

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 14

## 12.11.25 Public Meeting Notes

Neil Padover  
Maura Conley  
Carlos Cabrera  
Lara Fareed

Minden Koopmans  
Laraine DeAngelis  
Françoise Olivas

*(Remotely attended by Natalia and Tanaisha)*

### Calendar Meeting Subcommittees

- Bylaws update - none
- Communications
  - Internal - google drive organization project completed
  - External - school visits, website - school of the month, please email CEC 14!
- ETA
  - Heard from BK borough President's office + Council Member Gutiérrez
  - Hope to hear from everyone / be done by Dec 19

### School Construction Authority [presentation](#) (Tamar Smith)

- 5 year capital plan, November amendment - a living document
  - Amendments in Nov and Feb, to allow response to needs
- Total amount \$20.9 Billion - focused on funding the following areas
  - Capacity - new seats, new building, conversions
  - Improvement - major projects
  - Healthy schools - wellbeing, sustainability, gyms, athletics, electrification
  - Mandated - insurance, etc
- Highlights
  - PS 257 Franklin - by Sept 2030
    - Q from CEC: Speak to air monitoring in the area
      - All docs are on the website - tab "new school sites"
      - Public throughout construction - in real time? Unsure, but reports to DEC (dept of envt conservation) -
      - Will send old CEC presentation - might also be on website
- Jan-March is application/identify projects → Sp approval of budget → scope + design
- MWLBE - minority owned, women owned, local businesses priority in the SCA process
  - \$13M prime contracts for MWLBE
- CEC identifies 5 top priority projects, forms due mid-Jan [CINPUT@nycsca.org](mailto:CINPUT@nycsca.org)
  - Projects must be permanent improvements
  - More than \$50,000

- Not considered maintenance (these could to DOE Dept. of School Facilities)
- Consult principals!
- CEC qs:
  - Can we run the projects by you before submissions - yes
  - Does total amount of \$ matter? - no
  - Don't include any projects already funded in the Capital Plan
  - Look at **BCAS** - 4s and 5s are more likely to be top priority and likely already included in the capital plan (like water and filtration, and can happen over a year)
  - District 14 Reso A Highlights (slide) - where is this \$ coming from, which electeds? The electeds should tell us (Tamar will look into it)
  - PS 31 elevator - when? - Principal Scarlotto has all info - Notice to Proceed - start date, has started - no scaffolding necessary - protection on playground on Lorimer

### **Update on DLT**

- PA Presidents Council is active
- Principals should make sure DOE Dept. of School Facilities know about any heating issues, these will be a priority and DSF has time to assess issues during Dec break

### **CEC candidate vote**

- Emily Williams - APPROVED!
  - Roll: Yay - Neil, Maura, Laraine, Françoise, Carlos, Minden, Lara
- Our membership is full aside from D75, Borough President appointee, and Student Members (2)
  - Students: high school seniors, serving in student gov, LIVING in district 14
- Agnieszka Piasecka would need to apply thru Borough President appointee process
  - Intro: Parent at the Polish Dual Lang program at PS 34. To support dual language education in the district so parents do not feel excluded.
  - The CEC supports this!

### **Superintendent Report**

- Deputy Superintendent Lauren Keville
- MS 50 visit
- Attendance rate - 92.1%
- [NYC Kids Rise](#) - scholarship and savings plan ~ only 32% and we'd like to be at 100% - add to 529 plans for college
- Middle of the year assessment plans - results at DLT meetings and CEC soon
- ["Every Day Matters"](#) attendance campaign - resources
- Dec 17 Family Institute for FDN Literacy - providing books, breakfast
- Dec 18 Prez Council 6:15 virtual
- Dec 21 District Parent Advisory Council 6:15 virtual
- "Breakfast after the bell" - food any time of the day - information coming soon from the public schools website

## Yuet Chu - Brooklyn North High Schools

- Attendance is about 90%, absenteeism hovering around 25%
- Parent coordinators and school counselor - collaborative learning at LIU
- In line with goal #2 - rigorous education
  - “What are students struggling with?” so you can have an intervention *before* the end of the year
  - NYC Solves for math curriculum - conceptual understanding, ideas, group work, learning by doing, implementing “Illustrative Math”, productive struggle → outcome is authentic
- Parents want communication about what kids are learning - [slides distributed](#), month-by-month pacing guide with links and instructional materials - Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2
- [Parents for Parents](#) - have students with IEPs, monthly workshops

*Calendar meeting adjourned*

## Business Meeting

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## New Business

- Laraine: [Book Blast](#) email - book fair, they run it, Laraine will connect Cintron’s office
- Lara: Visibility around nutrition in schools - Brooklyn based celebrity chefs - related to culinary arts and nutrition - inspire kids/community - filmed to promote
  - Connect to MS 577: Maria Massulo; 318 has a garden and a kitchen; 31 has facilities
  - Could there be a pilot? A way to expand?
  - Grants to repurpose spaces for spaces - start with schools that have these facilities
  - Cookshop provides food and delivers it to the school, curriculum (Francoise will get a “textbook”)
  - Hudson Table - afterschool program, its expensive
  - Principals meeting - pitch the idea
- Neil: Formal check in on Zoom with principals - 2 before end of school year - opportunity to continue conversations - February and June maybe - to set priorities, what is going well, what are you struggling with
  - Facilitation to the Zoom ones
  - In person is great
  - Flip back and forth bet the 2
  - Goals: relationships, faces to names, what are the schools needs/struggles?
  - Cintron: let’s set dates

- Françoise: Amount of students STH - temp housing, kids are welcome to stay at a school but then travel bcs they get stable housing
  - Is there is DOH liaison?
  - What are they doing? Why is it still not enough?
  - Cintron: bring in [Project Open Arms](#)

*Business meeting adjourned (7:50pm)*