

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Barbara Williams	1st Vice President	Present
Ted Chang	2nd Vice President	Present
Nathifa Lewis	Recording Secretary	Present
Lu Zhao	Treasurer	Present
Nancy Lugassy	Member	Present
Sheleeza Deen	Member	Present
Rajwinder Kaur	Member	Present
Cassandra Alexander	Member	Present
Elena Aminova	Member	Present
Simone Dornbach	Member	Present

NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Dr. Tammy Pate	Superintendent	Present
Bibi Matadin	FACE Liaison	Present

CALENDAR MEETING Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Vijah Ramjattan at 6:40pm
 Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met

- President Ramjattan opened the meeting and welcomed attendees
- Superintendent Pate gave greetings and spoke about the work in District 28– presentation on Magnet Schools/Chronic Absenteeism
- President Ramjattan gave his report and spoke about Summer Rising Program
- G & T Presentation by Deputy Chancellor Carolyne Quintana
- Office of Food and Nutrition Services Presentation on School Meal Programs which included the Federal meal requirements/DOE food quality standards and options
- Deputy Chancellor Carolyne Quintana answered questions on G & T
- Superintendent Cynthia Schneider announces her retirement date of May 16th, 2022, and that Deputy Superintendent Steven Chernigoff will step up as Acting Superintendent for Queens South High Schools
- Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda gave District updates
- Bibi Matadin gave Central updates about C-37 Superintendent hiring process
- Council Members gave their Reports and Updates including community concerns about gun violence, school safety, mayoral control, summer rising, covid mandates/concerns, school meals and religious accommodations, election time, zoom training and resolution committee meeting

- Administrative Assistant Dorinda Seemangal announced that CEC 28 will be providing each D28 school with certificates for Graduation based on criteria communicated to the Principals
- Narine Bharat, Director of Operation provided additional G&T updates

Public Comment

- Parent asked for more updates on Southern Schools
- Parent expressed support for the G&T Program
- School Colors podcast creators provided an overview of the podcast
- Jessica Zilo, D28 President Council Presidents gave updates on school safety, G&T and Summer Rising Program
- Parents voiced concerns about Mayoral control
- CCHS Queens Rep Effi Zakry reminded Parents about the Parent leadership open positions and expressed concerns about lack of kosher food in schools
- Principal Mims spoke briefly about being named National Magnet Principal of the year
- Mayoral Control of NYC Public Schools discussion – New York State Senator John C. Liu, Chairman of New York City Education Committee

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by President Vajah Ramjattan at 9:21pm
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

April Meeting Minutes was adopted

January and March Meeting Minutes were postponed the next meeting after lack of consensus to adopt as presented or with clearly expressed amendments

Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis referred to previous Business meeting decision to finalize any outstanding minutes at the May meeting and requested to be on record as abstaining from any discussion or approval of outstanding minutes beyond the May Business meeting.

Council Members spoke about Planning Stages for Resolution Committee

D28 Future Plan for G&T were discussed – Council Members decided to Table Plans

End of year celebration was discussed – Council Members decided to move forward with planning

Reimbursements for this year budget and deadline were discussed

Council Members discussed that you will not be reimbursed for this year next year

Motion was made by Recording Secretary, Nathifa Lewis that any unfulfilled required reimbursement for this year would not be taken out next year

Seconded by Treasurer Lu Zhao

Motion passed on a vote – **9** in favor; **0** opposed; **1** abstention; **1** absent

Business Meeting Adjourned at [10:45pm]

Respectfully Adopted by

Nathifa Lewis
Recording Secretary

APPROVED