

# **DISTRICT 23 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL**

## **COMBINED CALENDAR & BUSINESS MEETING**

### **Minutes**

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 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. **Lorrienne Williams, Parliamentarian**
6. **Melinda French, ELL-Member**
7. **Debra Gray, IEP-Member**
8. **Abbie Anderson, Member**
9. **Amanda Pitts, Member**

##### **Ms. Lorrienne Williams- Parliamentarian**

**Shared the CEC monthly “Ground Rules”.**

##### **President Charaya Hardy’s Report**

- **UFT are inviting parents to join them to Albany for “Lobby Day” March 13, 2023.**
- **A new D75 school has been proposed” will have a program named P0770K will be co-located @P.S. 150 with K-12 grades, beginning in 2023-24**
- **73<sup>rd</sup> Pct will host on Thursday, March 16@7:30pm a Community Council Meeting (celebration of women’s history month)**

- **Next CEC candidate forum will take place on Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Registration is open today, for parents who wish to serve on the CEC's**
- **FACE is asking all families to complete the NYC School Survey**
- **The pandemic (Covid) has been extended by the NYC Mayor up until March 21<sup>st</sup>, zoom meetings will be transitioning to in-house meetings**
- **Motion was made to amend the agenda**

**Councilmember Amanda Pitts-Town Hall Meeting@ Citywide Council for Special Education**

- **Town Hall was specifically for students with disabilities and with IEP's. It was an in-house meeting**
- **Questions regarding the educational system for those students with disabilities**
- **There is a new Advisory Council being implemented**
- **Concerns regarding busing- highly important for students with disabilities**
- **There is a program in progress for parents to receive reimbursement(out-of-pocket) transport their child to and from school**
- **A.C. Devices are going to be given out to students with disabilities issues who are not able to communicate effectively with their teachers,**
- **She discussed "Chronic Absentees" district wide 40% students are chronically absent/disabilities 51% and students in district 75 is 68%**
- **Highlighted were questions regarding a lack of educational teachers**

**Superintendent Dr. Khalek Kirkland Report -Shared PDF (FSF)**

- **Dr. Kirkland shared his monthly district update report.**
- **School Budgets SY 2023-2024(January-March 2023)**
- **Publicized all of the upcoming events on our school district website**
- **Presentation is to review the budget allocation and its formula and student funding and the forth coming changes in 2024**

- **Presentation marks a new approach in how NYC schools are conducting community engagement around our school budgets and with proposed changes**
- **The goal is to increase our transparency and to make our stakeholders aware of how schools are funded**
- **New approach is to change those recommendations made by the fair student funding working group**
- **Working group include a wide range of stakeholders, including CEC members, union leaders, advocates, parents and elected officials**
- **Also, we ask that you have any specific feedback on the proposed changes to the FSF formula...please share your comments to [comments@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:comments@schools.nyc.gov)**

#### **Dr. Rushell Ross/High School Updates:**

- **Celebration “Women’s History Month”**
- **Up-coming Collaboration with the United Nations**
- **Theme innovation and technological changes and education in digital age for achieving gender equality for all women and girls**
- **Check-out Website on up-coming events/MSK**
- **Dr. Ross shared a video in reference to (Aspen Challenge) an event that took place at BAM.**

#### **Invited Guests:**

- **Jennifer Scott-CEO of Roller Wave, it’s a way of bringing the community back together again.  
Located in Brooklyn, New York- she offered district 23 parents/students 15% discount to come and enjoy the experience of skating.**
- **Dr. Jatuli Bellanton- Discussed her financial literacy book and parent and student engagements activities she conducts shared and she shared a PDF her on program.**

**Meeting Adjourned- Motion to adjourned Member D. Gray and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer S. Holmes**

**Business Meeting Called to Order 7:45pm**

**Roll Call:**

1. **Charaya Hardy, President**
2. **Kim Lane, Vice President & BBP-Appointee**
3. **Leah Sardinha, Recording Secretary & BBP-Appointee (excused-left early)**
4. **Samantha Holmes, Treasurer**
5. **Lorrienne Williams, Parliamentarian**
6. **Melinda French, ELL-Member**
7. **Debra Gray, IEP-Member**
8. **Abbie Anderson, Member**
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**Minutes, Monday, February 6, 2023- was voted on and approved by all members. Minutes/agenda will be posted on the district website for public review.**

**Treasurer Samantha Holmes- Gave her monthly expense report. No expenses to report for February. Members who submitted their monthly reimbursement forms were approved and processed for payment.**

\*A vote was taken and passed to **amend/revise** the previously approved CEC budget, to move funds of \$800.00 from general supplies to computer line.

**President Hardy, presented to the members in attendance- all in favor to approve the following items for purchase with the use of using the Procurement Card for the Legislative Breakfast to order (catered food/beverages/water/table clothes, etc) event scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> and permission was granted/voted on for the Admin. M.Jones to use Purchase Order in the FAMIS Portal System to purchase (Office supplies) such as trinkets for the purpose of give-aways from Positive Promotion Company. Also, approved for the AA to purchase a Laptop for the office at the going price of \$800 or less. President Hardy will forward a list of items to be ordered for the Legislative Breakfast and for the members to review.**

**Meeting Adjourned 8:28PM-Motion Made to Accept Vice President K. Lane/Seconded by L. Williams**