



CEC 5 Calendar Meeting Minutes Wednesday, February 24, 2021

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Meeting called to order by President Stewart at 6:36 PM. Roll call taken by Lisa Kinsey, which resulted in the following:

Present: Schadell Barnhill, Hope Bell, Sanayi Canton, Ayishah Irvin, Pamela Stewart and Gina Williams

Absent: Sonia Mendoza (Excused) and Shaqua Randle (Excused)

Acknowledgement of January 27, 2021 Calendar and Business Minutes
Council did not have any changes to the minutes.

Resolution # 89 Calling for Fully Funding our Public Schools
Motion by Treasurer Irvin second by Member Williams a voice vote for the record Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Manhattan Borough President's Office, Chief of Staff, Jessica Mates

I have been happy to attend a few CEC5 meetings this year. Working on many different things. Thank you President Stewart for participating and thanks to everyone who attended the forum held for interested folks running for CEC. We continue to work on issues getting devices for our students as we have been doing. Also, working right now on vaccine issues. Trying to help with the rollout making it a little bit better than it has been going so far. We do have a Vaccine Task Force again thank you President Stewart for participating. We are sometimes able to get folks appointments. Often notified at the last minute by a city or state site that there are appointments. Ms. Mates provided her email in the chat. If you know people eligible or if someone wants to find out if, they are eligible for the vaccine let the Manhattan Borough President's Office know. If they are having trouble getting an appointment sometimes, The Manhattan Borough President Office can be helpful. Ex. There are a couple of slots available this Friday uptown. I am here to listen and I appreciate all the incredible and wonderful work that you do. It is always an honor to be here and hear what you are working on.

Acknowledgement of Newly Manhattan Borough Appointee

President Stewart acknowledged Ms. Hope Bell newly CEC5 Manhattan Borough Appointee. Ms. Bell is dedicated to doing work in our community and looking forward to working together. Ms. Bell shared her passion trying to inspire other parents to become involved and using the power they have. Hoping she will be able to do that as well. She thanked the council/community for having her.

Report of President

- President Stewart provided information in the chat relating to the upcoming CEC Elections the deadline to apply is approaching.
- President Stewart has participated in numerous meetings and workshop and will provide a full report next month.
- We have a full agenda. It is more important right now to empower other CEC members to step up and let the community hear what they are doing.
- President Stewart is here to support the community and all of the schools

Report of Council

Vice President Barnhill

- Attended ECC Meetings as well as other CEC members and ECC Meeting with Chancellor Carranza. Learned at the meeting that suicide is happening within DOE. Be mindful of children, parents and everyone.
- Attended the SLT Meeting at PS/MS 123.
- Attended school visit at PS 194 with co-liaison Member Williams. Principal Harrison's expectations from CEC is the power of parent voice and Vice President Barnhill totally agreed. Vice President Barnhill will continue to support PS 194.
- Attended Harlem Basics at the right time as they were exercising in self-regulation and sharing the importance of routine.
- Also attended tonight's PEP Meeting. Unfortunately, it started too late.

Member Bell reported

- Attended Jumanne Williams Town Hall Meeting today. They discussed how COVID-19 has disproportionately impact children of color, children who are economically disadvantaged or displaced, students and parents spoke, and advocates

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for the community spoke sharing problems that existed before COVID-19 have exasperated officials responded. Seemed that a few officials became defensive in their responses. Some officials talked about their present work not really addressing the issues. The Townhall was interesting.

Member Canton

- Emailed council response FOIL 17294 Columbia Secondary School Data expected to provide the data April 30, 2021.
- Meeting with legislators this month and six members of the Citywide Charter Committee regarding accountability issues for charter schools.
- Attended a Charter Town Hall. Help stop expansion charters in our district and not allow zombie charters approval. The state no longer planning to pay for private spaces.
- Working on a project with Districts 4 & 6 to start a new school for Dyslexia Manhattan Prep Re-Imagine School. Re-Imagine Project has been on pause.

Member Irvin

- Met with Healing Center School (Bronx Initiative) working with DOE La Shawn Robinson's Office trying to get the program across the city. Met with Councilman Treyger asking training for teachers, principals and staff. Assistance with trying to receive data, it has been a slow process.
- Attended Charter 101 Town Hall with Member Canton and Erica it was great.
- Attended ECC Meeting with President of CSA.
- Attended ECC Meeting with Chancellor Carranza and his team.
- Attended Weekly/Bi Weekly Meeting with Adriane Austin, ECC and CPAC discussed different initiatives relating to Gifted & Talented (G & T)
- Attended D16 Meeting C4E presented, resolutions were presented, highlighted their high schools and middle schools why parents should keep their children in D16 schools.
- Attended the PEP Meeting and spoke.
- Attended Jumanne Williams Town Hall.
- Attended PS 175 Think Tank Meeting today invited by PTA President.

Member Williams

- Attended CB11 Youth and Education Meeting their four preliminary budget updates: Technology Updates, DOE Funding Part 1 & 2 no one understood part 2 there was no clarity, Renovation Interior of schools especially bathrooms, Summer Youth Employment/Afterschool Programs and New Assignment of Tracking Staff Covid-19.
- Collaborating with CEC's 4 & 5 working with Civic and Community Engagement. Summer Youth Programs will attend the next meeting to provide information relating to jobs and philanthropy roles in the communities. Working on NYC Parks and Recreation to eliminate the membership fees for young adults, letter of support and motion made and carried.
- Eva Chad of Harlem House New York seeking 10-12 grade Paid Internships
- NYPCC Café New York Psychotherapy and Counseling Center introduced their provided services/programs for Manhattan, Bronx, Bushwick and East New York communities.
- Attended ECC Meeting discussed Resolutions and Bills of interest.
- School Visit PS 175 was amazing!
- Another school visit coming with PS 133 March 2, 2021 at 10am.

President Stewart stated that this is our CEC5 meeting and it is very important that the council show their faces so that the community know who they are. Council elected to serve the community. Council not elected just to show their names. Community cannot connect with a name, but they can connect with a face. President Stewart thanked the council for sharing their reports.

Report of Superintendent by Deputy Superintendent Robin Davson

- District and Community Partners have an initiative eradicating the Digital Divide. Trying to close this digital divide through S & S Texting Campaign. Texting as many families as we can reach in district five asking them four questions. (1) Do you have internet access in your household? (2) How many school age children 5-18yrs are in your household? (3) How many school age children in your household do not have a working laptop, tablet or iPad? (4) Are you having issues with remote learning for your children?
- Welcoming our middle school students back to school tomorrow. Fifty percent of our in-person scholars will be returning safely. Teachers returned to classrooms today preparing for our scholars. Working on a date to receive high school students and asking district offices to help support schools and assess the needs of schools.
- MBK Student Programing it is in full swing and highly successful. Elementary, middle and high school scholars are fully engaging fully in mentoring with TRIAD. Second, live you tube elementary school session March 25, 2021.
- MSK (My Sister's Keeper) Pilot targeting 80 middle school and high school young women on a small scale this year. MSK Pilot has no funding. We will let you know the kick-off date. We want every woman in this room to participate and encourage our young women.
- District Office ordered over 250 blue tooth keyboards for our scholars. Scholars will receive keyboards once principal information submitted.
- District Office launching a Genius Bar to support parents with technology issues with the support of Tech Row. First launch will be March.

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- District is not in charge of school enrollment. Superintendent Rux and Deputy Superintendent Davson contacted enrollment as per conversation at January 2021 CEC meeting. Enrollment informed them the FOIL almost completed. CEC5 will be informed for an April 2021 meeting when CSS enrollment data will be shared. Principal Nightengale turnover her vetting (ranking) process to enrollment.

Early Childhood Updated D5 Early Childhood Director, Yael Leopold

3K-PreK application process started today, glitches are being worked on please apply. Once a month we have Early Childhood Family Workshops would love more people to attend. If you know someone who has a 3K-PreK student please invite them to the workshops. We are here to support the community.

Presentation: Literacy and Dyslexia, Debra Meyer

Ms. Meyer presented a PowerPoint Presentation on Literacy and Dyslexia answered questions from the council and community.

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President Stewart adjourned calendar meeting second by Member Williams at 9:06PM.

Submitted by: Lisa Kinsey, Administrative Assistant



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Introduction of Resolution # 90 Literacy and Dyslexia

Debbie Meyer introduce, explained, answered questions and is willing to make corrections to the resolution and email the resolution back to the council as a draft. Council has agreed to vote on the resolution with corrections.

Website Update

Vice President Barnhill shared the eChalk website training. She wished that all members were able to attend. During the training taught how to navigate the website it is very easy. There is another upcoming accessibility training. Encouraged councilmembers to visit website cecd5.echalksites.com. Website can be view in many different languages. Vice President Barnhill likes everything the website offers. Website is very user-friendly. eChalk app can be downloaded to your phone. One of the best investments the council could have ever made.

President Stewart: states a few more items that need to upload to the website. There is a resource page if there is a link or any information that the council want added to the website please let President Stewart know. Members Williams mentioned photos. President Stewart would like to refrain from photos for now. Photos used before did not benefit the community any benefit. Website is about information and easy access. We are going to upload more information, links and complete the resource and DOE tabs. The website will not go live until eChalk has received all information. We are paying eChalk to upload as much information as possible. President Stewart encouraged councilmembers trained to go on the website and become familiar with it. Once the website goes live, the council is responsible for uploading information. Website was supposed to go live today, but we need to upload more information. Community should be able to click on a school or social media link and go directly to the page. Social media accounts will not be link to a councilmembers personal page. Present social media links on the website will change to reflect the current CEC5 social media pages. Council also discussed having a Tik Tok social media page. High school students with supervision will help managing social media. President Stewart will discontinue the current Face Book page.

Treasurer Irvin will manage the social media tab on the website and Member Williams will manage the resource tab. Member Irvin will create a new Face Book page. Vice President Barnhill suggested that the website updates is divided between councilmembers in their strengths. Vice President Barnhill will assist with website updates.

Youth Speak Out Update

District 5 schools - grades 3-12 open forum for students to talk about whatever they want to talk about. Deadline for student participant names March 23, 2021. Youth Speak-Out date April 8, 2021 from 7:00pm-8:30pm. Youth Speak-Out is a collaboration with the council, principals, parent coordinators and pa/pta. Member Williams will help ensure that students and parents are in receipt of flyers. Member Williams shared created flyers for council review/approval. Member Williams states youth speak out needs a moderator.

President Stewart states: Youth Speak-Out planning started last year. This event will be in collaboration with all of our district 5 schools, principals, parent coordinators and pta. The event will only be 1 ½ hours. Students will share their concerns and thoughts through song, poetry, spoken word, art, and dance. They can speak their minds. Of course, there are guidelines and criteria established by the council on what students can speak on. They can talk about what is going on in school, but we do not want them to get too personal. We will get a sense of what they want to talk on it is their time to shine. We will not limit how they display. We have some very talented students in district 5. We do not want to limit their creativity. Council gave feedback on three flyers provided. Council decided on stage flyer with updates.

Budget

President Stewart states: budget tabled for special meeting March 3, 2021, 5pm-7pm to go over the budget, vote and move forward. President Stewart is the chair of the ECC Finance Committee. Councils have requested items and waiting approval from legal. Council has the budget please review and prepare to vote at the special meeting. President Stewart is going to give Treasurer Irvin the floor to present, ask and answer questions. Budget modification deadline is March 18, 2021. ECC email budget date not confirmed.

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President Stewart shared that council will have a special meeting for FY 22 Fair Student Funding Presentation they have special requirements. President Stewart did not want both presentations Contracts for Excellence (C4E) and FY 22 Fair Student Funding (FSF) on the same day information would be overwhelming. FY 22 Fair Student Funding (FSF) presentation timeframe March 1- April 23, 2021.

School Visits Liaison List

Council updated school visits liaison list.

President Stewart adjourned the business session at 10:27pm.

Submitted by: Lisa Kinsey, Administrative Assistant