



### COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 27

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## (Community Education Council) CEC 27 Calendar Meeting Minutes

### August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Calendar Meeting called into order by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper at 6:39pm.
  - Pledge of Allegiance
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper noted as highest ranking member. Preceded to do Roll call to determine if quorum reached.

#### **Roll call of Members present:**

##### **(In-Person)**

##### **(Via Zoom)**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper</li> <li>- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Anthony Persaud</li> <li>- BP Appointee Samone Stroman</li> <li>- Treasurer Estherll Dorancy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Beatrice Reid</li> <li>- Samantha Mohondhis</li> <li>- New BP Appointee Shari Heron</li> </ul> |
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- Welcomed New Borough President (BP) Appointee Sharon Heron.
- Informed audience quorum was not reached with only 4 members present in-person.
  - Gave a quick reminder that quorum constitutes in person of 7 or more Council members to pass a motion.
  - Approval of Calendar Minutes tabled for September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - Informed of CEC Budget for 2024-2025 to be tabled for September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting



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- Superintendent David Norment's Report at 6:42pm
- Informed attendees Summer Rising Programs was a great success.
- Fully staffed & Increased attendance/participation of the program
  - Attendance was increased not only for Summer Rising program but across the District of 27.
  - Owes that through strengthening instruction not only for the students but for the staff through trainings & various learning opportunities
- Promote student learning through:
  - Math Ambassadors
  - More access for other language speakers through the use of fluency centers
  - More visible learning
  - Ensuring lesson planning to have a positive impact
- Informed attendees that District 27 is actively hiring teachers and administrators.
- Working with CEC with hiring of New Principals and Assistant Principals.
- Introduced newly hired Principal Barnum of P.S./M.S. Q183 at 6:54pm
  - Principal Barnum did a welcome speech
  - Briefly described plan to focus on 2 main areas, chronic absence and low academic performance.
  - Advised attendees that low attendance linked with poor academic performance.



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- Her plan will have a multifaceted approach of addressing school culture. Get children wanting to attend school, promote academic excellence/achievements.
- A passion for Principal Barnum is student success, wants that to be a beacon to further students of P.S./M.S. Q183
- Superintendent David Norment Continued with Superintendent’s Monthly Report @ 7:04pm
- Planning/Preparation key to the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.
  - Working with teachers, parent leaders and Principals/Asst Principals on Foundation pieces for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders with HMH into Reading, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders with HMH into Literacy.
- Superintendent David Norment explained **“Why HMH?”**
  - Focus on Comprehension
  - Focus on Fluency
  - Focus on Oral Language
  - Focus on Phonological awareness
- Implementation of program has been in stages.
  - Selection of Materials
  - piloting of program for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - Launch of program to begin stage 4 of process from July-August.
  - Partnering with company GenReady.
    - Partnership entails getting staff ready/prepared
      - Ex. Of looking at how budgets are being implemented



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- Focus on targeting identified groups.
- Council member had a question regarding how will this initiative identify weaknesses & how addressing to better/increase performance
  - Superintendent David Norment answered GenReady will have coaches to work with the teachers on bettering performance.
  - Coaches of GenReady to address with staff what is working/not working in the classrooms.
    - Not in a punitive manner but to be more constructive and on task and also that performance not be based solely on the State's Test but on a plan to have 4 – 6 weeks modules that will keep more current & accurate assessment of student performance
- Council member also asked where will they get the information as a parent on staff/teacher performance.
  - Superintendent David Norment suggested increased contact/communication between the parent & school staff/teacher.
  - Focus should not be on simply blame but to focus on inquiry.... for example, “Where is the student struggling”, “why in those identified areas” to better facilitate and strengthen support for the students. Focus should then be on promoting/ fostering confidence in the student regarding the material not simply on blame.
  - Informed a Rockaway Office Welcome Center to start soon. Yielded the floor to CEC 27 President Lisa Johnson-Cooper at 7:24pm
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper opened the floor to public comment.
  - No one presented themselves in person
  - Checked Zoom attendees, if they wished to make a public comment
    - None presented on Zoom online for public comment



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- Motion by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Anthony Persaud to adjourn meeting, seconded by BP Appointee Samone Stroman.
- Calendar Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm



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## (Community Education Council) CEC 27 Business Meeting Minutes

### August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Calendar Meeting called into order by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper at 7:36pm.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper noted as highest ranking member. Preceded to do Roll call to determine if quorum reached.

#### **Roll call of Members present:**

##### **(In-Person)**

##### **(Via Zoom)**

- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres. Anthony Persaud
- BP Appointee Samone Stroman
- Treasurer Estherll Dorancy

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. Beatrice Reid
- Samantha Mohondhis
- New BP Appointee Shari Heron

- Welcomed, once again, New Borough President (BP) Appointee Sharon Heron.
- Informed council members that quorum was not reached with only 4 members present in-person.
  - Gave a quick reminder that quorum constitutes in person of 7 or more Council members to pass a motion.
- Approval of August Business Meeting Minutes to be tabled for September 16<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.



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- Reviewed possible quarterly meeting dates with the Superintendent. May have next meeting in October. Confirmation with District Planning Office pending.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper turned discussion to Liaison List.
  - Regarding School visits, CEC 27 has received positive feedback from Principals in the district.
  - Commended the CEC 27 council for their work as some councils are not allowed inside some schools in other districts.
  - Suggested members continue with liaison list from last year as no schools were visited.
  - If Council members wish to visit other schools this year, suggested a submission be given to the AA via email.
    - Also reminded council members that CEC 27 is to work with the AA & Principals/Administrators to schedule a school visit.
  - Treasurer Estherll Dorancy advised she had visited all of the schools on her list. And she had submitted her findings with FACE.
  - President Lisa Johnson-Cooper reminder all council members, information regarding the liaison visit should be reported back to the council.
    - A school visit report should be submitted and then forwarded to FACE. As the council needs to address the public with their findings, not FACE.
  - Treasurer Estherll Dorancy will search for report, if unavailable will revisit schools.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Beatrice Reid & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Anthony Persaud wanted to confirm the upcoming date for the Chancellor's Town Hall in December or September.



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- BP Appointee Samone Stroman advised Chancellor’s Town Hall for September 27<sup>th</sup> was for High Schools upon review of DOE website. Date to be announced for Chancellor’s Town Hall for Grade & Middle School for December.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper moved discussion to Committees. Informed council members that a committee could not consist of only (1) one council member. Asked council members to review committee list and to finalize discussion for September 16<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting.
  - Treasurer Estherll Dorancy advised that her presence on the curriculum committee was one of the reasons she has asked past questions regarding the curriculum. Wishes to push for further instruction on Black Studies.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper moved the discussion to meeting locations for upcoming meeting locations.
  - BP Samone Stroman presented the email regarding possible meeting locations suggested by the team of Superintendent David Norment.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Anthony Persaud and BP Samone Stroman reminded council members that P.S. Q66 was already used as a meeting location. Suggested replacing Q66 with Q223.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper also suggested to utilize website but also to get the word out to PTA/PAs via flyer emails to have post on the schools’ Parents Bulletin Board.
- Finalizing of Committees, Meeting locations and Liaison List to be tabled for September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Business Meeting.
- Suggested keep all the relevant materials with an updated agenda flyer and for reimbursement forms to be added into council members information folders.

- **CEC 27 Business Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm**