 - Cintron confirmed there no requirements to teach typing in NYC schools right now, but 100% of students tested electronically across all of NYS last year
 - Cintron offered to get back to the Council with additional information on tech skills required for the electronic testing

CEC-Superintendent Legislative Breakfast on 10/30: CEC will co-sponsor the breakfast and share in the funding

Superintendent’s Report: Topics covered included:

- Student Celebrations at PS34, PS277, MS50
 - MS50 hosts District-wide debate tournament (will share more in December)
- Key Dates
 - 10/15 Family institute for sustainable change PS147
 - 10/15 Town Hall at PS23
 - 10/22 School Showcase at PS17
 - 10/23 SLT Training (virtual)
 - 10/30 Legislative breakfast

- High school application process is underway (any questions contact your guidance counselors)
- 11/4 No school for election day
- 11/6 PTC for all elementary schools
- 11/10 DLT
- 11/11 Schools closed
- 11/13 PTC for middle schools and D75
- 11/23 Mamo-van will be providing free Mamograms
- Citywide and Districtwide leadership meeting (presidents of CEC, PTAs, etc)
- District Goals and outcomes were reviewed, including:
 - #1 Eliminating the number of students in our District who are well below grade level
 - Tier 2 and 3 interventions
 - Goal to reduce % of students under the grade level
 - Baseline now, reduce by 50% by January and 50% again by June
 - Last month, we decreased students in L1 by 4% (ELA) and 7% (Math) – this reduces us to only 15% of students are performing at that level
 - Will continue to look at subgroups – focus is on making sure all students are moving when we see gains
 - ATM+
 - Goal is all kids, at any level, are getting the instruction and support they need
 - Tier 2 is smaller %; student is within a year of grade level based on diagnostic at start of the year (includes screening for dyslexia)
 - Phonics for reading (example of an intervention of what is being provided as support)
 - Tier 3 could be like a Wilson reading program
 - None of this takes the place of classroom instruction
 - Moving away from pulling students out of class for interventions
 - Next months Cintron will come back next month to share more

Executive Director of School Support & Operations Updates

- Introduced the interim acting superintendent for North Brooklyn High Schools, Rushell White, Ed.D
- Discussed upcoming High School Fair
- Open House Season – flyer was shared
- Chalk beat announced SHSAT is digital this year (content has not changed)
 - Practice tests can still be used / tutorials are still correct

Public Comment

- Emily Williams has applied to join CEC and provided a personal statement about her interest
 - Board will vote on new Councilmember application next month
- Tesa Wilson, FACE Liaison, provided comment as a member of the public and shared that 10/29 is World Stroke Day

Business Meeting

President report - All updates covered in Calendar Meeting

New business

- Use of CEC Budget to support upcoming Legislative Breakfast (\$800)
- Council discussed new family concerns around Executive Functioning as a future topic and continue listening to school community members on this topic

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