

**MINUTES**  
**Community District Education Council 30**  
**Calendar Meeting**  
**June 17, 2019**

The June Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 was held on Monday, June 17, 2019, in the Auditorium of I.S. 227 located at 32-02 Junction Blvd., East Elmhurst, NY 11369.

Deborah Alexander, Co-President, thanked the I.S. 227 community for hosting the meeting and welcomed representatives from the offices of elected officials.

The Pledge was recited.

Ms. Alexander called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

**Roll Call**

Mr. Robert Cruz, Secretary, conducted roll call for the Calendar Meeting.

Present:

Deborah Alexander  
Robert Cruz  
Ka-Trina Harris  
Valarie Lamour  
Shannon Lee  
Amina Maiza (7:00)  
Nuala O'Doherty  
Sabina Omerhodzic (7:15)  
Diane Walcott

Absent and Excused:

Zoubida Bicane (Student) (School)

**Presentation Honoring the Commitment and Support of the I.S. 227 Community to District 30 and the District 30 Family Wellness Festival**

Students and parents were presented with certificates.

Principal Helen Ponella was presented with a plaque for her support.

Assistant Principal Irene Filakouris, Parent Coordinator Deborah Cataldo and Dr. Gregory Grambo, Technology Teacher and Coordinator of Student Activities were each presented with a plaque and a citation from NYC Councilman Francisco Moya.

**Presentation Honoring the Dedication and Work of Out-going CDEC members**

Zoubida Bicane, Student member was not present.

Diana Walcott, parent from I.S. 227 and Sabina Omerhodzic, Borough President Appointee, were presented with plaques.

Valarie Lamour, who joined the Council in February 2010 and who has been Co-President for several years, was presented with a plaque and flowers. Michelle Noris, past CDEC30 and CCSE member, and Ms. Alexander, Co-President, spoke of Ms. Lamour's many accomplishments.

Ms. Alexander and Ms. Lamour presented the Administrative Assistant with a plaque of appreciation for her work for the Council.

Newly elected members were introduced:

Jonathan Greenberg, Fatima Lakraflia and Scott Sharinn

### **Resolution # 136 Opposing the Changes to the High School Directory**

Robert Cruz, Secretary, read the resolution. Ms. Alexander made a motion requesting that the following be added: WHEREAS the DOE has adopted from the School Diversity Advisory Group the recommendation to "Increase access to tools related to application and enrollment for families without internet access or a computer at home." Ms. Harris seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor. Jonathan Greenberg, parent P.S. 212, spoke in favor of the resolution. Mr. Cruz conducted a roll call vote for the amended resolution. All in favor. The resolution passed.

### **Dr. Philip A. Composto, Community Superintendent's Report:**

The Superintendent's report follows these minutes.

### **Public Agenda and Speaking Time**

Amanda Vendor, parent P.S. 149 and I.S. 145, spoke about adding more enrichment at I.S. 145.

Martha Sanchez, parent I.S. 145, spoke about parents needing to be in the school building.

Carolina Guzman, parent I.S. 145, stated that not all classes go on trips.

Eluira Porquillo, parent I.S. 145, stated that the school aides need to be nicer and teachers should not lower the grades of an entire class if one student is misbehaving.

Tyler Johnson, American Debate league, spoke about their sum camp program at Queens College.

Evan Rabin, Premier Chess, spoke about after school chess programs.

Brian Wolff, spoke about fitness, nutrition and mental conditioning.

Marnie Geltman, stated that students are not given a choice about what art form they participate in.

Ashley Rzonca, District 30 UFT Representative, introduced herself.

Eileen Bendoyro, former CDEC30 member and parent P.S. 329, stated that her child is graduating and P.S. 329 is a good school.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business Ka-Trina Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amina Maiza seconded. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Cruz  
Secretary

**Superintendent's Report**  
**Community District Education Council CDEC30 Meeting**  
**May 13, 2019**

### **In support of the Framework for Great Schools under Supportive Environment**

- Implicit Bias Training – June 11, 2019

**On June 11, 2019, District 30 staff, including teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, parent coordinators, secretaries, school aides and related service providers had the opportunity to hear Dr. Bryant T. Marks speak on Implicit Bias. Dr. Marks is Founding Director and Principal Trainer for The National Training Institute on Race & Equity and a Psychology Professor at Morehouse College. It was truly an exceptional presentation and all walked away with a better understanding of what implicit bias is and how the potential impact of implicit bias on work-related decisions, behavior, and outcomes can be reduced.**

- **District 30 2019-2020 GOALS**
- **NYSIP- PLC Grant (Phase II) – Integration Grant – Budget \$130,000 2019-20**

The grant has four components: (1) new outreach protocols for the district's Pre-K to grade 12 Dual Language programs; (2) partnerships: with CSD 24 and 25 (neighboring districts) to promote existing and new Magnet School programs, STEM partnership activities and shared zoning patterns which support inter-district diversity and integration; (3) new outreach strategies for the Middle School Choice program; (4) professional and curriculum development for CSD 30 teachers and administrators on Culturally Responsive Education and Implicit Bias prevention with Dr. Bryant Marks. This new CSD 30 strategic diversity plan will build upon previous and existing efforts to improve integration and educational equity within its K-12 schools and promote increased minority representation and balance in the various programs outlined in the four components listed above.

(1) New outreach strategies for the district's Pre-K to grade 12 Dual Language programs. These communication strategies will reach out to families in schools who are currently underrepresented in these programs and increase their enrollment.

(2) Partnerships: CSD 30 in collaboration with CSD 24/25, Queens College/CUNY and the NY Hall of Science will establish collaborative special Magnet and STEM academic programs in five pilot programs. These rigorous academic science/math project based learning activities will link underrepresented students to students in higher performing schools during and after the school day through joint projects. PS 92's and IS 145's magnet school programs will also expand their outreach and support STEM project based learning.

(3) Student Support: New outreach strategies for the Middle School Choice program and the screened High School Programs including free prep courses for schools with underrepresented minorities in order to help them more successfully gain admission.

(4) Professional and curriculum development for CSD 30 school staff and administrators on Culturally Responsive Education and Implicit Bias prevention in collaboration with the National Training Institute on Race and Equity. CSD 30 will also employ the Queens North Borough Office for additional learning opportunities in culturally relevant pedagogy. All schools in the district will be better prepared to support diversity and reduce cultural bias in their classroom based educational programs as a result of participating in training.

The CSD 30 strategic integration plan addresses all four of the strategies listed above to further promote voluntary change in school enrollments in order to impact the insufficient diversity in certain schools as reflected in district averages for specific subgroups. This will be done through the four components outlined above. The strategy is designed to reach out and support underrepresented subgroups to voluntarily participate in special programs such as the Dual Language Program; Magnet Schools program; Middle School Choice; STEM Science/Math initiative; screened high school tutoring and targeted recruitment from participating CSD 24/25 schools.

- **'Pennies for Patients' campaign at NYC Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.**

Congratulations to all of the schools in D30 that participated in the "Pennies for Patients" campaign at NYC Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Fifty-five schools within the District 30 community have participated in this campaign. It is because of the efforts of the district and the schools that the chapter is able to further LLS' mission to help blood cancer patients get the support they need. District 30 did an outstanding job with a final fundraising total of **\$279,816**. Below please see the total list of schools that participated.

Academy For Careers-TV & Film  
Academy For New Americans  
Academy Of American Studies  
Astoria Lutheran School  
Baccalaureate School-Global Education  
East Elmhurst Community School  
Energy Tech High School  
Frank Sinatra High School Of The Arts  
Growing Up Green Charter Elementary School  
Growing Up Green Middle School  
Hunters Point Community Middle School  
Information Technology High School  
IS 10 Horace Greeley  
IS 141 The Steinway  
IS 145 Joseph Pulitzer  
IS 204 Oliver Wendell Holmes  
IS 227 Louis Armstrong  
IS 230Q School For Civics In Community  
Long Island City High School  
Newcomers High School  
Ps 11 Kathryn Phelan  
Ps 111 Jacob Blackwell  
Ps 112 Dutch Kills  
Ps 122 Mamie Fay  
Ps 127 Aerospace Science Academy  
Ps 148 Queens  
Ps 149 Christa Mcauliffe  
Ps 150 Queens  
Ps 151 Mary D Carter  
Ps 152 Gwendoline N Alleyne  
Ps 166 Henry Gradstein  
Ps 17 Henry David Thoreau  
Ps 171 Peter G Van Alst  
Ps 2 Alfred Zimberg  
Ps 212  
Ps 228 Early Childhood Magnet School  
Ps 234  
Ps 280  
Ps 69 Jackson Heights  
Ps 70 Queens  
Ps 76 William Hallet  
Ps 84 Steinway  
Ps 85 Judge Charles Vallone  
Ps 92 Harry T Stewart Sr  
Ps Q222-Christopher A Santora  
Ps/Is 78Q Robert F Wagner

Q300 Citywide Gifted Talented  
Razi School  
Renaissance Charter School  
Shanker School Visual Performing Arts  
The Greater Ridgewood Youth Council 204 Beacon  
Voice Charter School  
William C Bryant High School  
Woodside Community School 361Q  
Young Women's Leadership School

### Manage Transportation Information and Eligibility Changes - Updates

#### **Communicate to Families Affected by Changes in Busing Eligibility:**

In preparation for the 2019–20 school year, principals and their designee/s should identify students in grades 2 and 6, who will no longer be eligible for busing if promoted to the next grade; these students will be eligible for **full-fare MetroCards only**. To support affected families with this change, school officials should communicate student transportation eligibility changes by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Backpack Home NYC Schools Account Creation Code Letters

As the end of the school year approaches schools should support parents who wish to create a NYC Schools Account in order to view their child's attendance, report-card grades, progress towards graduation, NYC FITNESSGRAM results, and assessment scores. Beginning in September, NYC Schools Account will also display student transportation information, including transportation eligibility, MetroCard type (if eligible), transportation bus schedule by day and time, and school session-time information. Encourage families who have not yet created an NYC Schools Account to do so.

For parent resources, parents can be directed to visit the NYC Schools Account website or call 311.

### Distribute High School Appeal Decision Letters and View Offers

**Distribute Appeal Decision Letters (middle schools):** Next week, high school appeal decision letters will be available in MySchools for all eligible students who submitted an appeal. Families who submitted an appeal will be emailed to inform them that they can log in to MySchools to view their child's appeal decision letter.

### Review Middle School Appeals Round Offer Letters in MySchools

On **June 11**, the DOE released letters in MySchools for all students who participated in the appeals round of middle school admissions.

School officials and or their designees should encourage families to visit their local Family Welcome Center with questions regarding their child's middle school placement, or if they would like to consider other options for next school year. Family Welcome Centers are open Monday through Friday all summer.

### Guidance on Travel Safety for Students and Families This Summer

The DOE in partnership with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) would like to share tips with families who plan to travel outside the U.S. this summer. Consulting with a healthcare provider and following preventive recommendations, such as making sure routine vaccinations are up-to-

date, are the best ways for students and their families to avoid illness and enjoy their vacation. Given the measles outbreaks around the world, it is important for families to check that they are immune before a trip.

### **Free Summer Meals Program**

The annual **Summer Meals** program providing free, healthy breakfasts and lunches at public schools, pools, parks, libraries and other locations around the city will launch on **June 27**. Free summer meals are available to all children 18 years and younger, regardless of New York City residency. No ID, registration, or documentation is required. (Please see attached flyer)

### **CALENDARS – Important Dates**

**JUNE** Wed, Jun 26, 2019

**Last Day For All Students**

**JULY** Tuesday, July 2, 2019 – First Day of Summer School

**Elementary and middle school students, Summer Academy programs, Extended School Year, Related Services, and Chapter 683**

### **AUGUST**

Thursday, August 8, 2019 – Last Day of Summer School Elementary & MS students

Friday, August 9, 2019 - Last Day of Summer School – High Schools

### **SEPTEMBER**

Sep 05, 2019 First Day of School For all Students (Partial school day for pre-kindergarten public school students)

### **Summer in the City Calendar**

**First instructional day for high school students**

- Monday, July 1, 2019

**First instructional day for elementary and middle school students, Summer Academy programs, Extended School Year, Related Services, and Chapter 683**

- Tuesday, July 2, 2019

**Independence Day observed (schools closed)**

- Thursday, July 4, 2019

**Last instructional day for elementary and middle school students**

- Thursday, August 8, 2019

**Last instructional day for high school students**

- Friday, August 9, 2019

## Regents Exam

- **August 13–14, 2019**

## Last instructional day for Extended School Year, Related Services, and Chapter 683

- August 13, 2019



**WISHING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES**

**A RESTFUL AND SAFE SUMMER BREAK!**

## CEC – JUNE 17, 2019

- **The Learning Technology Grant**

The NYS Education Department (NYSED) has awarded District 30 a Learning Technology Grant for the next three years. The grant will provide 25 content teachers each year with intensive, professional development focusing on integrating **FlippedTIPS**’ exemplary technologies into the curricula or Science, Math, ELA and Social Studies.

By adopting this Professional Development model into the school’s curricula, the teachers will demonstrate problems based learning by guiding their students in the identification, analysis and solving of a curriculum or community social problem. Teachers will have the opportunity to develop an original, interdisciplinary, online inquiry-oriented activity for their students and develop a web-based presentation.

A link on the District 30 website will include an overview of the program as well as program materials and resources.

Five schools are mentioned in the grant but not limited to:

*30Q76, 30Q 171, 30Q111, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph Academy.*

This grant opportunity is available for all teachers that would like to attend up to 25 teachers per year. Teachers participating in the grant will receive the use of an iPad to use to implement the project into their classroom. The equipment is for the use of implementation and not personal use. The school is responsible for the safety of the equipment.

\$91,461: annually for the next three years

Equipment yearly budget is: \$16,225