

DISTRICT 23 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL

MONTHLY CALENDAR COMBINED BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023

Calendar Meeting Called to Order 6:09pm

Roll Call:

1. Charaya Hardy, President
2. Kim Lane, Vice President & BBP-Appointee
3. Leah Sardinha, Recording Secretary & BBP-Appointee
4. Samantha Holmes, Treasurer
5. Lorrianne Williams, Parliamentarian
6. Debra Gray, IEP-Member
7. Melinda French, ELL-Member
8. Abbie Anderson, Member (no response on 2nd roll call)
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Parliamentarian-Ms. Lorrianne Williams: Shared the “CEC 23 Ground Rules”.

President C. Hardy’s Report:

- CCC & CEC Voting season is open and it will be closed on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.
- President Hardy encouraged all parents to vote.
- Representatives from (FACE) election team who will discuss the voting process/procedures.
- Tonight’s discussion will be based on the voting election of the CCC & CEC’s
- Make sure your parent account is up-to-date, and any issues consult your parent coordinator.
- Congratulations to all students who received their first chose on their admission application.
- Principal Ingrid Joseph of P.S/I.S. 392, was applauded for her commitment & encouragement on showing our scholars in a most creative way, through her initiative program, using a “Book Vending Machine”.
- CEC 23, is asking all district schools to provide their graduation dates, so that it can be generated into a spreadsheet to recognize each school.
- Your Voice Matters: parents how do you think district 23 on a whole scored this school year? CEC 23 like to hear some suggestions from parents in regards to schools’ programs/partnerships, especially for the aging. Please email us at cec23@schools.nyc.gov to give her your opinion.

- Announcement of an up-coming community job fair held on May 2, 2023 at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church-425 Howard Avenue.
- The DYCD - NAB#17 will be hosting their “Spring in Health Bonanza “on Saturday, June 17, 2023 @ Betsy Head Park. The flyers are forthcoming.

Guest Speakers- Ms. Marie Plaisir & Team Partner Ms. Beatrice Blumhom: FACE

- Shared a PowerPoint (PDF) presentation to discuss the voting election process.
- We are here, not just for the families but also for the parent coordinators to make **sure they are informing the families of the voting**, because now it’s everywhere.
- The purpose of the presentations is to give an overview of how to vote for candidates running for a seat on the educational and citywide.
- She mentioned within this presentation we will take questions and any issues with NIXA, the NYC school account.
- Last year the law was changed to make community education councils more inclusive. Now 75% of parents can vote.
- Why is Education Council “**Important**”? To help improve our school communities and promote student achievements.
- Parents have a powerful voice, in shaping the policies and priorities for New York City schools.
- Ms. Plaisir stated, parents vote will help select the best candidates for your district.
- Public schools, they make decisions that impact your children’s education and play important and active role in school communities.
- The NYC School Account (aka) Nixa or my student, where parents can view important information about all their students, and one place. This account gives parents/students access to programs the students are enrolled in, etc.
- To sum up her report, she also stated D.75 parents, alleged to pass their vote for the Citywide Council, D75 and Citywide Council on Special Education ballots.

Guest Speaker- Isis McIntosh Green- Candidate for City Council Member:

- Ms. McIntosh is a candidate running for city council, in district 23.
- She stated she is a product of district 23 and grew up in Brownsville and attended P.S. 156.
- She currently serves as chief of staff for Assemblywoman Latrice Walker, where she manages resources and devote some of the money towards school parks within our community.
- The purpose of running for a seat, because she stated we are in a crisis.
- She asked everyone on the call to have a leap of faith in her that in the month of June to support her by voting.

Guest Speaker- Wesley Vasquez, Rise-Boro:

- New York City, Civil Engagement Commission(aka-CEC) launched a “People’s Money” initiative program in 2022.
- First ever citywide participatory budgeting process.

- All New Yorkers, regardless of citizenship, status, will have a say in how to spend \$5,000,000.00 of mayoral expense funding to address local community needs
- All New Yorkers ages 11 years old and regardless of educational status will be eligible to vote and decide how to spend 5 million of the city's budget on programs.
- Participatory budgeting (PB) is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget.
- PB originated in Porto Alegre, Brazil in 1989 as an anti-poverty intervention, since then it's been implemented in over 10,000 municipalities across the world to help residents, directly decide budgets for states, countries, cities, housings authorities, schools and other institutions.
- In summary, "The People's Money"
Process Phase is below:
 1. Phase 1: Idea Generation
 2. Phase 2: Project Vetting & Development
 3. Phase 3: Voting
 4. Phase 4: Project Implementation

President Council – President Charaya Hardy:

- President Hardy – stated we are in the month of May; we are working hard to promote the election.
- The goal is to have get the election out and all the boards full for this coming school year. Such boards as the PTA's, Title 1 and the STL-Team.
- We are encouraging parents to speak up and help recruitment parents to run for one of these boards.

Guest Speaker: Tanya Samuels-Title 1/DPAC-Chair:

- She stated that everyone should have their nominating committee in place by now, for their upcoming election.
- If you served your (2) years on Title 1 board, then your term is up. Must have nominating committees in place.
- She also stated, anyone who needs assistance in getting this done, reach out to her or anyone on President Council to assist in the process.
- In her closing remarks, she wished all the scholars the best, for on Tuesday, May 3rd state testing exam.

Superintendent Dr. Khalek Kirkland:

- Dr. Kirkland shared his monthly district update report.
- Chancellor's initiative around having "one curriculum" across the entire district.
- District 23 was honored to be chosen, as phase one district; which means that we will be incorporating one curriculum across our entire district next year.
- Reason, District 23 was chosen, majority of our schools were using one curriculum.
- Last meeting a lot of discussion and a lot of questions, that parents had. I invited the HMM team back to specifically to talk about it and address some of the concerns.

- To have HMH representatives discuss students with disabilities.
- I am honored that HMH has come with their entire team to be able to give a brief overview.
- My regular monthly PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the district website, so that HMH team can complete their presentation and answer any questions.

Guest Speaker, Ms. Shoshana Green:

- She Introduced her team, Dr. Steve Keno Block and Manika Jenkins are my data analytics and academic planning directors.
- She is happy to have partnered with district 23 families to ensure ELA from grades to K-8th to watch students' growth.
- Goal is to partner with all the schools in the district and offer lots of fabulous resources.
- Where students will have the ability to access resources anywhere.
- Access to highly engaging literature.
- Re-visit what they learned about school.
- Focus was on covering the kind of requirements for conducting an impact study on New York City schools.
- Schools and districts are currently in what is called the educational recovery phrase.
- As an organization, we want to meet the needs of the administrators, teachers and the students. This was done primarily, when students and schools came back into session after the pandemic. Many states did not offer assessments consistently. Or students opt in or opt out of the assessment testing.
- HMH, did an educator confidence report. This is done annually. It's administered to teachers across the nation.
- Education conference report was very critical, because it allowed us to get what we considered observable data from teachers across the nation.
- Ms. Green also stated what her team found that its not about making sure that we know what students need, but to look at how we continue to implement our products with support for teachers as well as students beyond the pandemic.
- In short, she stated it's not about proficient and non-proficient we are looking to see the different needs of each student.
- Superintendent Kirkland then opened the floor for questions with the HMH team.

Speaker Ms. Yuet Chu: Brooklyn North High School:

- Shared a PDF-Update on CEC & DLT May 2023
- Principal Meeting- Held at the Botanical Gardens, Brooklyn
- District Schools Data-keeping an eye on student attendance, IEP's and school mandates.
- She introduced Ms. Jennifer S. Brown, ED. D-She is an Interim, Principal at "Teacher's Prep". Ms. Yuet gave an overview of her bio and credentials. She comes with 20 years of leadership. She also organized regions programs for her eighth graders. She started her career in Brownsville, as an ELA teacher and a coach.

Adjourned 8:29pm-Motion to accept- Member K. Lane /2nd Member D. Gray

Business Meeting Called to Order 8:30pm

Roll Call:

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CEC President Hardy- opened up the meeting. Gave her overall business report and discussed rescheduling the Legislative Brunch for the new school year.

March/April 2023 minutes have **been tabled**-President Hardy stated the Council will revisit these minutes at next month CEC calendar meeting or have a special meeting to vote on it.

Treasurer's Report: In the absence of CEC Treasurer Ms. S. Holmes- President Hardy gave the monthly CEC Budget report and shared those items that were purchased and delivered to the CEC office. There was no activity on the P.Card.

President's Hardy opened the floor for members to share any public community events/ updates or school concerns- Varies members shared some up-coming Pre-Mother's Day Event and school concerns with the members.

Meeting Adjourned 8:46PM-Motion Made to Accept- Member M. French/Seconded by Vice President K. Lane