



CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

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MINUTES CALENDAR MEETING

The Working Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, **May 29, 2013** at 6:30 pm at Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street, NY. NY. The following people were in attendance.

*Note: Mr. Williams, President called the working meeting to order.
Call to Order at 6:38 PM the Calendar Agenda

1. Roll Call

Able Alagbe	Present
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Gloria Corsino	Present
Maureen Dantzler	Present
Diamaris Magarin	Excused
Jackie Pierre-Louis	Present
Gloria Smith	Present
Joseph Williams	Excused
Aliya Rasool	Present

2. Appointment of Time Keeper:

Aliya Rasool

3. Report of the President: Joe Williams

Greetings Parents and Guest Speakers on behalf of the council members I would like to thank you for joining the Citywide District 75 Council during our monthly Calendar Meeting.

The President, Mr. Williams is not able to attend today's meeting and has asked for me to read the Presidents Report.

Recently, the council passed and submitted the Resolution to Protect Students Privacy. The Resolution was read during the Presidents Council and CPAC Meeting. CPAC also voted in agreement the Citywide District 75 Council that our children's information should remain private.

The Samuel Stern Awards on Friday was a wonderful event and inspirational as well as the Annual EPIC/Best Practices held in April. We would like to thank Gray and his team who work very hard every year to produce for the parents and students of District 75.

Our next Calendar Meeting will be held on June 19th at District 75 Main Office at 6:30 pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our guest speakers:

Andrew Hollander the Executive Director of Medicaid Operations with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer. We invited him to provide us with an update on Medicaid Reimbursements.

Catherine Jones, LCSW, Assistant Coordinator of YAI Network , Crisis Intervention & Affiliated Programs who will present on sexuality education regarding our youth.

Corinne Rello-Anselmi, Deputy Chancellor, Division with Disabilities and English Learners, with the NYC Department of Education.

I would like to open the meeting by asking Gary Hecht, Superintendent to give his report.

Thank you,

4. Report of the Superintendent: Gary Hecht

Gary thanked the attendees and council for attending the calendar meeting. He also thanked CMs. Anselmi for attending as well. Gary also thanked the council for participating during the Samuel Stern Awards and EPIC. He mentioned that the Samuel Stern Awards and EPIC was a great success. For the months on May and June parent coordinators will have a series of Saturday Meetings for parents and students to attend. The few that have taken place in May have been a success. Quality Review: Schools within District 75 are doing well compared to the entire city. He mentioned that the Principal of 75Q will be retiring at the end of June.

5. Catherine Jones, LCSW, Assistant Coordinator, YAI Network, Crisis Intervention & Affiliated Programs

See attached PowerPoint Presentation.

6. Andrew Hollander, Executive Director of Medicaid Operations Office of the Chief Financial Officer, NYC Department of Education

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7. Corinne Rello-Anselmi, Deputy Chancellor, Division of Students with Disabilities and English Language Learners, NYC Department of Education

Ms. Anselmi, informed the council that there was great information tonight and liked the agenda formatted by the council. She mentioned that through the year her department has looked at a lot of citywide initiatives and her department will be collaborating with District 75. The collaboration with District 75 and their expertise will be beneficial to her department. Ms. Anselmi and D75 had a recent conversation around the structure of the common core with children with IEPs. They wish to bridge the gap by having the kids understand but most important have the division understand that this is all of our children and that they need to be thought about regarding the common core, teacher effectiveness, college readiness and other initiatives that is important that we are at the table. Her work with Gary and his team throughout the year has come to the realization we are now more effective and that they need to stream line the structure. Not duplicate what was done as well as expand all of the resources to our students. They are looking closely at common core that is essential and looked at the referrals. During the first two years of the reform they saw the opportunity for inclusion and focused primarily on transition grades (kindergarten- 6 to 9th). They saw a slightly inclusionary opportunity for our students. But the question of what does it mean to have an inclusion program and for some reason many of our schools gave us a very simplified definition of the meaning of inclusion (more students for us to take). In her department the question is, what is the optimal opportunity for that student to meet and exceed their IEP in a least restrict environment for that particular child; the opportunity to engage with their peers and achieve. This reform is about individual students it is not an initiative that say that we do this and remain inclusion. She and Gary are looking at the projections for next year and see referrals to D75 have not grown exponentially they have sought of remained the same and we want to know why.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Gloria Corsino called a motion to accept the May 8, 2013 Working Meeting Minutes, Charlene Carroll-Hall motioned to accept the minutes, Gloria Smith, second the motion and all were in favor.

Gloria Corsino called a motion to accept the April 17, 2013 Calendar Meeting Minutes, Charlene Carroll-Hall motioned to accept the minutes, Jackie Pierre-Louis second the motion and all were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm