

MINUTES
Community Education Council District 30
Business Meeting
February 26, 2024

The February Business Meeting of Community Education Council 30 was held on Monday, January 22, 2024.

Whitney Toussaint, President, called the Business Meeting to order at 6:36 PM.

Roll Call

Victoria Medelius, Secretary, conducted a roll call for the Business Meeting.

Present:

- Linda Chung-Leung
- Kelly Craig
- Todd Hunter Dare
- Jonathan Greenberg
- Nick Masson
- Victoria Medelius
- Danny Rojas
- Marlene Rossi
- Marisela Santos
- Whitney Toussaint

Whitney Toussaint gave an opening statement about the Open Meetings Law and the Council’s decision regarding virtual Business Meetings. She read a letter from the Chancellor directing the Council to hold in-person or hybrid meetings. Ms. Toussaint and Kelly Craig, 1st Vice President, sent a response that detailed actions that the Council would take to bring them into compliance. This mail was also read. Nick Masson, 2nd Vice President, read an email sent to the Chancellor in response to Ms. Toussaint’s and Ms. Craig’s email. Discussion followed. Members agreed to hold the March Calendar and Business Meetings the same night. If the meetings run overtime, there will also be a virtual component.

Acceptance of Minutes

Ms. Toussaint asked if there were any objections or amendments to the January 2024 meeting minutes. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Budget Modification

Members agreed to the following budget allocations:

OTHER THAN PERSONAL SERVICE (OTPS)	Object		
Description	Code	Allocated	
Office Supplies	198	\$3,607	
P-Card	198	\$1,000	
Equipment	315	\$-	
Website Maintenance	403	\$4,380	
Equipment	332	\$1,306	
Courier Services	403	\$-	
Classified Advertising	417	\$-	
Copier Lease	433	\$-	
Non Contractual Services	452	\$0	
Parent Involvement	489_		
Member Reimbursements	496	\$14,670	
Data Processing Repair - Contractual	613	\$37	
		\$-	
Total OTPS			\$25,000

Fair Student Funding Presentation at the March Meeting

Members will post questions on a Google Doc before the meeting. The questions will be shared with the Superintendent before the meeting.

Resolution 179 Regarding Snow Days

The resolution is on a Google Doc for members to edit.

Member Reports

Whitney Toussaint read Nick Masson's report.

"Attended the Legislative Brunch

Numerous District Day Meetings

Attended the DLT and here are the highlights.

DCEP is on IPLAN and posted for all to see.

Individual schools CEP's have also been published but waiting on 8 schools for signatures so that they can be posted.

SLT Monthly calendars with suggested timelines have been distributed to the schools. Using that and A-655 should be a resource for SLT's.

There is also a new template available for CEP's. Just need to ask Gus for them.

Central is collecting the Parent Engagement Plan from all Title 1 PACs

The district is in good shape.

Dr. Dueno from 280 presented on her school's usage of Title 1 funds, including Parental Workshops, Hiring Consultants, and seeking approval for a room to have clothing and food available for families in need.

I discussed the Family Leadership Summit that I attended per Ms. Hidalgo.

The Superintendent's report was delivered by Dr. DiMaggio since Ms. Hidalgo was unable to attend because she attended the press conference regarding the new high school for Northern Boulevard.

Same as the report delivered at the CEC calendar meeting.

I visited 234 and attended their SLT meeting in addition.

Great things are happening there, including the opening of their new sensory room.

They won the D30 Championship in Basketball.

We are also working with SCA to try and get them their missing grant money from the previous Assembly Member. Whitney helped with that.

They did a family event celebrating the Lunar New Year.

They are also seeking help with a capital improvement to their auditorium for new seats and curtains.

IS 235's Principal left and I need to engage with the IA Principal to make a visit.

PS 398 - Danny and I interviewed a prospective PC candidate who unfortunately did not move forward with the position. Danny and I are looking to schedule a visit and meet Mr. Fitzgerald in person.

Also, hoping to attend the SLT meeting for 398 next month. There was a miscommunication of the date when asked."

Kelly Craig visited BSGE and met with the new principal. They received \$750,000 from Councilmember Won. She also visited PS 166, the dual language program, and the 3-K classroom. They also had a carnival in the gym.

Marisela Santos attended the Concert to College at PS 111.

Danny Rojas met with the principal at PS 398 and interviewed a prospective PC candidate who, unfortunately, did not pursue the position. He also attended the District 30 Family Fun Day Committee meetings and the Legislative Brunch.

Victoria Medelius attended the IS 429 public hearing and contacted the NYC Councilmember for PS 212 regarding the need for a new PA system. She participated in a parent leadership summit.

Whitney Toussaint attended the IS 429 public hearing and the Legislative Brunch. She has been working

to get the funds that had been promised to PS 84 and PS 234. She described the correspondence sent to the principals of those schools from the DOE Office of Capital and Grant Finance. She visited PS 361, and they received Promethean Boards. She is in AQE's warrior program and has learned how to reach out to legislators. Ms. Toussaint will meet with Councilwoman Velasquez regarding "Parcel C" in Long Island City, which was supposed to open as a school in 2022. The School Construction Authority is still in discussion with Amtrak, and Ms. Toussaint is hopeful that Councilwoman Velasquez can help with the negotiations. She was selected to be part of the NYC Reads Ambassador Program and will attend ten weekly sessions on Thursday evenings. Ms. Medelius is also in the Ambassador Program.

Ms. Toussaint will contact FACE requesting mediation.

Whitney Toussaint motioned to adjourn at 9:23 PM.

All were in agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Medelius
Secretary

The recording of this meeting will be available at <https://cec30.org/recordings.html>.