

Community Education Council District 32 Meeting

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| CALENDAR AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES | December 15, 2022 | 6:00 PM | CEC D32 Office 1160 Decatur Street Brooklyn, NY 11207 |
| Type of Meeting | Calendar and Business Virtual Meetings | | |
| Note Taker | Tatiana Beato, Administrative Assistant | | |
| Attendees | | Calendar Meeting | Business Meeting |
| | Desines Rodriguez | Present | Present |
| | Jessica Jean-Mackey | Present | Present |
| | Marlene Rossi | Present | Present |
| | Defina Scott | Present | Present |
| | Nahshon K. Brown | Present | Present |
| | Zebulon Miletsky | Present | Present |
| | Lisa Hidalgo, Deputy Superintendent | Present | Present |
| | Steve Wieser, Face Liaison | Absent | Absent |
| Quorum | Met | | |

Monthly Calendar Meeting: 6:05 PM

- 1. Call to order and roll call:** Desines Rodriguez, Marlene Rossi, Defina Scott, Jessica Mackey-Jean, Nahshon Brown, Zebulon Miletsky.
- 2. CEC32 President Report and Announcements:** Welcome to the Community Education Council 32 where we are a District of children at hope. If this is your first time at our meeting, a special welcome. Thanks for meet, I hope everyone has our agenda tonight. Followed by a school performance by the school. IS 347. We will also have a few words from Principal Amanda Lazerson, followed by IS 162's school performance. You will also hear from the superintendent's report on the state of our schools. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, be sure to stick around until the end, we will have a public comment period, and we want to hear from you and what you have to say, if you want to talk wait for the public comment session, everyone will have 2 min. You can also use the chat settings to ask questions tonight, it will be read aloud by one of our Council members. I want everyone to know that all seats they will be in the elections next year. We will give more information in the coming months. I will take another minute to introduce myself. My name is Desines Rodríguez I am the president of CEC 32, I have served for 6 years, and I am passionate about mental health.
- 3. Brief message from Principal Dr. John Barbella from IS.347 Followed by student Performance of IS.347.**
- 4. Brief message from Principal Mrs. Amanda Lazerson from IS.162 Followed by Student Performance of President IS.162**
- 5. Report from the Community Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Lozada by Deputy Superintendent Lisa Hidalgo:** In the month of November, we had a community appreciation luncheon with all the district leaders, we had religious organizations, we had the commander in chief present, our students. It was a beautiful experience that we all shared and really enjoyed and learned how we can support each other as a community to serve the children, but especially our own children in District 32. I want to talk a little bit about the important dates:
 - 📅 Wednesday December 17, 2022, 2024 kindergarten applications open.
 - 📅 Saturday December 17. "Winter Wonderland"
JHS 383 Greene Ave, Brooklyn NY 11237
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
 - 📅 Monday December 19. Dr. Lozada makes herself personally available to anyone who has any questions, concerns, ideas and wants to have a conversation with her. She can come to the district office. 1160 Decatur Street Brooklyn NY 11207, every morning at 9:00 AM in person and then again virtually at 5:00 PM.All families that are especially in a grade kindergarten right now for New York City University Kids Rise Safe program. This is a scholarship and savings program designed to make college and career training more accessible to all New York City public school students, regardless of family income or immigration status. This is a great opportunity for our families to start thinking about our students' ability to get to and from college. This is an excellent way for our students to have and believe in the opportunity to go to university if you have any questions, you can always contact Alice Nieves. She is our Family Leadership Coordinator at the district office, so please feel free to contact her.

We have just received a new member at our district office. Her name is Samantha Felipe Vargas. She will be our student services administrator, she will work with families, with principals with our students. She has been a school counselor for 23 years. Her goal would be for her to help our students in that socio-emotional aspect.
- 6. Report from High School Superintendent Mrs. Janice Ross by Dr. Rushell White:** there will be seamless transitions for your students to enter these high schools because of many of the programs. get your students involved in the hydroponic labs They exist in these high schools, and they are on a different scale where they really get kids involved in that career path and college pathways to be involved in some of those things. So, it is wonderful that we have a beautiful pathway for our students, a pathway to excellence. The 4 goals we continue to expand in our district that we want to make sure that 100% of our partners from our schools are partnering with industries and providing career paths for our students. We also want to make sure that our students see themselves in learning and all the experiences they are

participating in with culturally responsive and sustainable standards, align instruction. We want to make sure that our parents are involved, and that our stakeholder group of parents is part of our decision-making process, as well as being the best advocates as they are for the education of their children, and our goal focuses on reducing the rate of chronic absenteeism to ensure that students come to school and come more often than in the past. So, we support our 4 goals with the resources we provide to our principals, educators, and schools, and we are so excited to bring back 2 amazing educational consultants, Dr. Mohammed, and Dickie. You already know the historically marginalized students. with content specific standards, aligned learning outcomes, and assessments. So, we welcome them back in January 2023 and we cannot wait to see the impact they will have on our schools. Our instructional approach around literacy. As you know, literacy is very important for our students to do well in every class. So, we want to make sure that our district is really focused on student achievement, not just Regents exams, which are coming up, by the way. their 20 days of instruction. Which will take place before the Regents, which will be given on January 24, 2023. So, we are looking forward to our students taking and passing the Regents exam, all the pathways are to improvement on all the Regents exams, but specifically literacy because it is very important in all content areas. Here are our special education services. We try to make sure and provide all program recommendations related to the services provided to students during the month of October. These are our overall attendance percentages for North Brooklyn high schools, we are at 88 for schools in District 32. High schools are currently at 86, but again, we have intensive students, as you know, to be identified as truant chronic students. will miss 18 or more days of school in a given school year, and if they miss 18 days, then they will be classified as chronically absent. So, we are trying to prevent that. We are trying to be supportive and really identify students who need intensive, individualized interventions around this. So, the big picture is we want to make sure that our data and our students come to school every day, that they are engaged, that we develop and maintain a climate of engagement for our students, and make sure that their voice is heard. in each experience. participating in Tier 2 goals. We are tracking the data to identify trends. We want to have individualized plans, including credit counseling, accrual opportunities, and make sure we take advantage of opportunities for students who may need support for a transfer school. We are excited. We have a new Family Leadership Coordinator. Her name is Diana, so she really jumped on board and jumped right into the action. developing our district summary. And this just gives an overview of what has happened in our schools. So far for the month of December.

7. **First Public Comment:**

- a) **Marlene Rossi:** Students on our council. Is that something that there is some civic movement out there where some of those high school students would be interested in joining our Council.
- b) **Dr. Rushell White:** Every one of our schools has a student council, and let me tell you, we meet with all the school student councils, and you just need to report to them. This is what we want you to do, and they would understand that we will be in touch and make sure to connect with the students that are on these teams or the students that are not on the teams that are interested in being a part of the CEC Board they will. We will make that happen.

8. **Second Public comment**

- a. **Linda:** In Queens has a whole agricultural program for kids and District 32 has none of that. Could we get something like that in District 32.
- b. **Lisa Hidalgo:** I am sure we can. We have not gotten there yet, but I mean, tell us a little more about it. how is that.
- c. **Linda:** Queens has a full agricultural program, and they have chickens. They have sheep, they have all kinds of animals. They do 2 programs as you enter 9th grade you do both shows. You make animals and plants. Then you become tenth grade. You make the decision to do animal or plant and then you follow that through to 11, and 12 and then you graduate from there and then some people become bets and different things like that my grandson, he got a job that time. He is the Department of Agriculture terminal markets in Manhattan, but then he could not keep going there because he did not have a car and it took too long to travel by public transportation. But if you have a car, it is like 15 min, but it was a fantastic program that I found, and I would like to see something like that in District 32, because I think you know that it is good for children to be

around animals and stuff. it is very good for them, and the programs is just a fabulous program. I think.

- d. **Lisa Hidalgo:** Sounds like a good program. All I can say is we could investigate it.
- e. **Daniel Purus:** Unfortunately, you know we need land the animals have to have the proper roaming area and there are zoning regulations on this in the city as well. Manure removal And of course, get teachers who specialize in these areas. I mean it is a great idea, and I agree with you. there are kids out there who love animals, love to have green thumbs, naturally, and love to deal with planting corn and that would be great. But I am sure with Dr. Ross and Dr. Lozada. It is something they can, you know, discuss and we could see if he could come. But I am sure it will take time.

9. Adjournment 7:10 PM

Business Meeting: 7:21 PM

1. **Call to order and roll call:** Desines Rodriguez, Marlene Rossi, Defina Scott, Nahshon Brown, Zebulon Miletsky, Jessica Mackey-Jean.
2. **Approval of minutes:** All Members present approved the minutes for August – November as distributed.
3. **Member's Report:**
 - a) **Desines Rodriguez:** I paid a visit to the school. I think, a week, a week, and a half ago in PS. 274 about the reason for my visit. It was that the community board had a concern that makes this leave the school because the school is under construction, especially the park and around the school, the principal was very kind to me to walk, it seems to me that everything was safe there was no dust. Like they were complaining and all I really saw was the gym in desperate need of air conditioning. Especially since I hosted an event there for the CEC. Given our applications. trying to recruit it is extremely extremely hot in there. I was sweating a lot during the whole event, so I think they need to fix their air conditioning in the gym. And that will be all my report.
 - b) **Nahshon Brown:** I did a school tour for the Willoughby 162 last month basically it is a tour to see what is going on since last year when I went a lot of the construction, they were doing on one of the wells is complete. They are now upgrading the restrooms in the staff room a couple of the student decks are also being updated still need to have the windows replaced. The problem they have with windows is like when they try to keep them open from below. They must prop them up there is a higher chance someone will be injured by a window falling from the upper windows. Also, they may not like to crack them to keep the airflow going like they open it up a bit instead. Stand in that spot the whole window will drop down so sadly many of the windows are nailed or bolted. So that was the 1 of the things they had trouble with having done and that is basically it.
 - c) **Jessica Mackey-Jean:** Yes, I visited 2 of my schools. I went to 291, and I went to 299. But I still need to get to 377 but I think it is hard to reach the principal 291 your school is pretty much they do not really need much of anything in terms of comparison to other schools. Their biggest problem is the same problem 299 has, and it is a city problem. It is because the drainage outside is like they wash all this out like a flood, and it messes up like they mess up all the work they do, like the gym, and everything, but it is nothing we can do, because that is outside on the street. I am sorry about that but let me go back to 291. They do not have any computer roles that I find interesting. Instead of having a computer room all the kids and they all work with iPad or tablets for their phones, and they seem fine with that so they did not ask for that in 299 They need a new PA system if they said yes, they could get an upgrade because they understand, that even if they can be repaired. They would appreciate that. They also need padding for the gym wall. They also had a lot of water damage in the gym the gym just got their floors up, but they are going to have to do it not done not finished they need updated bathrooms for the 4th, 3rd, and 2nd floors, they need more security cameras, they would like to have more of a virtual workshop for parents on wellness useful other than that they were pretty good. Those are my 2 school visits and that is what I must report.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** for November we are at \$24,634.53. There were 2 expenses, and one of them was the reimbursement of the website that we owed to the former president Bayona and that was reimbursed at 315.15 and then we also had expenses on the P Card for \$50.32 that they covered. And let me see that other she who got up a minute ago who covered the purchases of the labels and the roll of cardboard that she bought at the P. Card. So that is where we are currently in November. In December we have not had any purchases or any changes to what is currently in the budget as of today December 15th and this concludes my report.
5. **New Business:**
 - **Conversation about Chancellors Town Hall Meeting:** we all must combine a few questions that everyone would like to ask the Chancellor. You can ask as many as you want. I mean, you only have one hour with him, so he will be there from 6:30 to 7:30 and he will answer questions from him and then he will have the option to answer questions from the audience as well. What we do when we answer questions from the audience. We have everyone fill out a comment card that we collect and then present it to them as a Council to look at and choose which ones to ask so really, that is the decision to make how many questions do you have? 5 min, 10 min announcements at the beginning to make sure everyone understands your performance. Everybody knows what is going on and then it starts, probably at 6:30, when the Chancellor comes in, he will give his comments, there will be some comments in the superintendent and then it's just questions that they'll answer and usually he brings a bunch of vice chancellors and other people to their cabinet, so you can always ask them and get the answers right then and there.
6. **Building of the Agenda:** The members clarified doubts with steven about the Construction Report that they must present at the next meeting in January.
7. **Adjournment:** 8:12 PM

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| APPROVAL OF CALENDAR, AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES | | November 16, 2022, December 15, 2022 – Next Meeting [Met Quorum] |
| NOTE: A draft of all meeting minutes are available within two weeks after the meeting and will be posted on the Council's website at CEC32.org. | | |
| ADJOURNMENT | | Meeting adjourned 8:12 PM |
| SUBMITTED BY: | | Tatiana Beato, Administrative Assistant |

Subject to approval on: Thursday, January 19,
2023

Tatiana Beato

Recording Secretary.

