

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Barbara Williams	1st Vice President	Present
Ted Chang	2nd Vice President	Present
Elena Aminova	Recording Secretary	Present
Lu Zhao	Treasurer	Present
Nancy Lugassy	Member	Unexcused Absence
Sheleeza Deen	Member	Present
Rajwinder Kaur	Member	Present
Cassandra Alexander	Member	Present
Nathifa Lewis	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 Ramjattan at 6:40pm
 Roll call by President Ramjattan and Quorum was met

- President Ramjattan opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Also, thanked 1st Vice President Williams and Council Members for filling in for him for the past couple months
- Superintendent Pate gave greetings and spoke about all the accomplishment thus far in District 28. Superintendent Pate announced that District 28 has won all four magnet grants that were applied for
- President Ramjattan acknowledged Principals, Parent Coordinators, Janitors, Counselors and District Office Team
- Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda gave District updates
- Executive Director of Queens South High Schools – Steven Chernigoff presented on behalf of Superintendent Van-Ess and gave High School updates
- Queens Collegiate Presentation by Principal Harrell
- Deputy Chief Information Officer, Randy Asher presented on GAMA
- Director of Operations – Narine Bharat gave updates

Member Reports

- Council Member spoke about DOE's new admission processes and praised the DOE for rolling out their open house calendar for High Schools and spoke a little on the grading system

- Council Member brought up concerns about students not getting into schools near them. Concerns were also brought up and the continuous renovation and that's affecting students from participating in outdoor activities
- Council Member spoke about parents that are not happy about the admissions process
- Council Member brought up concerns about school bus
- Council Member brought up concerns about the lack of speed bumps and school zone signs
- Council Member suggested a Middle School Town Hall
- FACE Liaison Bibi Matadin gave greetings
- President Ramjattan called on Principals that were present to give greetings
- Council Member praised the hybrid meetings process as the new normal opposed all in-person

Public Comments

- Community board 12 congratulated Dr. Pate and Team for securing the four magnet grants
- Parent asked for the percentage of student that retains at Queens Collegiate to continue High School there
- Parent brought up concerns about the overcrowding schools in the district
- Parent brought up concerns about safety and spoke about the shooting and stabbing that happened right in front of the schools
- Teacher who lives in D28 but teaches in D24 brought concerns about an emotionally disturbed man who walked into a school without any interference. The man was tackled by the principal and escorted out by the Police 19 minutes after
- Narine Bharat answered question pertaining to closed school doors during school session and the new safety protocol which DOE will roll out this year
- Parent gave greetings and asked for more diversity in D28 and asked for district data to be emailed to her directly by Dr. Pate's office
- Dr. Pate answered question on district data and promised that it will be shared soon
- Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda gave updates and touched on her workshops a little
- Principal Rodriguez-Tabone thanked Dr. Pate and Dr. Van-Ess for creating a sense of community and invited the entire D28 to their community walk-through at Queens Metropolitan High School
- Parent talked about her first time attending CEC28 Calendar and Business meeting
- CCRB Outreach Coordinators gave greetings

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35pm

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
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Cassandra Alexander	Member	Present
Nathifa Lewis	Member	Present
Simone Dornbach	Member	Present

Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Barbara Williams at 8:41pm
Roll call by Recording Secretary Elena Aminova

2022-2023 Budget was discussed and allocated accordingly
Motion was made by Recording Secretary Elena Aminova to accept the 2022-2023 budget as allocated
Seconded by President Ramjattan
Roll call by Recording Secretary Elena Aminova
Motion passed on a vote – **10** in favor; **0** opposed; **0** abstention; **1** absent

Council Members discussed hosting High School and Middle School Town Halls

Council Members discussed the next steps on passed resolutions and took a vote amongst themselves to post passed resolution only on CEC28 website

1st Vice President Williams made a motion to reconsider the vote on the unexcused absences for Member Nancy Lugassy
Seconded by 2nd Vice President Ted Chang
Roll call by Recording Secretary Elena Aminova
Motion passed on a vote – **10** in favor; **0** opposed; **0** abstention; **1** absent

1st Vice President Williams made a motion to vote on the unexcused absence for Member Nancy Lugassy for the month of July
Seconded by President Ramjattan
Roll call by Recording Secretary Elena Aminova
Motion passed on a vote – **10** in favor; **0** opposed; **0** abstention; **1** absent

Recording secretary Elena Aminova announced that the motion to unexcused Member Nancy Lugassy for the month of July was passed

1st Vice President Williams made a motion to vote on the unexcused absence for Member Nancy Lugassy for the month of August
Seconded by President Ramjattan
Roll call by Recording Secretary Elena Aminova
Motion passed on a vote – **10** in favor; **0** opposed; **0** abstention; **1** absent

Recording secretary Elena Aminova announced that the motion to unexcused Member Nancy Lugassy for the month of August was passed

1st Vice President Williams made a motion to vote on the unexcused absence for Member Nancy Lugassy for the month of September
Seconded by 2nd Vice President Ted Chang
Roll call by Recording Secretary Elena Aminova
Motion passed on a vote – **10** in favor; **0** opposed; **0** abstention; **1** absent

Recording secretary Elena Aminova announced that the motion to unexcused Member Nancy Lugassy for the month of September was passed

Motion was made by Member Nathifa Lewis to adopt September's Minutes
Seconded by Member Simone Dornbach

Council Members discussed events and event procedures amongst themselves

Council Members discussed the hiring of parent coordinators procedures amongst themselves

Business Meeting Adjourned at [10:01pm]

Respectfully Adopted by

Elena Aminova
Recording Secretary