

MINUTES
Community Education Council 30
Calendar Meeting
July 10, 2023

The July Calendar Meeting of Community Education Council 30 was held via Zoom on Monday, July 10, 2023.

Ms. Toussaint, President, called the Calendar Meeting to order at 6:08 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
Marlene Rossi
Marisela Santos
Whitney Toussaint

Absent and Excused

Danny Rojas (Travel)

Whitney Toussaint explained that the meeting was virtual because there would not be a quorum in person.

Members agreed to hold officer elections in August when hopefully, the Borough President Appointees will be available.

Ms. Toussaint introduced the interpreters and explained the format of the meeting.

Welcome and Introduction of CEC30 Members for the 2023-2025 Term

Members introduced themselves.

Deborah Alexander – this is her sixth term, and she has a rising Junior and a rising 8th grader.

Linda Chung-Leung – this is her first year, and has a rising 5th grader and rising kindergartner at PS 212.

Todd Hunter Dare – this is his first year, and has a rising 8th grader at Baccalaureate.

Jonathan Greenberg – this is his third term, and has a rising 9th grader who attended PS 212 and IS 230.

Victoria Medelius – grew up in Jackson Heights at attended PS 69 and IS 145. She has a rising 2nd grader at PS 398. This is her third term on CEC30.

Marlene Rossi – served one term on CEC32, and this is her first term on CEC30. She has a rising 4th grader.

Marisela Santos – this is her second term, and she has a 4th grader and a 9th and 10th grader.

Whitney Toussaint – this is her second term, and she has a rising kindergartner and a rising 5th grader.

First Public Agenda and Speaking Time

Becca Staley, Co-President Presidents' Council, welcomed the Council Members and the IA Superintendent Lisa Hidalgo.

Michelle Moore welcomed and congratulated the members and requested that virtual meetings continue.

Kelly Craig stated that virtual meetings are essential and welcomed and congratulated the members.

Q&A

Nick Masson, Co-President of PS/IS 122 and Vice President of the Presidents' Council welcomed the members and IA Superintendent.

Welcome Lisa Hidalgo, District 30 Superintendent, IA

Ms. Hidalgo was the principal at PS 280 for ten years. She has two children and three grandchildren. She was a teacher, cluster teacher, assistant principal, principal, and deputy superintendent in District 32. Ms. Hidalgo stresses honesty, excellence, accountability, teamwork, and working with heart. Her PowerPoint is available on the CEC website, cec30.org.

Marlene Rossi welcomed Ms. Hidalgo to District 30.

Victoria Medelius asked Ms. Hidalgo about her mission.

Ms. Hidalgo explained that she had only been in the district for three days and was trying to get to know the schools better. She will review data but needs to do homework before creating her vision and mission.

Jonathan Greenberg welcomed Ms. Hidalgo back and asked that the CEC and parents be engaged when creating the mission. He asked how Summer Rising is going in District 30.

Ms. Hidalgo stated that she has visited schools, and Summer Rising is going well. There have been some transportation problems, but that is being corrected.

Deborah Alexander asked if there was anything the Council could do to help cultivate her vision.

Marisela Santos welcomed Ms. Hidalgo.

Linda Chung-Leung welcomed Ms. Hidalgo.

Todd Hunter Dare thanked Ms. Hidalgo for calling to make a personal introduction.

Whitney Toussaint appreciated the personal phone call and Ms. Hidalgo's commitment to open communication.

Public Agenda and Speaking Time

Michelle Moore welcomed Ms. Hidalgo. Marginalized communities need access to the Superintendent.

Heather Clark thanked Ms. Hidalgo and the Council Members. She is a disability and social justice advocate and supports virtual meetings, especially for those with disabilities. She asked Ms. Hidalgo to take a stand for CRT and against right-wing policies.

Marnie Geltman, District 30 parent and teacher, stated that she supports virtual meetings and does not like hybrid meetings.

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 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Medelius
Secretary

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