

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2024

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Quentin Mezetin	1st Vice President	Present
Yutao Cheng	2nd Vice President	Absent
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	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 6:43pm
 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 and Member Simone Dornbach to make an announcement about the chat feature.
- Superintendent Dr. Eric Blake gave his report and presented various topics/data on the first day of school. A couple of the topics were on class size, enrollment and funding. He also announced the hiring of over 70 new teachers
- Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda gave greetings and provided updates for upcoming meetings and workshops
- Office of QBP Donovan Richards gave greetings and provided updates
- CPAC and QBP PEP Appointee gave greetings and provided updates
- PEP Representative gave greetings
- President Ramjattan asked Principals who were present to give greetings and give feedback for the first day of school.
- D28 District Attendance Coordinator Matthew Goodman gave greetings and provided an update
- 1st Vice President and Class Size Law Committee Chair Quentin Mezetin provided an explanation as why the Class Size Law Committee was created
- Deputy Superintendent Dr. Hall gave greetings and provided feedback on the first day of school

- Executive Director of School Support Dr. Benoit gave greetings and provided feedback on the first day of school
- President Ramjattan asked 1st VP Quentin Mezetin to present his resolution to Advocate for the Revision of the Foundation Aid Formula to Equitably Support Students with Disabilities and asked the community to give their feedback
 - D28 parent and activist voiced that the funding is there and we need more accountability as how it's being allocated and more data. She also asked if this resolution is being discussed at other boards currently.
 - 1st VP Quentin Mezetin addressed the question and comment
 - President of CEC30 thanked 1st VP Quentin Mezetin for the resolution and is pro more funding for student with disabilities
- Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
11 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent; 0 abstained – Resolution Adopted
- President Ramjattan asked Member Simone Dornbach, Treasurer Tanya Wendt and 1st VP Quentin Mezetin to present their resolution Opposing District 2 High School Admissions Priority
 - President of CEC30 thanked the Council Members for the resolution and voiced that her district passed a similar resolution. She also voiced that additional studies are needed before this decision is made because they are Students in Queens that travels to Manhattan and other boroughs for School
 - D28 parent and activist voiced that she agrees with D30 President and parents really need to understand this resolution and stand behind it as Manhattan is very accessible and the hub for many
 - President of CEC30 thanked 1st VP Quentin Mezetin for the resolution and is pro more funding for student with disabilities
 - Council Member Lu Zhao voiced he' is against the resolution as it should be resolved locally. He voiced the Manhattan students should have first priority for schools in their own neighborhood.
 - Member Nathifa Lewis voiced that she has one of her own Kids in neighboring D3 and another one in Queens. She said the commute is similar but D2 and D3 are more accessible. She voiced that her kid that travels to D3 had a one train commute like D2 commute whereas her kid that goes in Queens had a 3-transfer commute and this is why it becomes an equity issue.
 - D28 parent and activist voiced Queens has been hurting by this policy. He voiced that Queens need to have seats outside Queens as they are more than enough seats for District 2 students in District 2 and it doesn't have to be for only District 2 students.
- Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
10 in favor; 1 opposed; 1 absent; 0 abstained – Resolution Adopted
- President Ramjattan announced that he has to excuse himself and leave the meeting due an emergency and that 1st VP Quentin Mezetin will take over hosting.

Member Reports

- Council Member gave greetings and gave his 1st day of school feedback. He stated that one school had no crossing guard nor policy presence so it's a safety concern.
- Council Member gave greetings and applauded all school staff, parents and students for making it a smooth first day of school. She also voiced to the community to please attend the trainings that FLC announced earlier.
- Council Member gave an update on capital funding. She also gave an update on the OMNI cards.
- Council Member voiced recently QSHS Superintendent gave a presentation on the new math curriculum. He voiced that the initial results were not good. He thinks it will require time, more trainings for teacher and more teaching and learning for students.
- Council Member gave greetings and gave updates on back school events that is going on with the schools she liaises with.
- Council Member gave greetings and commented on the new computer-based testing results, she voiced that it was not great. She urges the district to take this seriously as small children needs to learn how to type. She also voiced that not all household have computers nor internet. She voiced every school should teach children how to type before they are tested. She also gave an update on the newly created class size law committee. She also provided announced upcoming community events.
- Council Member gave greetings. She voiced that there's an infamous story surrounding certain council member in district 2. She voiced that the district 2 council member is advocating for trans students to stay of sports. She voiced that this district 2 council member was removed from the board but now temporarily reinstated. She wants to point out that another member from a different district was also removed but hasn't been reinstated. She pointed out that this should affect all councils and parent leaders and all communities. She is voiced that council members, their children, their identities and homes should be protected from harm because this particular member who wasn't reinstated has experienced a lot of violence she didn't deserve. Council Member voiced that she is disappointed in the Chancellor's response to this situation and Mayoral control needs to be revisited.

Public Comments

- Community Activist from CB12 gave greetings and voiced that QBP will be meeting with all CB along with the school construction authority. CB12 is requesting any schools in the CB 12 area to reach out with any concerns or request if it relates to your facility or the school construction authority.

- Community Activist and Member voiced concerns about school safety on the first day of school. She is asking for more school safety agents. She also said metro card was not handed out and people do not know how to get them. She said bussing was not available.
- D28 parent gave greetings and voiced that she's concerned with some equity issues surrounding the access to resources small children. She voiced that her daughter has been without services for majority of the school year. She voiced that she has even taken the DOE to court. She's pleading with the district the CEC for help.
- Queens Complaint Review Board Rep gave greetings and provided an update
- UFT Rep gave greetings and provided a brief update
- Office of Sen. Leroy Comrie gave greetings and provided updates
- Community Activist and D28 community member provided some programs data that the previous administration worked on and the current administration stopped.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:58pm

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
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Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Quentin Mezetin at 9:10pm
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met

Council Members went over district goals and expectations.

Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis handed over Q167 to Council Member G.K Kalyanaram

Council Members and FACE liaison discussed a monthly check in time and date to meet virtually

Council Members discussed and voted on October and June CEC28 Calendar and Business Meeting dates
Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis made a motion to move October 3rd Calendar and Business Meeting to October 10th.
Seconded by Member Tanya Wendt
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
10 in favor; **0** opposed; 2 absent; 0 abstained –motion passed

Treasurer Tanya Wendt made a motion to move June 5th Calendar and Business Meeting to June 12th.
Seconded by Member Tanya Wendt
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
10 in favor; **0** opposed; 2 absent; 0 abstained –motion passed

Council Members and A.A briefly discussed CEC28 budget. Council Members decided to table modifying the budget

Council Members briefly discussed PS99Q Potential Truncation

Motion was made by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis to adopt August Calendar and Business Meeting Minutes
Seconded by 1st VP Quentin Mezetin

Business Meeting Adjourned at [9:50pm]

Respectfully Submitted by

Nathifa Lewis
Recording Secretary