

**MINUTES**  
**Community Education Council 30**  
**Calendar Meeting**  
**September 11, 2023**

The September 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, September 11, 2023.

Ms. Toussaint, President, called the Calendar Meeting to order at 6:49 PM.

**Roll Call**

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

Present:

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

Whitney Toussaint explained the format of the meeting.

Two new Borough President appointees, Kelly Craig and Nick Masson, were introduced.

**Election of Officers: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer**

Ms. Toussaint requested nominations for First Vice President.

Deborah Alexander nominated Kelly Craig for First Vice President.

Jonathan Greenberg nominated himself.

Ms. Craig and Mr. Greenberg gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

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

Kelly Craig will serve as First Vice President for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ms. Toussaint requested nominations for Second Vice President.

Deborah Alexander nominated Nick Masson.  
Danny Rojas nominated himself.  
Jonathan Greenberg nominated himself.  
Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Masson, and Mr. Rojas gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

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

Seven votes are needed to be elected.  
Council members agreed to have a second vote.

Roll call vote.

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

Ms. Toussaint requested nominations for Treasurer.

Roll call vote.

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

Marisela Santos nominated herself for Treasurer.

### **First Public Comment and Speaking Time**

Elena Bernal, the parent coordinator at the new middle school IS 429, introduced herself.

Parents from PS 398 spoke about concerns about the administration of PS 398.

Rich Stein, PS 398 PTA Executive Board, asked if there was an update about PS 398.

Ashley Rnozca, District 30 UFT Representative, stated that staff feels heard by the IA Superintendent.

Giovanna Perciballi, a parent from PS 398 spoke about not enough physical education at PS 398.

Effie Zakary, CEC Representative to the PEP will add CEC30 concerns to the PEP minutes.

### **Presentation by Nicole Beinhorn & Coral Zayas, "Supporting Reading Achievement Through NYC Literacy Shifts & Core Curriculum"**

NYC Reads is making a historic shift as to how reading is taught. It is bringing the science of reading and phonics-based learning methods to students and schools.

This presentation is available on the CEC30 website, <https://cec30.org/meetingdocs.html>.

Marisela Santos expressed concern about the amount of time on the screen.

Kelly Craig would like the DOE to make contracts to lower the cost of programs for schools.

Hunter Dare welcomes the move to the science of reading but feels it is rigid.

Jonathan Greenberg stated the curriculum needs to be socially responsive.

Nick Masson stated the city or district should pay for the programs.

Marlene Rossi was interested in how data is used and how often it is reviewed.

Students are evaluated 3 times per year.

There are at least 17 days of days of coaching for literacy.

Deborah Alexander asked about books that the family already has. These books can always be used.

### **Lisa Hidalgo, District 30 Superintendent, IA Report**

The District 30 Team has 31 members and agreed to the name House of Hearts.

The Superintendent's report and presentation follow the minutes.

Hunter Dare asked if immigrants from Randall's Island would be coming to District 30 and if the District recruiting language teachers.

The DOE is trying to find a way to get teachers certified faster.

Jonathan Greenberg stated that students at PS 398 are impacted.

Ms. Hidalgo is looking for partnerships for our schools.

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

Daniel Gomez spoke about concerns at PS 398.

Richard Connelly from the American Debate League spoke about his chess programs in our schools.

The focus is thinking, speaking, and leadership.

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**

Business Meeting: September 18<sup>th</sup>

Next CEC30 Meeting October 16<sup>th</sup>

### **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 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Medelius  
Secretary

The recording and closed caption transcript of this meeting will be available at [cec30.org](http://cec30.org).

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

**September 11, 2023**

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

- School Opening 2023-24  
I am happy to report that the D30 had a successful first day of school opening. D30 team members and I visited schools and supported with arrivals protocols and procedures, greeted students, families and assisted where possible.
- **New principals and assistant principals:**
  - Principal, IA Q127 Carmen Montas
  - Principal, IA Q084 – Kristina La Marca
  - Principal, IA Q429 – Marisa Castello
  - Assistant Principal, IA – Q384 - Allison DeGrazia
  - Assistant Principal , IA– Q398 – Trisha Mondal
  - Assistant Principal - 361 – Caneia Wise
  - Assistant Principal – 078 – Jillian DiRoma

### **Transportation Reminders and Via School Bus Tracking System Expansion Updates for the 2023–24 SY**

#### **Transportation guidance:**

- **Pick-Up/Drop-Off Times:** Pick-up/drop-off times are based on approved session times that principals submitted in the spring.
- **School Bus Route Information:** Families should review bus route information in their [NYC Schools Account \(NYCSA\)](#). Schools should check the School Ridership System and share route information with families by **September 6**.
- **Field Trips:** Schools can request field trips during the school day starting **September 18**; The first available date is **September 26**.

### **Encourage Families to Create NYC Schools Accounts (NYCSA) and Update Contact Information**

To support families in accessing the NYC Schools Accounts (NYCSA) portal, family access managers will help create accounts for parents/guardians.

Staff can support families in creating accounts either in person, online, or by generating authorization letters (available in all DOE languages) and can be printed and backpacked home with students. Generic translated letters are also available at the bottom of the NYC Schools Account page on the family-facing site.

Families can use their NYCSA accounts to fill out digital forms for the first day of school and update and verify emergency contact information via the Emergency Contact feature.

### **Welcoming Students with Disabilities Newly Arrived in New York City**

School officials and their designee must ensure all staff are prepared to welcome students with disabilities newly arrived in New York City, as they enroll in your school. As a reminder, the DOE does not ask about or track student immigration status and any and all resources must be made available to all students.

**Discipline Code and Letters for Families:** To help provide students with a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment, the Chancellor's Citywide Behavioral Expectations to Support Student Learning (including the Discipline Code) outlines the guidelines and expectations for student behavior in school

### **Public Release of 2023 NYC School Survey Results**

The 2023 NYC School Survey results were released to the public on September 1. A link to survey results is also available on [NYCSchoolSurvey.org](https://NYCSchoolSurvey.org) and [NYC School Survey InfoHub page](#). As a reminder, the NYC School Survey gives families, students in grades 6–12, support staff and teachers, the opportunity to provide schools with feedback that will help them reflect on the past year and understand what their communities need. Survey results are intended to be used in combination with other data and knowledge within school communities to inform planning, improvement, reflection, and professional development for the 2023–24 school year.