

Special Education

CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

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CALENDAR MEETING

The Calendar Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, **August 7, 2013** session continued into the Calendar Meeting at The Office of District 75, 400 First Avenue, NY. NY. The following people were in attendance.

*Note: The Calendar Meeting was called to order. Call to Order at 6:38 PM the Calendar Agenda

1. Roll Call

Able Alagbe Present Gloria Corsino Present **Audrey Dunlap** Present Celia Green Present Rebecca Green Present Jackie Pierre-Louis Present Aliva Rasool Present Gloria Smith Present Wanda Scott Excused Valerie Williams Present

2. Appointment of Time Keeper

Aliya Rasool

3. Superintendent's Report

Gary Hecht thanked the council and invited guest for being at the meeting as well as congratulated the elected members. The focus from his office his office is not about one particular student but about all students within district 75. His focus is that D75 has a positive impact on students' lives with the work he and his team put forth.

This year is going to be a very difficult and challenging year. There is a lot going on within D75. Effective June 6th the state directed the DOE to implement the evaluation system. There is a teacher and a principal evaluation system that is going to be very challenging for both teachers and principals in general at the district level. Gary's team at the district will support both teachers and principals/administrators.

For the new school year D75 is opening brough-wide135 classes; the majority is five year olds and are on the spectrum. The boroughs on the waiting list are the Bronx and Queens. Portfolio has been working with D75 closely in providing space for our programs. D75 is a little concerned and we have asked that we don't receive 2 classes in a building but a co-hort for our children to excel and to integrate with their peers. The DOE is looking into our suggestion regarding space within school buildings.

This year we are opening a new school 277Q in District 30 and it's a k-12 program. The Common Core Learning Standards the district has been involved in the process and has worked closely with their staff. Gary mentioned there was training at FACE for PTA Presidents (65 PTA Presidents in attendance). Gary informed the council his door is always open and if you should have any question please stop by.

He believes in sharing ideas and is happy to see a full quorum for the CD75 council.

4. Vote: Working & Calendar Meeting Minutes

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5. Vote: District 75 Budget

Resolution #001 Citywide District 75 Council 2013-2014 Fiscal Budget was reviewed and voted on by the council. The members of the Citywide District 75 Council voted on the resolution Yes-9 Votes and Absent-1 total of 9 votes, the resolution was passed.

6. New Business