

Citywide Council on Special Education

Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017

PS 40 Samuel Huntington, 109-20 Union Hall Street, Queens, NY 11433

Call to Order

Gina Panico Devito called meeting to order at 6:22 pm

Roll Call

Lisa Bennett Wells – CP	Present
Pamela Stewart – CP	Excused
Ellen McHugh – VP	Present
Gina Panico-Devito RS	Excused
Amalia Alvarez	Excused
Amber Decker	Present
Leslie Caraballo	Excused
Gloria Corsino	Excused
Denise Garcia	Excused
Michelle Noris	Excused
Marilyn Vasquez	Excused
Neyda Franco – CCHS	Excused
Appointee	

Interpretation representatives were introduced and asked if anyone needed their services.

Appointment of Timekeeper

Lisa Bennett Wells was appointed timekeeper

As there was no quorum, business was not conducted

Sensory Strategies for Families

Suzanne Sanchez - Senior Director, Therapeutic Services and Darnell Young, Director of Occupational Therapy discussed the Seven Sensory Systems (touch, hear, smell, taste, see, vestibule, proprioceptive) and what is meant by sensory processing and sensory processing difficulties. Offered tips on how parents can learn to understand their child's difficulties and

help them work through them when problems arise. Strategies on how parents and teachers can develop a Sensory Diet – a carefully designed individual activity plan to help keep student organized and focused. They also shared a video of students explaining to adults how they are aware of their own sensory difficulties, how they cope with them and what we as adults can understand as well as help them.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:45 pm

APPROVED