

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Minutes Calendar & Business Meeting of
[January 7, 2021]

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 [6:44pm].

Superintendent's Report

- 1) Attendance Update
 - ❖ Upload rate - 100%
 - ❖ Daily attendance rate - 91%
 - ❖ In person - 89.7%
 - ❖ Remote attendance rate - 91%
- 2) COVID positivity rate
 - ❖ 10.17% 7 day average in Queens - D28 hopes to continue to protect and secure very low transference of the virus within school buildings to keep schools open
- 3) Admissions Update
 - ❖ Middle School application will open during the week of January 11th
 - ❖ High Schools are encouraged to create diversity plans for admissions, but are not required to change any of their screening or admissions processes
 - ❖ Auditions- students are to upload an audition video to one main virtual location. This video will be used for all arts programs that they apply to.
 - ❖ SHSAT- will be conducted in person at middle schools. Registration opened on December 21st. Please visit myschools.nyc for details.

Guest Speakers/Special Guests

[Sonia Rueda - Family Leadership Coordinator]

Highlights:

- Remote Learning Devices
 - ❖ Being delivered; team is working on assigning devices.
- Parent Leadership Trainings
 - ❖ 1/12 - 10AM & 1/13 - 5:30PM

[Siew Kong - D28 Deputy Community Superintendent]

- D28 Grants

- ❖ National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)- 3 year grant with the goal to increase the number of students with access to much needed technology and to utilize learning software to enable students to improve learning skills. D28 provided with 850 Chromebooks to 15 schools, including Pre-K centers.
- ❖ Girls Who Game – Tech based program designed to captivate female students in grades 4-8. Two clubs offered with 10 students per club.
- ❖ Teaching Matters – In collaboration with Superintendent Dr. Tammy Pate, 10 schools selected to train teachers on how to support struggling readers in grades Kindergarten-1st grade.

[Danielle Schaaf – External Affairs Manager - School Construction Authority]

Highlights:

- SCA Citywide Highlights
 - ❖ Nearly \$7.8 billion for over 57,00 new seats
 - ❖ \$750 million to make 50% of elementary school buildings partially or fully accessible and 1/3 of all buildings fully accessible
 - ❖ \$284 million for electrical work to support air conditioning in all classrooms by 2021
 - ❖ \$589 million in support of the 3-K and Pre-K for all initiatives.
 - ❖ \$751 million for technology enhancements
 - ❖ \$84 million included to improve ventilation

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

[Martha Kessler – Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE)]

- CEC 2021 Elections
 - ❖ Voting expanded to include parents of all NYC public school students
 - ❖ Parents apply and vote using their NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) – for assistance please reach out to your parent coordinator
 - ❖ Apply for a seat in February
 - ❖ Vote from May 1 to May 11
 - ❖ For more information, please visit: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/education-council-elections-2021/run-for-a-seat-on-a-council>
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[LaToya Stone – Brain Power Wellness]

- Brain Power Wellness teaches physical and mental brain breaks, mindfulness practices, and social emotional wellness strategies that support a positive classroom atmosphere. We partner with Teachers, Students, Parents, and Administrators to create a sustainable, healthy, happy and focused school environment.
- For more information, please visit <https://www.brainpowerwellness.com/>
- LaToya Stone: latoya@brainpowerwellness.com

[Leon Eng – Sheltering Arms Children and Family Services]

- Sheltering Arms' goal is to foster a society where every child and family we serve will have the opportunity to succeed and thrive.
- For more information, please visit <https://shelteringarmsny.org/>
- For full presentation, please click [here](#).

Principal Spotlight – Patricia Mitchell – P.S. 48

- For full presentation and P.S. 48 highlights, please click [here](#).

President Ramjattan moved to *approve name change of Ps 48 to 'The David Dinkins School for Community Service'*; Motion passed on a vote – 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

Public Comment

- Parent expresses that families are nervous at the possibility of elimination of Gifted & Talented programs.
- Parent engagement needs improvement at the school level and data has been incorrect.
- Parent feels that no one is advocating for families with children in G&T programs.
- Parent of rising kindergartener expresses inconsistencies in the application process. Would like to see schools have more specific information on their websites regarding their open houses.
- Parent would like and update from the DOE regarding the diversity plan.
- Parent concerned schools are not given enough resources to support ELL students. Having issues with language access at their school.

Meeting Adjourned at [9:01pm]

Quorum was established at [9:06pm]

BUSINESS MEETING

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

New Business

President Ramjattan moved to *approve 12/3 minutes*; Motion passed on a vote – **10** in favor; **0** opposed; **0** abstentions

President Ramjattan moved to *move \$9,000 from Equipment line to Member Reimbursements*; Motion passed on a vote – **10** in favor; **0** opposed; **0** abstentions

Business Meeting Adjourned at [10:35pm]

Respectfully Submitted by

Erika Cooper
Recording Secretary

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