

Citywide Council on Special Education

Calendar Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 29, 2016

**Hunters Point Community Middle School
1-50 51st Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101**

Call to Order

Lisa Bennett Wells called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call

Lisa Bennett Wells – CP	Present
Pamela Stewart – CP	Present
Ellen McHugh – VP	Present
Gina Panico-Devito RS	Present
Amalia Alvarez – Treasurer	Present
Leslie Caraballo	Excused
Denise Garcia	Present
Sandy Noel	Excused
Michelle Noris	Present
Marilyn Vasquez	Present
Neyda Franco – CCHS	Present
Appointee	
Jordan Husbands	Excused
Student Member	

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

Meet the DOE Presentation

Parents and attendees met with representatives from the DOE and local parent support organizations.

Co-President introduced Christine Foti, Chief Executive Director, Division of Specialized Instruction and Student Support

Christina Foti welcomed the attendees and thanked the CCSE for putting together the event. Ms. Foti also introduced (D75)

Reading of Minutes

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of August 4, 2016 be tabled until the next meeting

Old Business

2015-2016 Annual Report Update

It was moved and seconded that the 2015-2016 Annual Report Update be tabled until the next meeting

New Business

Vote on Approved Bylaws – The Council voted to accept the updated and approved bylaws. There were eight voting members present. Six voted yes, one voted no and one abstained.

Elections of Officers

Office of Co-President

The elections resumed from the August 4, 2016 meeting. At the time of the August meeting only six members (a quorum) were present to vote but no one received the majority (6) votes needed to win the nomination. Leslie Caraballo and Pamela Stewart were the nominees. A Roll Call Vote was taken and Pamela Stewart received six votes to two votes for Leslie Caraballo. Pamela Stewart was elected Co-President

Office of Treasurer

Lisa Bennett Wells nominated Amalia Alvarez. Pamela Stewart seconded. Amalia Alvarez received eight votes (majority) and was elected Treasurer.

Meeting Adjourned 7:53 pm.