

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 14

2-12-2026 Meeting Notes

In attendance:

Carlos Cabrera

Françoise Olivas

CALENDAR MEETING

6:00-7:30 pm (This meeting is open to the public)

Performance started at 6:17pm

- Call to order and Roll Call
- Students Performance from PS 147
- Subcommittee Updates
 - Bylaws - no updates
 - Communications - no updates
 - Equity, Transparency, Accountability (5 minutes)
 - Asking officials to see how much money they've given, and whether it was equitably distributed.
 - SCA is essential in this process
- Capital Project Prioritization submission update (5 minutes)
 - Explanation on how we made our top 5 requests, considering who has already received money, who was most in need
 - Overwhelming bathroom needs in our district
 - Submitted projects/process
- Next steps for other needs (e.g., bathrooms, PS systems, requests for advocacy)
- Any elected, PEP, or Principal representative comments (5 minutes)
 - Juan Mayancela from Jennifer Gutierrez's office
 - Distributed vegetable to over 150 families
 - Participatory Budget - interested in being a delegate? Be in touch with the office!
 - Community Clean ups, on South Side with PS 319 and maybe Brooklyn Arbor
 - Resources for immigrants in our neighborhood, please reach out
 - Request from CEC for Juan to come in person to talk through the trash and fentanyl on playground
 - Assemblywoman Davilla (Jessica Yauri)
 - Black History Month celebration at PS 250 Thursday 2/19 from 6-8pm
 - DR Independence day 2/26 6-9pm at Mami sushi
- PS 34 Space Concern
 - PreK to 5th grade at 131 Norman Ave in Greenpoint
 - CEC received a parent email re: PTA e-board to bring awareness about the PS 34 concerns that states:
 - Spaces are at full capacity - but they don't want to convert art and music classrooms - too essential
 - Coordination between district, Space Planning, and SCA is necessary
 - School was promised years ago, and perhaps the CEC can help with rezoning if necessary
- Future Resolutions Discussion
 - Reviewing a few resolutions as a council. Will speak on them in future monthly meetings. They take time and they should reflect the community
 - Foundation Aid (regional cost index, per pupil funding for temp housing and foster care), Expanding OMNI, AI moratorium, Moratorium on Development (until infrastructure is developed while also considering the needs of the community)
- Paraphernalia around school grounds
 - Recently notified that one school in the district sent letters to families about Paraphernalia found on school ground
 - Fentanyl trash cans look like Legos, super dangerous to kids, often found in tree pits

- Should be a conversation between schools, parks, electeds
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. David Cintron
 - 3 Ribbon cuttings for Juan Morel Campos! Weight room, Culinary Arts room, and (???)
 - Mr John Galvin appointed principal of IS 318
 - Appropriate uses for AI being developed by city and district
 - Arts grant, Broadway ticket for student incentives, [Website](#) is live
 - Connected with custodial staff re: fent trash cans, to ensure perimeter checks, no new reports
 - All PA systems are repaired
 - PS 34 is overenrolled with a fabulous program, but would love to hear from the community: what are the most sustainable ways to resolve PS 34's space issues? We'd love to hear ideas. Reduction in class size, as mandated by NYS, will impact this even further
 - Link to slidedeck
- Yuet M. Chu, Executive Director of School Support and Operations
 - Chancellor Samuels visit with parent leader, student leaders, and he participated in a health lab
 - Link to slidedeck
- Public Comment
 - Parent/PTA member at PS 34 - space concerns. Addt'l needs means impossible choices, looking for more sustainable choices, landmark structure, not hearing back from the SCA is dismaying
 - Parent at PS 34 - space concerns, we're already maximized, the principal is forced to address this to new parents touring the school, every space is filled with people
 - Alexandra Hernandez - PS 257, on behalf of principal Martinez, thanking Superintendent Cintron for leadership and commitment to the district
 - Brooklyn in 4th grade at PS 84, would like a proper gym, not just the auditorium
 - Caitlin Duffy and son in 2nd grade at PS 34, the space issue is a real crunch. It works over time. Loss of dual language or art would be very sad.
- Adjournment of calendar meeting 7:43pm

BUSINESS MEETING 7:30pm – 8:00 pm (This meeting is open to the public)

- Call to order and Roll call at 7:43 pm
 - Carlos Cabrera
 - Françoise Olivas
- **President's Report**
 - Projects with the SCA, trying to advocate as much as possible
- New Business
 - Resolutions for next meeting, robust discussion for next month
 - Must reach quorum to do any more
- Adjournment of Business Meeting at 7:46