

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Minutes Calendar & Business Meeting of
[December 3, 2020]

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Barbara Williams- IEP	1st Vice President	Present
Elena Aminova	2 nd Vice President	Present
Erika Cooper	Recording Secretary	Present
Andy Medas-King	Treasurer	Present
Micah Morrison	Member	Present
Ted Chang	Member	Present
Robert Tamayev	Member	Present
Howard Pollack - BPA	Member	Present
Rajwinder Kaur - BPA	Member	Present

Non-Member Attendance

Dr. Tammy Pate	Superintendent	Present
Bibi Matadin	FACE Liaison	Present

CALENDAR MEETING

Meeting was called to order by [Vijah Ramjattan] at [6:42pm].

Guest Speakers/Special Guests

[Jeff Thamkittikasem – Director of the NYC Mayor’s Office of Operations]

COVID Testing in Schools – Highlights:

- Main objective of testing is to catch trends in order to adjust protocols and highlight areas that require attention.
- Throughout the entire process, it was consistently found that positivity rates were low (.82%).
- Provides good view of the entire system along with individual schools using indicators to react accordingly.
- Weekly testing
 - ❖ Random selection of 20% of students and staff.
 - ❖ Team travels to the school to conduct testing.
 - ❖ Separate rooms are set up in schools for testing.
 - ❖ PCR nasal swabs used for testing. Reports results within 48 hours.
- Privacy protocol on samples- kept for one week in case there are concerns, and then they are discarded.
- Results- brought to the lab, processed and uploaded to portal where they will do their best to contact those who have a positive result.

[Haris Khan – Queens Borough Liaison – Office of NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer]

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- Focus of Comptroller Scott M. Stringer’s office:
 - ❖ Ensuring that parents have as many opportunities as possible to opt into in person learning.

- ❖ Equity and access for students in temporary housing. Many students are still without internet access.
- ❖ Expansion of College Now as opposed to cutting school budgets.
- ❖ Making college more economically accessible and ensuring two year college is tuition free.
- ❖ Working on the budget cuts to the Sanitation department.

[Cynthia Schneider – Queens South High School Superintendent, Acting]

Highlights:

- D28 is the highest performing district in all of Queens South.
 - ❖ 4-year graduation rate – 91.65%
 - ❖ 4-year college readiness – 75.79%
 - ❖ CCPCI (Advanced courses; credit for College Now) – 71.83%
- Goals for D28
 - ❖ Improve graduation rates and college readiness
 - ❖ Concentrate on social and emotional learning
 - ❖ Improve literacy across all grades
 - ❖ Improve remote learning
 - ❖ Working to ensure there is good assessment data in the absence of testing
- High School Application
 - ❖ Currently there is no due date, however parents and students should start thinking about the kind of school they want to go to. Considerations include clubs/teams, travel, school size, special programs, etc.

For full presentation, please click [here](#).

[Angela Artis – D28 UFT Queens Representative | Delci Rodriguez – UFT Queens Parent and Community Liaison]

Highlights:

- Focus for UFT has been to support the safety of the return of staff and students for in person learning.
- Facilitated trained teams to go into schools to ensure availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Including but not limited to:
 - ❖ Masks
 - ❖ Hand Sanitizer
 - ❖ Cleaning Supplies
 - ❖ Electrostatic Sprayers
 - ❖ Nurses
- Ongoing safety training for teachers.
- Dial-A-Teacher Program- Free homework help for parents and students. For more information, please click [here](#).

Public Comment

- For parents that want to see their child's class, can there be a video showing how classes are set up?
- Parent upset that professionals are being paid to do a job that parents are doing. Demands a breakdown of how tax dollars are being spent.
- Parent is concerned about sending their child to school. Wants safety to be a guarantee.
- Jobs available at JFK. Please call 347-562-2075 or email mwalker@caony.com for more information.
- Parent would like to have the option to have their child tested for COVID by them as opposed to the school.
- Parent feels mistrusting of the DOE due to blended learning opt-in protocols and reopening.
- Why is the DOE purchasing iPads as opposed to Chromebooks, which are cheaper?
- Parent feels mental health and economic issues are affecting parents and students.

- What are the number of students in district 28 without a learning device? What can be done to uplift and prioritize these students?
- Senator Comrie's office offers help to the community. Contact: 929-242-9637

Meeting Adjourned at [8:54pm]

Quorum was established at [8:54pm]

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting was called to order by [Vijah Ramjattan] at [9:02pm].

New Business

President Ramjattan moved to *Approve 11/5 minutes*; Motion passed on a vote – **10** in favor; **0** opposed; **0** abstentions

President Ramjattan moved to *write a letter for clarification on the WXY plan*; Motion passed on a vote – **7** in favor; **2** opposed; **1** abstentions

President Ramjattan moved to *approve Ted's resolution (In Person Learning for Vulnerable Students)*; Motion passed on a vote – **10** in favor; **0** opposed; **0** abstentions

Resolution - In Person Learning for Vulnerable Students

Google Doc: https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vQdPjE876SeRf45wBB-deS9WMUwgJubePpogTgN2kh79_4gMIJ_vrV0vBF8PPD_gRaDfIPBOJ2Pen7S/pub

PDF: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gfBYX36f4TFGFsduzoza20obNIAz5O-M/view>

Business Meeting Adjourned at [10:10pm]

Respectfully Submitted by

Erika Cooper
Recording Secretary