

MINUTES
Community Education Council 30
Calendar Meeting
August 14, 2023

The August Calendar Meeting of Community Education Council 30 was held in person in the fifth-floor conference room at 28-11 Queens Plaza North, LIC, and via Zoom on Monday, August 14, 2023.

Ms. Toussaint, President, called the Calendar Meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

Roll Call

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

Present:

Deborah Alexander
Linda Chung-Leung
Todd Hunter Dare
Jonathan Greenberg
Victoria Medelius
Danny Rojas
Marlene Rossi
Marisela Santos
Whitney Toussaint

Whitney Toussaint explained the format of the meeting.

At 6:43 PM, Ms. Toussaint opened the meeting to elect officers.

Chair Pro Tem

Deborah Alexander nominated herself for Chair Pro Tem.
There were no other nominations.

Roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	In favor
Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Todd Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

Ms. Alexander served as Chairman Pro Tem

Election of Officers

Ms. Alexander requested nominations for President or Co-Presidents.

Whitney Toussaint nominated herself for President.
There were no other nominations.
Ms. Toussaint gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	Whitney Toussaint
Linda Chung-Leung	Whitney Toussaint
Todd Hunter Dare	Whitney Toussaint
Jonathan Greenberg	Whitney Toussaint
Victoria Medelius	Whitney Toussaint
Danny Rojas	Whitney Toussaint
Marlene Rossi	Whitney Toussaint
Marisela Santos	Whitney Toussaint
Whitney Toussaint	Whitney Toussaint

Whitney Toussaint will serve as President for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ms. Alexander turned the meeting over to newly elected President Whitney Toussaint.

Ms. Toussaint requested nominations for First Vice President.

Hunter Dare nominated Deborah Alexander for First Vice President.
Ms. Alexander accepted the nomination.
Jonathan Greenberg nominated himself for First Vice President.
There were no other nominations.
Ms. Alexander and Mr. Greenberg gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	Deborah Alexander
Linda Chung-Leung	Deborah Alexander
Todd Hunter Dare	Deborah Alexander
Jonathan Greenberg	Jonathan Greenberg
Victoria Medelius	Deborah Alexander
Danny Rojas	Jonathan Greenberg
Marlene Rossi	Jonathan Greenberg
Marisela Santos	Jonathan Greenberg
Whitney Toussaint	Jonathan Greenberg

Seven votes are needed to be elected.
Election for First Vice President will be on the September agenda.

Ms. Toussaint requested nominations for Second Vice President.

Ms. Toussaint nominated Deborah Alexander for Second Vice President.
Ms. Alexander declined the nomination.
Danny Rojas nominated himself.
Todd Hunter Dare nominated himself.
There were no other nominations.
Mr. Rojas and Mr. Dare gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	Todd Hunter Dare
Linda Chung-Leung	Todd Hunter Dare
Todd Hunter Dare	Todd Hunter Dare
Jonathan Greenberg	Danny Rojas
Victoria Medelius	Todd Hunter Dare
Danny Rojas	Danny Rojas
Marlene Rossi	Danny Rojas

Marisela Santos
Whitney Toussaint

Danny Rojas
Danny Rojas

Seven votes are needed to be elected.
Election for Second Vice President will be on the September agenda.

Ms. Toussaint requested nominations for Secretary.
Victoria Medelius nominated herself for Secretary.
There were no other nominations.
Ms. Medelius gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	Victoria Medelius
Linda Chung-Leung	Victoria Medelius
Todd Hunter Dare	Victoria Medelius
Jonathan Greenberg	Victoria Medelius
Victoria Medelius	Victoria Medelius
Danny Rojas	Victoria Medelius
Marlene Rossi	Victoria Medelius
Marisela Santos	Victoria Medelius
Whitney Toussaint	Victoria Medelius

Ms. Medelius will serve as Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ms. Toussaint requested nominations for Treasurer.
Marisela Santos nominated herself for Treasurer.
Deborah Alexander nominated Linda Chung-Leung.
There were no other nominations.
Ms. Santos and Ms. Chung-Leung gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	Linda Chung-Leung
Linda Chung-Leung	Linda Chung-Leung
Todd Hunter Dare	Linda Chung-Leung
Jonathan Greenberg	Marisela Santos
Victoria Medelius	Linda Chung-Leung
Danny Rojas	Marisela Santos
Marlene Rossi	Marisela Santos
Marisela Santos	Marisela Santos
Whitney Toussaint	Marisela Santos

Seven votes are needed to be elected.
Election for Second Vice President will be on the September agenda.

First Public Comment and Speaking Time

In-person speakers:

Rich Stein, PS 398 PTA Executive Board, spoke about the hostile work environment caused by the Principal.

Lauren Charco, a parent from PS 398, spoke about problems and concerns about PS 398.

Evan Rabin, CEO and owner of Premier Chess, described the programs in schools and the benefits of

chess.

Venus Ketcham, parent advocate, encouraged parents to speak and ask questions.

Virtual speakers:

Lenny Olsson, a parent from PS 398, spoke about the toxic environment caused by the Principal at PS 398.

Giovanna Perciballi, a parent from PS 398, spoke about the treatment of teachers by the Principal at PS 398.

Michelle Moore, a past CEC member, encouraged the Council to continue virtual meetings and mentioned that COVID-19 is still a threat.

Massiel Lugo, a parent in the district, is concerned about drug use and prostitution in her community, including park areas. She will share a petition.

Susa Zavala, a parent from PS 398, stated that the treatment of teachers at PS 398 is disheartening.

Resolution 173 In Support of Improving the Use of Random Numbers for Admissions Placement

Ms. Alexander provided background for the resolution and read the resolution. Mr. Dare suggested amending the resolution. Mr. Greenberg questioned the effectiveness of the resolution and suggested that Student Enrollment attend a meeting.

Venus Ketcham, an attendee, heard this topic at the CEC 24 meeting and thinks Queens CECs should unite.

Ms. Alexander suggested sending a letter to Student Enrollment asking them questions.

Ms. Alexander motioned to withdraw this resolution until enrollment responds. Mr. Greenberg seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	In favor
Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Todd Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

Motion passed. Ms. Alexander will prepare a letter.

Resolution 174 Requesting Increases to Community and Citywide Education Council Budgets.

Whitney Toussaint read the resolution.

Members discussed the resolution.

Roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	Abstain
Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Todd Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

Motion passed.

Reauthorization of the Initial Budget Schedule for FY 2023-2024.

Ms. Toussaint motioned to reauthorize the FY 2023-2024 budget. Ms. Alexander seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	In favor
Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Todd Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

Motion passed.

Dr. Fahey, Deputy Superintendent, on Behalf of Lisa Hidalgo, District 30 Superintendent, IA

The Superintendent's report follows the minutes.

Regarding PS 398, Dr. Fahey explained that all the complaints have been reviewed, and several have been sent for investigation. Nothing can be determined until the investigations are completed.

Ms. Alexander asked about the new reading program. Mr. Fahey described how it was selected and the support and professional development that schools will receive.

Ms. Toussaint asked for continued reports on the asylum seekers, and the PS 398 community should receive updates.

Mr. Dare asked about transportation when students are redistributed. Students in temporary housing receive bus service but must live in a shelter.

Ms. Chung-leung asked how students are distributed. Dr. Fahey explained that class size limits are respected and that they try to find the closest school.

Mr. Greenberg stated that schools do not always have the services that migrants need.

Ms. Alexander asked about the class size mandate. Dr. Fahey said there is no funding for the space shortage.

Public Agenda and Speaking Time

Parents and staff from PS 398 thanked the Council members for their support.

Mr. Olsson asked about the Summer Rising Survey. His child did not get into the program, and he wants to complete the survey.

Nick Masson spoke about Donors Choose and a match of 50%. Also, Bill DiBlasio required that classrooms have air conditioning. That needs to be extended to common areas.

Q&A Massiel Lugo's child has an IEP, and he didn't get into Summer Rising.

Announcements

First Day of School September 7th

Next CEC30 Meeting September 11th

Adjournment

There being no further business, Whitney Toussaint motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jonathan Greenberg and Marisela Santos seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Medelius
Secretary

The recording and closed caption transcript of this meeting will be available at cec30.org.

**Superintendent's Report
Community District Education Council CDEC30 Meeting**

August 14, 2023

In Support of the Chancellor's Pillar #1 Reimagining the student experience

New School Employees

- **New Intermediate School Q429**
Name of I.A. Principal: **Marisa Castello**
- **P.S. Q084**
- Name of I.A. Principal: **Kristina LaMarca**

Online Summer Rising Survey

Principals-in-charge (PICs) of Summer Rising sites are strongly encouraged to complete a survey and distribute links for Summer Rising on-line surveys to students, teachers, site supervisors, and the principals of the schools affiliated to the summer school site. School officials were asked to begin the distribution of links beginning on August 2nd for the following survey types:

- Students in grades 4–5 (upper elementary);
- Students in grades 6–8 (middle school);
- School leaders/staff and
- Parents/families.

The deadline to complete each survey is 5:00 PM on **August 18**. The purpose of the survey is to *use participants' responses to improve future summer programming*.

August Promotion Process

School officials and their staff use follow the Promotion Implementation Guidance, which provides expectations and communication for the August promotion decisions. Principals of sending schools are responsible for making final promotion decisions for the students in grades 3–8 who were not promoted in their school in June.

Principals-in-charge (PICs), or their designees, ensure that teachers have a process for sharing artifacts of student work with sending principals, in alignment with the DOE guidelines for promotion portfolios.

Schools are required to complete the August promotion process no later than the dates indicated below:

- **August 11:** Portfolio review day.
- **August 14:** Deadline for schools to enter final promotion decisions
- **August 15:** Deadline for superintendents to review promotion decisions.
- **August 16–21:** Schools may choose to email August letters to families as supplemental communication to letters mailed by Central.

Schools Serving K–8 Students Can Sign Up for Discounted Zearn License for SY23–24

- In alignment with Chancellor Banks’ Four Pillars to reimagine the student experience and scale what works, principals have the opportunity to continue to utilize Zearn Math.
- For the 2023–24 school year, schools interested in a Zearn license can opt in at the deeply discounted rate of \$940 for a school-wide license.
- Zearn Math is a digital resource accessible on TeachHub for students in grades K–8 that can be utilized for independent practice after receiving content instruction from classroom teachers. Zearn can be used to reinforce core grade-level math concepts while providing support for students at the point of difficulty. The program can be administered during and/or after school.

Share Information on Immunization and Health Forms with Families

School officials were informed to review the following information and take appropriate action:

- *New York State Public Health Law requires students to get certain vaccines to attend childcare or school.* In June, principals received an e-mail from the DOE Chief Operating Officer, affirming that all students should have received all required immunizations.
- Schools were asked to share the updated immunization requirements letter (includes translations under “Immunization Chart for Families”) with families electronically. Additionally, they were asked to encourage families to take time this summer to review their children’s immunization history with their healthcare providers, so that they may be up-to-date for the start of the school year.
- In accordance with Chancellor's Regulation A-701, all students entering DOE public schools for the first time, from kindergarten through grade 12, must submit a New Admission Examination form (CH-205)—completed by a health care provider—to their school nurse as soon as possible after registration.
- Any students needing to take medications or receive any medical treatments must submit a Medication Administration Form (MAF) and/or Medically Prescribed Treatment Form every year. (Scroll down on the link’s page to assess the form.)