

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28**  
**Minutes of Business, Calendar & Annual Meeting of**  
**[September 2, 2021]**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present - Virtual
Barbara Williams	1st Vice President	Present - Virtual
Ted Chang	2nd Vice President	Absent - Excused
Nathifa Lewis	Recording Secretary	Present
Lu Zhao	Treasurer	Present - Virtual
Nancy Lugassy	Member	Absent - Excused
Sheleeza Deen	Member	Present - Virtual
Shila Akter	Member	Present
Cassandra Alexander	Member	Present - Virtual

**NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

Dr. Tammy Pate	Superintendent	Present
Bibi Matadin	FACE Liaison	Present

**CALENDAR MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by [ Vijah Ramjattan ] at [ 6:30 pm ].

**Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Pate reported on the great work D28 has been doing and because of this Central takes our issues raised seriously.
- PS 220, 144, 206, 154, 174 and 175, MS 157 and a number of the High Schools in the district sustained severe damage and/or water back up due to the earlier storm. Her office had runners to most of the schools and is assisting as needed. Queens South BCO under Executive Superintendent De Govia has also been supporting. Central will be reimbursing schools for loss of material.
- Spoke to building preparations including Purifiers, PPE and other logistics to safely reopen. She is on the ground with her team ensuring all schools are ready.
- Shared presentation from Borough Townhall including updates on Vaccination Guidance and protocols
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**Guest Speakers/Special Guests**

**Steven Chernigoff – Representative for High School Superintendent of Queens South**

- Students and families are happy to be getting back into the building. There is one new HS Principal in Queens South James Harrell at the 6-12 Queens Collegiate. All else are in place and ready to work for our children.

**Jessica Zilo – President's Council**

- Presidents Council is here to support on PTAs and parents and encourage families to reach out.

**Leticha Fraser – AP at Growing Up Green Charter School**

- Shared tips for getting students and families back to a new normal. Preparedness, communication, and flexibility are key for this year. Ask the questions of the school if not covered in distributed communication.

**Sonia Rueda – Family Leadership Coordinator**

- Shared welcome to families and encouraged them to reach out to her as needed for support navigating this year. She is always responsive and will get back to you as soon as possible.

**Bibi Matadin – FACE Liaison**

- Shared Guidance that the Governor has approved the return to virtual meetings for CECs. She will continue to share updated guidance as needed.

**Public Comment**

- Parent not comfortable with pace at which Guidance was shared in advance of the new school year. It is not ok to have to wait as long as we have. Asked if any school buildings were impacted by Hurricane IDA. This was addressed by Dr. Pate in her report.
- Parent asked for assistance to transfer students due to commuting issues and lack of response from school. Sonia will assist offline.
- Vanessa Sparks of Community Board test asked that CEC28 be more active and engaged with the CB. CB12 is very active, is made up of a majority of home owners and 30% of their taxes go to Education.
- Parents are still waiting for state test results and also concern about overcrowding in the district.

**Meeting Adjourned at [9:15pm]**

Quorum was established at [ 9:35pm ]

**BUSINESS MEETING**

Meeting was called to order by [ Vijah Ramjattan ] at [8:30 pm] and turned over to First Vice President Barbara Lewis-Williams

**Old Business**

CEC28 Committees

**Education Equity committee-** (Chair: Ted) Ted, Lu, Nathifa, Nancy

**Back to school committee-** (Chair: Lu) Lu, Barbara, Nathifa

**School safety Committee –** (Chair: Barbara) Sheleeza, Barbara, Shila, Ted, Lu

**Bylaws committee-** (Chair: Nathifa) Barbara, Nathifa, Sheleeza, Ted

**Outreach committee-** (Chair: Barbara) Nancy, Ted, Sheleeza, Lu

**New Business**

All issues were tabled to the following meeting due to lack of Quorem.

**Business Meeting Adjourned at [ 8:50 pm ]**

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**Respectfully Submitted by**

Nathifa Lewis  
Recording Secretary