

Citywide Council on Special Education

Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 5, 2017

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

Call to Order

Co-President Lisa Bennett Wells called Calendar meeting to order at 6:22 pm

Roll Call

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| 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 | Present |
| Appointee | |

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

Appointment of Timekeeper

Gloria Corsino was appointed timekeeper

Introduction of New Council Members

The new members of the Council – Amber Decker and Gloria Corsino were introduced

Reading of Minutes

The minutes of October 20, 2016 and November 14, 2016 were approved

IEP Implementation Pilot Program

Jessica Gallo of NYSED Office of Special Education presented information about Individual Education Program (IEP) Meeting Facilitation. An IEP Meeting Facilitation is the process of resolving disagreements between parents and school personnel when developing special

education services for a student. It ensures that all parties (Committee on Special Education, Committee on Preschool Special Education and parent) are on the same page.

Co-Presidents' Report

Pamela Stewart

- Reported that she wrote a speech about “Universal Free Lunch” that turned into an article (provide more info)
- Is working with a grand-parent who needs guidance on how to get transportation for her grandson who attends school in Brooklyn but lives in the Bronx

Vice President's Report

Ellen McHugh will be attending the Education Council Consortium meeting with the Chancellor on January 7, 2017.

Members' Report

- Michelle Noris – Temporary Transitional Housing – have kids spread out to different schools
- Ellen McHugh – gave out DVD's and other information from the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities
- Neyda Franco – CCHS Representative updated on several meetings she attended
 - The Title One Conference
 - ACS Conference
 - Bronx Boro President's – New Plan for Shelters
 - CCHS Prison Pipeline
 - My Brother's Keeper

Old Business

Annual Report Draft - Michelle Noris discussed the draft (previously emailed to members) and asked members to review and submit their recommendations by January 20. It was also suggested that we look into having the final report translated in the DOE languages.

New Business

IEP Conference – The Council brainstormed different topics for the IEP Conference. Will have a conference call on January 12.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:15 pm