

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28**  
**Minutes Calendar & Business Meeting of**  
**[January 14, 2020]**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Barbara Williams- IEP	1st Vice President	Present
Elena Aminova	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

**SPECIAL MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by [ Vijah Ramjattan ] at [ 6:04pm ].

**Guest Speakers/Special Guests**

Frank Diaz – Guidance Counselor – PS 55  
 Christie Winsome – Guidance Counselor – PS 80  
 Melissa Goldstein – Guidance Counselor – MS 190  
 Marie Poulard – Guidance Counselor – MS 287

**Highlights:**

- Application
  - ❖ Applications can be found and completed on Myschools.nyc
    - Please see guidance counselor and/or parent coordinator for OSIS number and account creation code if you have not already received it.
  - ❖ Parents are encouraged to go over the application with their child to go over the choices.
  - ❖ Make sure all biological information (DOB, address, email, etc.) is correct.
  - ❖ Families are advised to choose schools they are truly interested in and where their child will thrive in.
    - Other factors such as travel, class size, extra-curricular activities, etc. should also be taken into consideration.
    - Attend open houses.
    - Research their websites.
  - ❖ Selection process will be on a lottery basis as opposed to screening due to COVID.
    - Workshops on this will be held to discuss.
  - ❖ Families will be able to choose at least 12 schools and are advised to rank the schools per their choices.
  - ❖ Families have until **February 9<sup>th</sup>** to submit their applications.

**Public Comment**

- Parent wants to know how to complete the application if their first choice is a zoned school.
- Parent works at the school their child wants to attend. Is there a way to notate that on the application?
- Do siblings have priority in the application process?
- Rising middle school student asks if it's ok if he attends a middle school that is near his current school.
- Parent is having technical issue with the application.
- Parent has a question about ranking of the schools on your application. If you get into a higher-ranking school of your choice, are you no longer considered for the remaining schools?
- Parent needs their myschools access code.
- Parent of IEP student wants to know if his child can apply to MS 190.
- Parent wants to know how he can find out about schools' special programs.
- Parent asks if child can transfer after the first year if they do not like the school.
- Parent states some schools did not have open houses. Will there be opportunities in the future?
- Does contacting the school increase or decrease your chances of being accepted?
- What will be the admission criteria for citywide schools?

**Special Meeting Adjourned at [ 7:55pm ]**

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**Respectfully Submitted by**

Erika Cooper  
Recording Secretary