

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Lu Zhao	1st Vice President	Remote Present
Nurun Swapna	2nd Vice President	Present
Nathifa Lewis	Recording Secretary	Present
Yutao Cheng	Treasurer	Present
Jay Lin	Member	Present
Julie Suh	Member	Present
G.K Kalyanaram	Member	Present
Quentin Mezetin	Member	Present
Christine Sacristano	Member	Unexcused Absence
Adrianna Alicea	Member	Present
Simone Dornbach	Member	Present

NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Dr. Eric Blake	Acting Superintendent	Present
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CALENDAR MEETING Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Ramjattan at 6:44pm
 Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met.

- President Ramjattan opened the meeting and gave greetings
- Newest member G.K Kalyanaram introduced himself to the community
- Acting Superintendent Dr. Eric Blake gave his report on what he's been working on in school year 2023
- D28 Data summary presentation was given by Reba Lichtenstein from Office of District Planning
- D28 President's Council Presentation by President Adrianna Alicea

Member Reports

- Council Members voiced Parents concerns regarding the admission process
- Council Member gave feedback on her PC interview session for PS 312
- Council Member voiced concerns about the district data regarding shared schools
- Council Member gave feedback on a PTA meeting he attended as well as a PC interview

- Council Member voiced concerns about schools not having hot lunches and students have to bring their own lunch to school
- Council Member requested more data regarding IEP in D75
- Council Member voiced concerns that parents are receiving notices that they cannot get therapies for the children
- Council Member gave feedback on a PTA meeting she attended
- Council Member wanted to know how many schools were affected by the recent flood and asked for data pertaining to this issue
- Council Member also asked for data regarding minor and major issues such as mold or any environmental toxins in schools
- Council Member voiced concerns about school safety plans and curriculum plans

Public Comments

- Community Activist introduced herself and gave greetings. Also, encouraged the parents to attend CEC meetings. She also asked for more data pertaining to school performances and curriculum. She also commended a fellow Community Activist that asked for a meeting link to implemented for the community to attend SLT meetings.
- District 28 Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda gave greetings and updated the Community regarding the SLT hybrid implementation
- Parent voiced concerns about a shelter that was put in place at PS 196 and students were not allowed to go outside for lunch
- Community Activist gave greetings and spoke about his book he created for students with IEP and dyslexia
- The district replied with an answer regarding the concerns around dyslexia and stated that a reading pilot was rolled out across the district and teachers will be trained to handle this issue
- Parent voiced concerns about lack of resources and trainings for students with dyslexia
- Community Activist and parent voiced concerns about the test scores and has requested more data regarding test scores across Queens
- Community Activist and UFT Rep gave greetings and provided an update to the Community.
- Speaker Adams office gave greetings and updates

Meeting Adjourned at 9:16pm

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
ATTENDANCE

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Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
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Nurun Swapna	2nd Vice President	Present
Nathifa Lewis	Recording Secretary	Present
Yutao Cheng	Treasurer	Present
Jay Lin	Member	Present
Julie Suh	Member	Present
G.K Kalyanaram	Member	Present
Quentin Mezetin	Member	Present
Christine Sacristano	Member	Unexcused Absence
Adrianna Alicea	Member	Present
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Meeting was called to order by President Ramjattan at 9:21pm
 Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

Motion was made by President Ramjattan to adopt August Meeting Minutes
 Seconded by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

1st Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to mark President Ramjattan as unexcused
 for September's Calendar and Business Meeting
 Seconded by President Ramjattan

President Ramjattan made a motion to mark council Member Adrianna Alicea as
 unexcused for attending September Calendar and Business Meeting virtually without
 proper notice beforehand
 Seconded by Member Adrianna Alicea

1st Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to mark Council Member Christine
 Sacristano as unexcused for September's Calendar and Business Meeting
 Seconded by Member Adrianna Alicea

President Ramjattan went over the process of vacating Member Christine Sacristano
 seat

President Ramjattan made a motion to vote on the resolution to vacate Member
 Christine Sacristano
 Seconded by 2nd Vice President Nurun Swapna

Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis read the resolution out loud for the community to
 vacate Member Christine Sacristano
 Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
 10 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent – Resolution Adopted

Council Members discussed and selected schools they would like to liaise with

Discuss Middle & High School Admissions Town Hall tabled for October's Business Meeting

Council Members discussed CEC28 Budget and Modified accordingly
President Ramjattan made a motion to approve budget modification
Seconded by Member Quentin Mezetin
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
10 in favor; **0** opposed; 1 absent – Motion passed

Business Meeting Adjourned at [9:58pm]

Respectfully Adopted by

Nathifa Lewis
Recording Secretary

APPROVED