

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes
November 7, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Quentin Mezetin	1st Vice President	Present
Yutao Cheng	2nd Vice President	Present
Nathifa Lewis	Recording Secretary	Present
Tanya Wendt	Treasurer	Present
Paquita Williams	Member	Present
Julie Suh	Member	Present
G.K Kalyanaram	Member	Present
Nurun Swapna	Member	Present
Lu Zhao	Member	Present
Simone Dornbach	Member	Present
Lauren Clavin	Member	Remote Present

NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Dr. Eric Blake	Superintendent	Present
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Calendar Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Ramjattan at 6:33pm
 Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met.

- President Vijah Ramjattan opened the meeting and gave greetings. He asked Spanish interpreters to give instructions in Spanish.
- Superintendent Dr. Eric Blake gave his report and presented various topics/data. He started off by announcing Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos. He provided a brief background on the new Chancellor. He presented topics such as literacy proficiency, ELL, math proficiency, chronic absenteeism, and parent engagement. He also touched on the class size reduction and initiatives. Lastly, he congratulated President Ramjattan on his recent recognition by the Mayor and City Council.
- Deputy Superintendent Dr. Hall gave greetings and provided a brief update on the HMH curriculum
- President Ramjattan thanked Dr. Blake for his remarks and greetings. He asked all the principals who attended the meeting to bring greetings
- Assistant Director, Ehiozogie Nehikhare & Client Service Manager, Juliet Jones. From D28 Office of Student Enrollment presented on enrollment procedures and answered questions regarding enrollment process
 OSYD – Chief Officer of Safety & Prevention, Mark Rampersant provided the community with safety updates and answered questions pertaining to safety and prevention

- Project Director / Founding Principal Erika Hurtado-Valentino presented on her new school Northwell School of Health Sciences that is scheduled to open in 2025
- CEC28 Bylaws Committee recapped on the recent updates that were presented to the community. President Ramjattan made a motion to adopt CEC D28 the bylaws as is for 2024-2025 and asked for a second.
Seconded by 1st Vice President Quentin Mezetin
Recording Secretary announced that she sent in some last-minute changes which never got to the Chair of Bylaws committee. President Ramjattan made a motion to postpone the voting of the bylaws and table it for the next meeting so committee can better prepare.
Seconded by 1st Vice President Quentin Mezetin
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
12 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent; abstain 0 – Motion passed.

Member Reports

- Council Member stated she does not have any report this month but plans on visiting her schools in the coming weeks and will report back
- Council Member gave feedback on her recent school visits with her fellow council members. She also gave feedback on an SLT she attended and gave the community an update on an upcoming event.
- Council Member gave greetings and provided feedback regarding her recent school visits. She spoke about some renovations projects that school is currently in doing and also spoke the about funding for class size reduction
- Council Members gave feedback on the recent correspondences that he had with his schools regarding events, meetings, and policies. He plans on attending upcoming SLT meetings.
- Council Member updated the community about CEC28 upcoming High School Admissions Fair. He also spoke about his recent school visit and plans on visiting the rest of his schools
- Council Member gave greetings and gave recapped on her school visit and plans on visiting the rest of her school
- Council Member gave feedback on her recent school visits with her fellow council members. She gave feedback on funding issues with one of her schools. She announced that an elected office will visit one of her schools soon so maybe she will assist with funding. She gave an update on the capacity of the school and class size. She also mentioned that one of her school plans on changing the them to reflect the magnet grant they received a couple years ago. She also thanked the schools and community for attending the Middle School Admissions Fair. She also posted the info on middle school enrollment on the chat. She also voiced that theirs an additional funding that's coming up but the application deadline is Dec 20th.

- Council Member gave feedback on her recent school visits with her fellow council members. She mentioned her schools have not heard back from SCA and they're in need of funding for safety issues.
- Council Member spoke about his recent PTA meeting but hasn't visited his schools yet. He plans on visiting them soon. He voiced that he has been to 811Q D75 schools in the district and recently found that they have started Saturday schools. He also voiced that the community should check out CEC28 website as it has been updated with a page specifically for 811Q D75 resources.
- Council Members gave feedback on the recent school visit. He hasn't reached out to the other schools but plans on visiting them soon. The school he did visit has concerns about class size space. They do not have enough space. He mentioned that students finally have their metro cards but they are very flimsy and can get damage quickly, he suggests putting the card in a card holder.
- Council Member gave his feedback on his recent PC interview at PS140. He voiced that if a council member cannot make an interview that another can fill in for them.

Public Comments

- Community Activist from CB12 gave greetings and voiced that the calendar meeting was really great and she thanks the President for putting it together. She voiced that she wants to hear from schools and Principals and to build a better relation with them. She voiced that since the elections that many families are terrified. She is asking the schools to make sure they're equip with the tools to help the students through this if they're in need of mental help.
- Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda answered the question regarding mental help and mentioned they are aware and they have been helping families. She mentioned families should contact her for more information.
- Office of Sen. Leroy Comrie gave greetings and provided updates.
- UFT Rep gave greetings and provided updates regarding class size reduction and the funding that school can receive to help in certain situation
- President Ramjattan asked the community for a moment of silence for the children that died of starvation and from subway surfing.
- President Ramjattan asked the interpreters to ask if anyone had any questions. He dismissed the interpreters for the night.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:52pm

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting was called to order by President Ramjattan at 9:00pm
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met

Motion was made by President Ramjattan to adopt October Calendar and Business Meeting Minutes
Seconded by 1st VP Quentin Mezetin

Treasurer Tanya Wendt recapped the budget discussion that took place at the last meeting. She allocated the funds and made the changes accordingly. Treasurer Tanya Wendt made motion to adopt the changes in the budget.

Seconded by President Ramjattan

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

12 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent; abstain – Motion passed.

Council Members discussed the year end celebration briefly and formed a committee to assist.

President Ramjattan asked each Council Member to give brief feedback on how the Council is running so far.

Each Council Member and A.A provided their point of view and gave brief feedback

President Ramjattan gave closing remarks

President Ramjattan made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Seconded by 1st VP Quentin Mezetin

Business Meeting Adjourned at [9:47pm]

Respectfully Submitted by

Nathifa Lewis
Recording Secretary