

# Citywide Council on Special Education

## Calendar Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007

### Call to Order

Co-President Pamela Stewart called Calendar meeting to order at 6:18 pm

### Roll Call

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

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

### Appointment of Timekeeper

Amber Decker was appointed timekeeper

### Reading of Minutes

The minutes of December 1 were tabled

### Transitioning Out of High School

Natalie McQueen was unable to make it but Susan Derrickson, Transition Specialist, Office of Special Education presented information on how parents and students can prepare for high school graduation and beyond. She discussed What Transition is – a results-oriented process that is focused on improving the academic and functional achievement of the student; the Transition team; when Transition occurs – beginning in elementary school; CDOS (Career Development Occupational Studies – a commencement credential in addition to the general

education diploma as well as shared resources for parents including Career Zone and ACCESS VR (Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation).

Our student guest speaker - Elizabeth Boswell talked about her experience in transitioning out of high school into college, the various programs she's involved and how instrumental her parents are in her academic success.

### **Co-Presidents' Report**

Pamela Stewart attended the Chancellor's Presidents meeting (provide more info)

Lisa Bennett Wells attended a UFT workshop

### **Members' Report**

Michelle Noris met with John Hammer to get clarification on parts of the Annual Report

### **Old Business**

Remaining 2017 Calendar Meetings

- April – Placement of Students in Temporary Housing
- May – Curtis HS in Staten Island is confirmed for the location. Need a topic. AA will contact school's Special Education teacher to ask what types of programs parents may be interested. A parent attending the meeting suggested Navigating an IEP or IEP 101.
- Amber, Gina and Gloria will coordinate the June Year-end Celebration.

### **New Business**

IEP Conference - Council scheduled a conference call for Thursday, January 12 @ 7:00 pm to discuss

Meeting Adjourned – 8:07 pm