

MINUTES
Community District Education Council 30
Calendar Meeting
October 15, 2018

The October Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 was held on Monday, October 15, 2018, in the Auditorium of I.S. 145 located at 33-34 80th Street, Jackson Heights, NY 11372.

Valarie Lamour, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 6:48PM.

The Pledge was recited.

Roll Call

Nuala O'Doherty, Vice President, conducted roll call for the Calendar Meeting.

Present:

Deborah Alexander
Ka-Trina Harris
Valarie Lamour
Nuala O'Doherty
Sabina Omerhodzic
Myrna Palacios
Diane Walcott

Absent and Excused:

Robert Cruz (Class)
Amina Maiza (Sick)

Resolution #132 Regarding Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Capital Plan Funding for School Accessibility Projects

Ms. O'Doherty read Resolution #132 Regarding Fiscal Year 2020-2024 Capital Plan Funding for School Accessibility Projects. Valarie Lamour, Deborah Alexander and Nuala O'Doherty spoke in support of the resolution. Ms. O'Doherty conducted a roll call vote. All in favor. The resolution passed.

Vote on Resolution # 133 Regarding Re-Zoning Jackson Heights and Zoning New School Q398

Ms. O'Doherty and Ms. Alexander read Resolution # 133 Regarding Re-Zoning Jackson Heights and Zoning New School Q398. Members did not approve of 3. Effective date for implementation. Ms. Alexander made a motion for this section to read "This plan would be implemented for admissions to the 2019-2010 school year. The existing zones for students in grades 1-5 at any impacted school will remain the same." Ms. O'Doherty seconded. Ms. O'Doherty conducted a roll call vote. All in favor. The amendment to the resolution passed. Ms. Lamour stated that the Council has been doing outreach for months and requested that Q398 open with Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade. Ms. O'Doherty conducted a roll call vote to pass the resolution. All in favor. The resolution with amendments passed.

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

The Superintendent's report follows these minutes.

Ms. O'Doherty announced that Jackson Heights People for Public Schools is holding a kindergarten forum on November 5. Dr. Composto will request a similar meeting in Long Island City/Astoria.

Ms. Lamour announced that the next CDEC30 Meeting will be November 19, 2018 at I.S. 141 and that the Chancellor will be holding a Town Hall Meeting on November 17, 2018 at P.S. 11.

Public Agenda and Speaking Time

Richard Celestin, parent I.S. 227 spoke in support of keeping the 5th grade at I.S. 227.

Roy Pellicano, District 28 parent from I.S. 227 spoke in support of keeping the school open to all Queens students and keeping the 5th grade at I.S. 227.

Tati Grullen, parent I.S. 227 spoke in support of keeping the 5th grade at I.S. 227.

Jenny Aticinson, parent I.S. 227 spoke in support of keeping the school open to all Queens students and keeping the 5th grade at I.S. 227.

Betsy Tam Green, member CCHS, announced that the Sports Authority property on Northern Boulevard will become a high school.

Jonathan Greenberg, parent from P.S. 212, stated if one middle school has 5th grade then other schools lose 5th grade students.

Monica Pintado Aguayo, parent I.S. 227, stated that the SCA should build more and better schools. Parents and students need alternatives. Leave 227 as is.

Ka-Trina Harris, Council member, supports I.S. 227 as it is. It is a very successful school.

Diana Walcott, Council member, stated that 227 is a reflection of the Borough of Queens.

Deborah Alexander, Council Co-president, stated that it was a discussion. The numbers do not support that schools are impacted by losing students.

Nuala O'Doherty, Council Vice President, stated that 90 5th graders are pulled from schools. Schools are impacted.

Valarie Lamour, Council Co-President, stated that she is a fan of 227.

Ms. Walcott stated that there are no empty seats.

Ms. Alexander stated that gathering information is never bad.

Adjournment

There being no further business Ms. Walcott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Palacios seconded. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nuala O'Doherty
Vice President

Superintendent's Report

Community District Education Council CDEC30 Meeting **October 15, 2018**

In support of the Framework for Great Schools under Supportive Environment

Dr. Philip A. Composto

- **District ELA/Math and Science State Exams**

District 30 ELA/Math and Science scores were reviewed.

- **CAPPING 2018-19** (as of 10/9/18)

Capping grades in schools occurs when large number of families seek to enroll their children in our schools. When the schools have filled their classes on a grade to capacity, the NYC DOE will cap the grade and will provide an overflow site. The following schools have been capped and an overflow site has been provided:

Sending School	Number/Grade of Students	Receiving School
PS 084	5 – kindergarten	PS 002
PS 084	1 – 2 nd grade	PS 002
PS 148	6 – kindergarten	PS 149
PS 329	1 – kindergarten	PS 222
PS 076	1 – 5 th grade	PS 112

- **Zone 126 Update on US DOE Full-Service Community Schools Grant**

I am pleased to inform you that on Friday, September 28, 2018 the US Department of Education (US DOE) Office of Innovation and Improvement notified Zone 126 that their application for the Full-Service Community School (FSCS) Grant was awarded.

This award is a \$2.5-million-dollar commitment from the US DOE over the course of the next five years (2018-2023) to create a full-scale Community Schools effort at PS 171Q-Peter G. Van Alst Elementary School, IS 126Q-Albert Shanker School for Visual and Performing Arts and Long Island City High School. These three high needs school have been a part of Zone 126’s pipeline since its inception. This funding, along with funds from the NYC DOE Office of Community Schools, now creates the Zone 126 Neighborhood Community Schools pipeline that spans from Pre-K through 12th grade.

Opportunity to Participate in the Respect for All Essay and Poster Contest

As part of National Anti-Bullying Month in October, and the DOE’s Respect for All initiative, schools are invited to participate in the Respect for All essay and poster contest. The contest will give students an opportunity to raise awareness about bullying through their writing and artwork. Each school is allowed two submissions (one essay and one poster), and all submissions must be sent to superintendents by November 9.

Update: Immunization Requirements for the 2018–19 School Year

Please note an update to the immunization requirements for specific grade levels. Schools are responsible for ensuring that students are fully vaccinated against specific preventable diseases in order to attend school. School officials work with their staff to ensure that all new students provide proof of immunization upon enrollment and ensure that returning students’ immunization records are evaluated, according to the grade that the student will be entering. **Note** that grade levels have been added to the list of grades that should meet the existing immunization requirements.

Draft Protocols and Procedures for Establishing Title I Parent Advisory Council

To support Title I schools in establishing their Title I Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), the DOE has prepared draft protocols and procedures.

School officials will share the draft protocols and procedures document with their School Leadership Team (SLT) members, parent leaders, and parent coordinators.

Each school is expected to use these protocols and procedures during this school year, unless you have already established a Title I parent committee for the 2018–19 school year. As they implement these procedures, schools are asked to encourage their school community to provide feedback via email to OSFEP@schools.nyc.gov, which will inform the finalized guidance document. Feedback will be accepted through **May 1**.

NYC Schools Account Creation Code Letters

School officials will support parents who want to create an NYC Schools Account in order to view their child's attendance, report card grades, NYC FITNESSGRAM results, and assessment scores. With the public release of 2017–18 state exam results in ELA and math for students in grades 3–8 in September, families who have not yet created an NYC Schools Account may want to do so in order to access their child's scores.

Protocol for Missing Students and Responding to Door Alarms

There is a Missing Student Protocol and Responding to Door Alarms document that outlines the steps that must be taken immediately when a student is reported lost or missing; when a student's whereabouts cannot be confirmed; when there is concern for a student's safety or well-being; and/or when a door alarm is activated. Elementary school staff will also refer to this guide for instructions on what to do when an elementary school student is observed leaving the school building or school grounds without authorization.

Gifted & Talented Updates: Handbooks, Test Scheduling, and Guidelines

Delivery of Gifted & Talented (G&T) Handbooks will be on October 22. Schools will receive copies of the Gifted & Talented (G&T) Handbook, which guides families through the assessment and admissions process for G&T programs for the 2019–20 school year. Schools will also receive translated copies of the G&T Handbook by October 26. Schools should distribute the handbooks to families of kindergarten through second-grade students. Digital versions of the G&T handbooks can be viewed and downloaded on the family-facing G&T page.

G&T Test Scheduling: The G&T Test Scheduling period is now open; the deadline for submission is November 9. Families can submit the G&T Request for Testing (RFT) form online at myschools.nyc, at their school, or at a Family Welcome Center.

Fall Elementary School Admissions Events

Beginning October 11, the DOE is hosting elementary school admissions events across New York City. Please note the following information:

- Each event will include two half-hour presentations that will give families the opportunity to ask questions about pre-K, kindergarten, and the Gifted & Talented admissions processes;
- To serve all families, interpreters will be available to address families' questions, and materials will be provided in all ten DOE languages;
- Elementary school events will also include school-locator stations for families to search for their zoned and non-zoned school options, and allow families to request to take the Gifted & Talented exam. Note that families can subscribe to the DOE's email newsletters for reminders about the elementary school admissions process and important deadlines

Opportunity for Students to Take the NYC Demographic Survey

In accordance with New York City local law requirements, the DOE will be distributing information regarding a voluntary and anonymous survey to high school students. The demographic information gathered through the survey, which is available in all DOE-supported languages, will help the DOE and the City to better understand students' backgrounds and identities, and make informed decisions about supports for various student populations. The deadline to complete the survey is December 11.

CALENDAR

Oct 08, 2018	<u>Columbus Day Observed: Schools closed</u>
Tue, Nov 06, 2018	<u>Election Day: Students do not attend school</u>
Mon, Nov 12, 2018	<u>Veterans Day Observed: schools closed</u>
Wed, Nov 14, 2018	<u>Elementary School: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences</u>
Thu, Nov 15, 2018	<u>Elementary School: Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences</u>
Mon, Nov 19, 2018	<u>District 75 School Programs: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences</u>
Tue, Nov 20, 2018	<u>District 75 School Programs: Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences</u>
Thu, Nov 22, 2018-Fri, Nov 23, 2018	<u>Thanksgiving Recess: schools closed</u>
Tue, Nov 27, 2018	<u>Middle School: Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences</u>
Wed, Nov 28, 2018	<u>Middle School: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences</u>
Thu, Nov 29, 2018	<u>High School: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences</u>
Fri, Nov 30, 2018	<u>High School: Afternoon Parent-Teacher Conferences</u>