



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 27

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(Community Education Council) CEC 27 Calendar Meeting Minutes

September 16th, 2024

- Calendar Meeting called into order by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper at 6:29pm.
 - Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Members present:

- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper
 - 1st Vice Pres. Beatrice Reid
 - 2nd Vice Pres. Anthony Persaud
 - Parliamentarian Chivone Paulson
 - BP Appointee Samone Stroman
 - Treasurer Estherll Dorancy
 - Melissa McAllister
 - Samantha Mohondhis
- Informed audience quorum was reached [with 7 or more CEC 27 members].
 - President Lisa Johnson-Cooper & CEC 27 Members welcomed and thanked M.S. 210 parents, Principal Singh, Superintendent Norment and all other attendees.
 - President Lisa Johnson-Cooper reviewed Member absences for August 2024. Roll Call Vote to excuse absences for members Melissa McAllister, Chivone Paulson & Rebecca Behle.

Roll Call Vote for Excused August 2024 Meetings:



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Excused CEC 27 Council Member Absences for August 2024				
CEC District 27 Council Member	Melissa McAllister	Rebecca Behle	Chivone Paulson	Abstain
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	Aye	Aye	Aye	
Melissa McAllister	Aye	Aye	Aye	
Estherll Dorancy	Aye	Aye	Aye	
Beatrice Reid	Aye	Aye	Aye	
Anthony Persaud	Aye	Aye	Aye	
Samone Stroman	Aye	Aye	Aye	
Chivone Paulson	Aye	Aye	Aye	
Samantha Mohondhis	Aye	Aye	Aye	

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye: 8 votes

Nay: 0 Votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-Laws.
- Members Melissa McAllister, Rebecca Behle and Chivone Paulson August 2024 absences **Excused**
- Motion to approve July and August Minutes made by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper
 - No corrections from council members for July 2024 Minutes
 - July Minutes approved
 - No corrections from council members for August 2024 Minutes
 - August Minutes approved
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper advised MTA had an important presentation. Motion made to have MTA present out of order of Agenda by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper. Seconded by Melissa McAllister.
- MTA presenter Lucille K. Songhai & MTA team given the floor via Zoom at 6:35pm. Meeting paused to distribute interpretation devices for Spanish speakers



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- Presentation: Rockaway Line Resiliency & Rehabilitation: Project update to public stakeholders
- Matt Honeywell began the presentation. Rockaway Line **A** **S^R** critical to the community as the only MTA train line in and out of the Rockaway Peninsula
- The Rockaway Line serves around 125,000 Rockaway Residents, with about 10k daily riders
- While the line was shut down for a period of 7 months after Superstorm Sandy, further rehabilitation necessary
- MTA Investments so far in the Rockaways
 - Emergency Restoration Work (2013) \$84M
 - Restored the washed out right of way, start of resiliency upgrades & installation of sheet pile wall in the flats
 - Hammels Wye Campus Flood mitigation (2019) \$27M
 - Flood-hardened and protected the substation, signal tower, meter room, relay room, and compressor facility
 - Station Flood Hardening (2020) \$17M
 - Flood-hardened to protect communications & Signal equipment at key stations
 - Rockaway Repairs Wrap-up (2024) \$50M
 - Repairs to the North Channel Bridge piers & communications resiliency upgrades
- Ongoing work at Howard Beach, Broad Channel Stations & Beach 116th Street Relocation of Electrical Components is upcoming work
- Beach 105th Street Signal Tower has had work done to the Electrical Systems, Signal Tower Structure & Street Impacted are Rockaway Freeway closed b/w Beach 104th-Beach 108th Streets
 - Has been working with the Scholar's Academy and local school authorities to minimize impact to community
 - (Shout Out to the Scholar's Academy Principal and team for collaboration on minimizing impact on students)



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Presentation paused to distribute interpretation devices/ ensure volume on max

- 17 Week outage will involve the demolition and replacement of the Hammels Wye Viaduct & Repairing and replacing of the mechanical & Electrical systems of the South Channel Bridge
 - Planned Outage Czar (overseeing communication & deployment at Shuttle Buses)
 - Friday, January 17th through Monday, May 19th 2025
 - Additional fall weeknight/weekend service diversions to support work
- Service Accommodations:
 - 24/7 Shuttle train b/w Far Rockaway & Rockaway Park (Every 15 min)
 - 24/7 Shuttle Buses (Q97) operate b/w Howard Beach & Far Rockaway (approx. 6-10 min)
 - 24/7 Shuttle Buses (Q109) operate b/w Howard Beach & Beach 67th St via Broad Channel & Beach 90th St (approx. 6-10 min)
 - Travel Alternatives
 - Q52/Q53 SBS (Direct connection to **A** train at Rockaway Blvd)
 - Q35
 - QM16, QM17
 - Long Island Rail Road at Far Rockaway
 - NYC Ferry at Beach 116th St
- Local Hiring Program (MTA goal of 20% of contractor Schiavone's, NYS workforce region)
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE)- MTA goal of 22% of Contract Price
- Question posed by Council member: Regarding children taking buses and come back late from school programs/activities, How frequent will transport be?
 - L. Songhai of MTA advised
 - Shuttle Train to run every 15min
 - Q97 & Q109 Shuttle Buses to run anywhere between 4-10 minutes depending on the time of day/wknd
- Question posed by Council member: How frequent will the Ferry operate?
 - L. Songhai of MTA advised Ferry servicer informed MTA that they will have capacity to transport passengers to Manhattan



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- Question posed by Council member: Why is there no service to direct to Manhattan on the Ferry Service?
 - Goal for Ferry Service will be to get passengers to the train service impacted. The Ferry does operate to Manhattan with 1 stop in Brooklyn.
 - Due to large number of passengers taking the Howard Beach connection, much focus has been on the MTA Shuttle Buses
- CEC 27 Council member asked to send presentation and contact info
 - Contact info regarding Rockaway Resiliency Project:
 - Project Hotline: 516-331-4009
 - Email: RockawayResiliency@mtacd.org
 - Website: <https://new.mta.info/project/rockaway-line-resiliency-and-rehabilitation>
- Recognition of Principals and School representatives in the Zoom/Onsite
- Welcomed and Recognized FACE representatives (Kay, Maribel)
- Treasurer’s Report/ Reading of Budget by Estherll Dorancy followed by motions



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2024-2025 Fiscal Budget

Total Budget: \$25,000.00

Member Reimbursements

July 2024 – June 2025

10 Members at \$125/mo	\$15,000
1 Member/ President at \$200/mo	\$ 2,400
Total:	\$17,400

- Motion to Accept July 2024 – June 2025 Council Member Reimbursements by Treasurer Estherll Dorancy
 - Seconded by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper

Roll Call Vote to accept Member Reimbursements July 2024 – June 2025:



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Member Reimbursements July 2024- June 2025 Totaling \$17,400			
CEC District 27 Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye: 8 votes

Nay: 0 Votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-Laws
- **Member Reimbursements for July 2024 – June 2025 accepted for total of \$17,400**



2024-2025 Fiscal Budget

Outstanding Childcare from Last term (2023-2024)

June 2024	
President Lisa Johnson-Cooper	\$200
Chivone Paulson	\$125
Total:	\$325

- Treasurer Estherll Dorancy read off the outstanding Childcare for June 2024 totaling \$325.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper explained there were outstanding childcare reimbursements from December 2023 and June of 2024 that came in late [for December 2023 and June 2024]. Because Fiscal 2023-2024 had ended, council members need to agree if it is okay to use some of the current budget to cover the outstanding reimbursements. It is okay to have disagreement over the vote. But a vote must be carried out.
- Treasurer Estherll Dorancy re-read the outstanding Childcare and made motion to accept June 2024 outstanding childcare totaling \$325.



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- President Lisa Johnson Cooper seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote to accept Outstanding Member Reimbursements June 2024:

Outstanding Member Reimbursements June 2024 Totaling: \$325			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye: 8 votes

Nay: 0 Votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-Laws
- **Outstanding Member Reimbursements for June 2024 accepted for total of \$325**



2024-2025 Fiscal Budget

Outstanding Childcare from Last term (2023-2024)

December 2024	
Melissa McAllister	\$125
Anthony Persaud	\$125
Estherll Dorancy	\$125
Beatrice Reid	\$125
Total:	\$500



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- Treasurer Estherll Dorancy read off the outstanding Childcare for December 2023 totaling \$500.
- Motion by Treasurer Estherll Dorancy to accept outstanding Childcare for December 2023
 - Seconded by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper

Roll Call Vote to accept Outstanding Member Reimbursements December 2023:

Outstanding Member Reimbursements December 2023 Totaling: \$500			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye: 8 votes

Nay: 0 Votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-Laws.
- **Outstanding Member Reimbursements for December 2023 accepted for total of [\$500].**

Grand Total for Member Expenses is \$18,225.

- Remaining Line Items for CEC 27 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget are the following as read by Treasurer Estherll Dorancy



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CEC D27 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget

Website	\$2,544
Office Supplies	\$500
P-Card (Administrative Ass't)	\$1,500
Legislative Dinner	\$2,231

- Website totaling \$2,544. Motion by Treasurer Estherll Dorancy to accept
 - Motion Seconded by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper

Roll Call Vote to accept cost of Website for 2024-2025:

Cost of Website for 2024-2025 Totaling: \$2,544			
CEC District 27 Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye: 8 votes

Nay: 0 Votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-Laws
- **Cost of Website for 2024-2025 accepted for total of \$2,544**



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- Motion by Treasurer Estherll Dorancy to accept budget line: Office Supplies for a total of \$500
 - Motion Seconded by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper

Roll Call Vote to accept cost of Office Supplies for 2024-2025:

Cost of Office Supplies for 2024-2025 Totaling: \$500			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye: 8 votes

Nay: 0 Votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-Laws
- **Cost of Office Supplies for 2024-2025 accepted for total of \$500**

- Motion by Treasurer Estherll Dorancy to accept budget line: P-Card (Administrative Asst) for a total of \$1,500
 - Motion Seconded by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper



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Roll Call Vote to accept P-Card (Administrative Asst) for 2024-2025:

P-Card (Administrative Asst) for 2024-2025 Totaling: \$1,500			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye: 8 votes

Nay: 0 Votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-Laws
- **P-Card (Administrative Asst) for 2024-2025 accepted for total of \$1,500**

- Motion by Treasurer Estherll Dorancy to accept budget line: Legislative Dinner for a total of \$2,231
 - Motion Seconded by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper



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Roll Call Vote to accept Legislative Dinner for 2024-2025:

Legislative Dinner for 2024-2025 Totaling: \$2,231			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
EstherII Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye: 8 votes

Nay: 0 Votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-Laws
- **Legislative Dinner for 2024-2025 accepted for total of \$2,231**

- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper made a motion to accept the CEC 27 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget
 - Seconded by Samone Stroman



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Roll Call Vote to accept the CEC 27 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget:

CEC 27 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget Totaling: \$25,000			
CEC District 27 Council Member	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
EstherII Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye: 8 votes

Nay: 0 Votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-Laws
- **CEC 27 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget accepted for total of \$25,000**

[Elizabeth Blackwell M.S. 210Q](#)

[Presentation](#)

[by](#)

[Principal K. Singh](#)



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- Welcome greeting from Principal Singh and staff of Elizabeth Blackwell M.S. 210Q to CEC 27, Superintendent Norment and District 27 Team and the parents and children of Elizabeth Blackwell
- Elizabeth Blackwell M.S. 210Q is a large campus comprising of 5 Academies within the school building with each one assigned an Assist Principal
 - Academy of Engineering & Architecture
 - Academy of Graphic Arts
 - Academy of Health Professions
 - Academy of Law & Humanities
 - Academy of Visual and Performing Arts
- 65% population identifying as Hispanic, speaking with the remainder comprised of Asian, Native American/Alaskan native, etc
- Robotics, Student Gov't, All 8th graders take Math Regents and other social/educational activities. > 50 Clubs/After school activities, Travel Basketball Team & other sports
 - Shout Out to the students who sent Principal Singh sympathy cards/messages/letters upon learning of personal tragedy
- School is focused on Chancellor's 4 pillars for Building Trust
 - Reimagine the student experience
 - Sustain & restore what works
 - Prioritize Social and Emotional wellness & support
 - Engage students and families in true partnership
- Reinforced the vision and mission of District 27
 - Literacy Collaborative (Word Gen – Grades 6-7)
 - School-Wide Protocols
 - Notice/Note Signpost
 - Think-Jot-Pair-Share
 - 5 Whys
 - Google Suit, Padlet, Brainpop etc
 - School-Wide Assessments
 - Map Growth in ELA & Math (3x per yr)

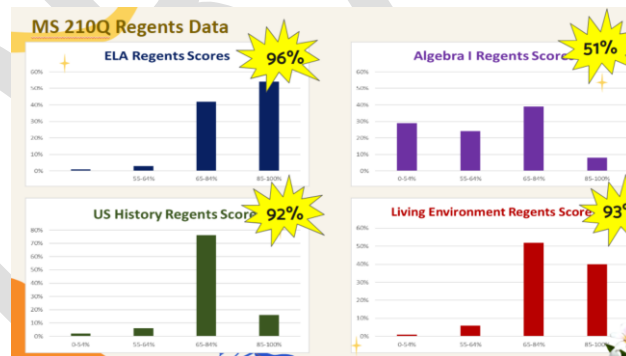
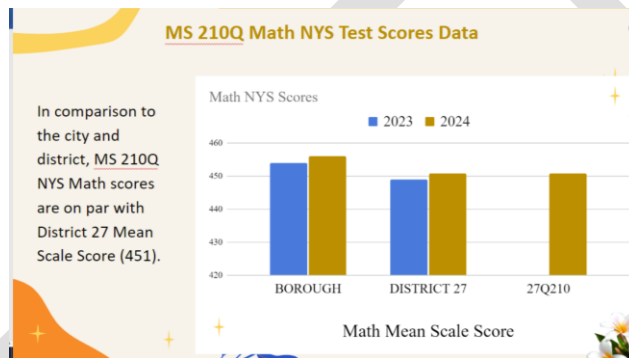
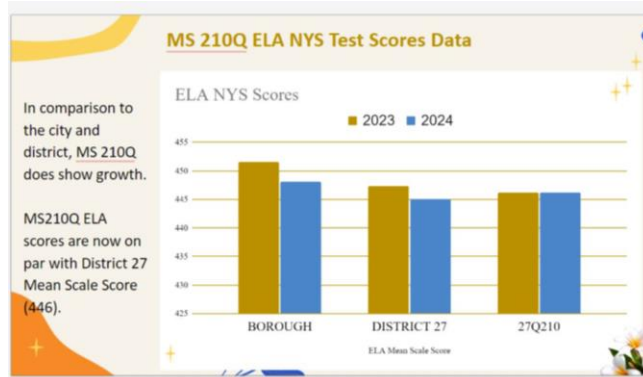


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- Highlighted the various events and activities throughout the past school year
 - College Access For All
 - Jeter’s Leaders
 - LAMBDA Literary Writer’s In Schools Program (Author’s Visit)
 - Laurie Adragna Auditorium dedication



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- Debate Team & Debate in Spanish
- Queens Community House/ Beacon Community Center
- Homework Help program
- Newly hired NYU Graduate Dance Instructor
- Big Brother/Big Sister
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- Emphasize Key Supports for Students
- Emphasize Elizabeth Blackwell M.S. 210Q is a Yondr school (Phone Free Space)



- Social Emotional Learning (SEL)





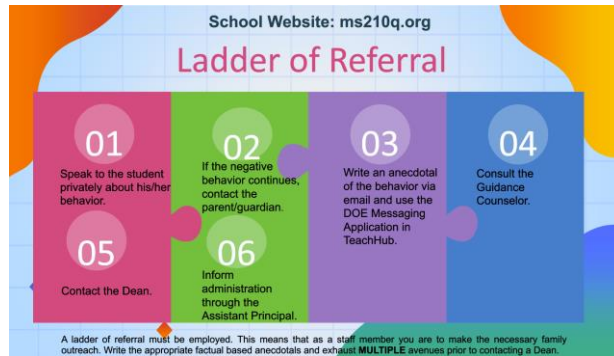
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- Utilizes “Ladder of Referral” to exhaust multiple avenues prior to Dean contact



- Highlighted the various events, clubs such as the Blackwell Buzz: School Newsletter
- Yielded the floor at 7:41pm

- Superintendent David Norment at 7:42pm
 - Thanked Principal Singh and Staff, as well as parents and children for showing up to participate
 - Congratulated Elizabeth Blackwell on their successes on assessments as well as level of participation as exhibited by the attendance of the CEC 27 meeting.
 - Updated upcoming events:
 - September 23rd – Back to School New Parent Orientation
 - October 17th – District 27 Discovery Day
 - October 19th – Latin Heritage Celebration
 - Upcoming Workshops
 - Partnering w/MOIA – Immigration Resources
 - Conflict Resolution
 - Financial Literacy
 - Understanding the Adolescent Brain
 - Special Education



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- Social & Emotional Health
 - Parent and Student Trip Partnership with Latino Outdoors
- Superintendent report (data & statistics) will be presented and explained at the October 2024 CEC 27 Calendar/Business Meeting. Will yield his time to HMH Curriculum company Generation Ready, with presentation by Julie Mullan
 - Informed attendees of adopting a new curriculum for reading called HMH into Reading.
 - Implementation of the program began in 2023-2024 and utilization district wide for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Superintendent Norment wanted to ensure parents understood what the HMH into Reading program entails for the K-6th graders.
- Superintendent David Norment reiterated that the HMH Company, Generation Ready will focus on the instruction/coaching of the NYC Reads initiative to the schools, teachers & leaders throughout the year.

Presenter Julie Mullan of Generation Ready to :

- Describe NYC Reads initiative and the shifts for ELA (English Language Arts) within the public schools
 - Explain what the initiative means for your child
 - Define the goals for District 27.
- Yielded the floor to Presenter Julie Mullan of Generation Ready at 7:52pm



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- Presenter Julie Mullan of Generation Ready at 7:53pm
- NYC Reads- 2-year phased reading initiative
 - Due to declining reading scores, the initiative NYC Reads will require early childhood education classrooms to adopt single, uniform curriculum called the Creative Curriculum.
 - District to choose between (3) three pre-approved phonics-based reading curricula which have **proven** to be effective
 - District 27, as explained by Julie Mullan, chose HMH into Reading and HMH into Literature with Generation Ready
 - Program to focus on systematic, explicit phonics instruction
 - Use of Decodable texts from K to 2nd grade
 - Focus on small group, differentiated instruction based on need
 - Detailed instruction and practice in fluency
 - Use of universal screeners and secondary diagnostics to identify reading strengths and areas for growth
 - Adoption of research-based, quality curricula
 - Direct and explicit instruction in service of comprehension
 - Explicit, systemic and cumulative writing instruction, integrated with reading
- Across District 27 all schools to teach the same program, the same skills.



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- For grades K to 2nd grade will have systematic phonics instruction. To focus on learning sounds and words in a specific sequence proven to be effective
- For middle school students, with the focus on direct and explicit instruction in service of comprehension of content, the shift will be from “reading to learn” to “reading to comprehend”.

GENERATION READY

- Generation Ready has staff with at least 10 years of education experience along with educational administration experience
- Generation Ready in business for approximately 30 years
- Generation ready is evidence-based instruction
- Through staff with administration experience such as former Principals, many are equipped to observe and coach on effective teaching
- As former educators believe in utilizing the school partnership to assist schools in creating positive school culture
- Utilization of assessment data to evaluate and re-evaluate goals
- Aide Districts, Leadership and teachers in creating systems for support

GOALS

- Integration of HMH into Reading & HMH into Literature
 - By Generation Ready specialist co-planning with teachers, engage in lesson studies along with modeling and co teaching to facilitate the comprehension of material.
- Create appropriate pacing of HMH Into Reading Modules



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- By ensuring students do not move on to other grades falling behind in the comprehension of reading. This to be done by cover grade level expectations for the year
- Utilize student data to inform instructional practices
- Job imbedded support model
 - Working **with** the teachers with lesson planning, assessment, and adjustment to implementation

❖ Questions/Answers

Parent wanted to know when the program was implemented? Noticed a marked difference in child's reading comprehension.

- **(Ans)** Program started in 2023-2024 and to be fully implemented for 2024-2025

- **No additional questions from attendees**

- Presenter Julie Mullan yielded the floor at 8:05pm

- Superintendent David Norment at 8:06pm

- Thanked parent for acknowledgement of reading improvement of child through the use of the HMH into reading program.
- Reiterated District 27 will focus not for students to read, but to read to comprehend, ask questions
- Thanked staff, Principals and will highlight Principals and showcase the work they are doing in their schools at upcoming CEC 27 meetings

- Superintendent David Norment yielded the floor at 8:08pm



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- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper at 8:08pm
 - Acknowledged the level of work & effort being done by Superintendent Norment and the District 27 team

(As witnessed via involvement in varying interviews for Principals and other District leaders)
 - Requested Generation Ready contact information for Council Members

At 8:09pm opened the floor for public comments

- Parent has a question for Algebra. Algebra has a score of 59%, will there be implementation of a similar program for math and science as reading comprehension goes hand in hand with the understanding math and science problems?

(Ans by Superintendent David Norment)

There are programs, currently District 27 uses Envision, about 75% implementation in the District. He believes that there will be a similar process as the [Department of Education] moves towards a more uniform curriculum.

Also informed & agreed with parent about room for improvement

- Council member question: Is the HMH program, something that the Chancellor initiated? Wanted to know if the program would be terminated with the change in office?

(Ans by Superintendent David Norment)

While the Chancellor office is selected by the Mayor’s office, change in the curriculum would not take immediate effect. Also, the change implemented by Chancellor Banks



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was done based on the need/assessment of the students. A change in the implementation of HMH would be unlikely but not improbable.

Acknowledged Chancellor Banks & Mayor Adams for listening to educators, regarding implementing a standard for all teachers to follow regarding what the students needed to learn.

(Additional response by Superintendent 27 Team Member)

Across the country, the teachers are trained on what to teach, how to assess and implement the plan for the needs of the students.

- **Council member impressed that Mayor Adams chose Chancellor Banks, to want to change and implement**
- **Question in the chat: Can students get ELA/Math afterschool help at Beacon early in the school year? (Chat Question)**

(Ans by Superintendent David Norment)

Beacon program is very school specific. Encouraged parent to participate at the [child/children's] SLT's (School Leadership Team), PA/PTA to request specific programs needed for their child's/children's school

Council member provided testimonial that their local P.S./M.S. 43 Beacon Program, will have tutors for the 1st hour of the program. Encourages parents [to actively participate and advocate for the implementation of the tutoring.]

- **Is the NYC Dept Of Education still using Common Core curriculum? (Chat Question)**

(Ans by Superintendent David Norment)

No. Currently using the Next Generation learning standards. There are adjustments to the Common Core curriculum, more rigorous. Program aim is to better prepare students for college entry and other work/jobs than in previous years.



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- Question for Principal K. Singh, [It was] mentioned 7/8th graders go to different universities or college sites, do they stay overnight? How is this funded? Do children stay overnight? From Council member

(Ans by Principal K. Singh)

Computer Science for All, College Access for All initiatives. Programs authorized by Central. All 7th graders taken on trips to see different universities. Preparing students for the future. Educate students & families on the college process and avenues available for funding.

- Council member asked how was the program funded, is it part of their DOE Budget?

(Ans by Principal K. Singh)

The program is not part of the school's DOE Budget. Its part of the College Access Initiative. Advised Amarilis Torello was the school's College Access for All/COSA with further information

(Ans by Amarilis Torello - SPANISH Teacher/COSA)

Advised there is a website called CUNY Explorers which is free for all the New York City schools. Any school would be able to register, with the Principal's name, number of students going on the college/university visit and would need to book transport for the students [through the yellow school bus service.] Recommends taking a class at a time or combination of classes.

Also informed attendees Elizabeth Blackwell M.S. 210Q also has College Awareness Week where colleges/universities visit with the students. It is a pleasant experience during the college visits as well as school visits for the students because many alumni of Elizabeth Blackwell M.S. 210Q are eager to speak with the current students such as Senator Addabbo & Councilwoman Ariola. Gave thanks for participating alumni as they are willing to extend welcome & outreach; even volunteer opportunities for the current students.

Program success is dependent on students, staff and participation of parents.

Program is free aside from ground work from staff and parents.

(Additional response by Principal K. Singh)



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In response to the overnight question, there are no overnight visits to the colleges/universities

- Council member asked, what about trips to universities such as MIT?

(Ans by Amarilis Torello - SPANISH Teacher/COSA)

For visits to colleges/universities outside of NYC, a coach bus would need to be chartered as Yellow Bus service only operates within the 5 boroughs. School would pay for the coach bus, students attending would pay a [trip fee]. Advised by utilizing partnerships within the community these trips would not be possible.

Final words from Principal K Singh:

It's all about partnerships with students, community and families

- Motion by Parliamentarian Chivone Paulson to adjourn meeting
 - Seconded by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper

Meeting adjourned for 8:28pm



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(Community Education Council) CEC 27 Business Meeting Minutes

September 16th, 2024

- Business Meeting called into order by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper at 8:30pm.

Roll call of Members present:

- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper
- 1st Vice Pres. Beatrice Reid
- 2nd Vice Pres. Anthony Persaud
- Parliamentarian Chivone Paulson
- BP Appointee Samone Stroman
- Treasurer Estherll Dorancy
- Melissa McAllister
- Samantha Mohondhis

- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper informed council members upcoming PA/PTA quarterly meetings will be for next month, October with all the PA/PTAs.
 - Will meet with Teresa (Family Leadership Coordinator) as pending Presidents Council Elections which should be done before the month of September is over.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper turned discussion to Liaison List.
 - Appears schools are missing from the Liaison List. Asked members to review and to send any information regarding the Liaison List to AA Josie.
 - Melissa McAllister to email the most updated Liaison List from Recording Secretary Rebecca Behle to AA Josie.
 - If there is any overlap with any councilmember, encouraged to partner for visits.



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- Email AA Josie availability for school visits and she will facilitate visit along with paperwork needed.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper turned discussion to Committee List
 - Per 2nd Vice President Anthony Persaud, BP Appointee Samone Stroman will be on the committee for Transportation & School Building Safety.
 - AA to update Committee List
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper turned discussion to By-Laws Committee
 - Asked if 1st Vice President Reid can review the By-Laws, not sure if anything overlooked when President Lisa Johnson-Cooper reviewed.
 - Also asked if any council members had any additions to please share
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper turned discussion to Parent Engagement Committee
 - Complimented Principal Singh on a good turnout.
 - Need to work with Family Leadership Coordinator Teresa Cantante, SLTs (School Leadership Teams) as well as PA/PTAs to assist with parent involvement
 - Emphasis also on the promotion of the CEC 27 website
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper turned discussion to Upcoming CEC 27 meeting locations
 - As AA Josie on vacation, President Lisa Johnson-Cooper confirmed the following schools for
 - October – P.S. 273Q
 - November – The Bay School, P.S./M.S. 105Q
 - December – Pre-K Center Site #464, 185 Beach 99th Street
 - January – Captain Vincent G Fowler School, P.S. 108Q
 - AA Josie to confirm the following school for



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- February – Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, P.S. 66Q
 - March – Waterside School for leadership, M.S. 318Q
 - April – R. Vernam School, P.S./M.S. 42
 - May – Wave Preparatory Elementary School, P.S. 362Q
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- Superintendent Norment, advised of P.S. 108Q tragedy. Council members advised would reach out to the school community

 - BP Appointee, Samone Stroman, inquired as to the date for Discovery Day
 - Per Superintendent Norment, October 21st will be the next Discovery Day
 - Flyers, media and notices to be sent out
 - Looking forward to make this year an even bigger success
 - Deputy Superintendent Compson advised links for materials in the chat and available upon request.

 - Reminder from President Lisa Johnson-Cooper for Liaison Report from Treasurer Estherll Dorancy for October meeting.
 - Recognition from councilmembers for her completion of the Liaison Report

 - Acknowledgement from BP Appointee Samone Stroman to Superintendent Norment regarding the training at John Adams High School.
 - Was able to meet with everyone one on one, as well as those working with IEP
 - Much information given and questions well answered.

 - Superintendent Norment thanked BP Appointee Samone Stroman for acknowledgement as the District has more IEP students than other Districts have students.



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- Informed Council members District 27 has 96% of students with IEPs getting serviced and were recognized by Chancellor Banks for that achievement
 - Investing even more by getting more parent involvement and informing parents on various options aside from placement into a special education class to better advocate for children
 - Parliamentarian Chivone Paulson asked whether the Family Welcome Center on Sutphin Blvd would be expanding? Some days standing room only in the Welcome Center.
 - Superintendent Norment informed council members the Family Welcome Center location on Sutphin is outside of his control.
 - He advised a satellite location in the works at the Goldie Maple School. More information to come when that is complete
 - Treasurer Estherll Dorancy had a question for 1st VP Reid regarding starting the CEC 27 newsletter.
 - 1st VP Reid had to step out but President Lisa Johnson-Cooper advised reaching out in regards to that
 - Superintendent Norment advised a District 27 Newsletter weekly for the Principals.
 - Deputy Superintendent M. Compson, advised that if there are any CEC 27 events, activities that can be incorporated into the newsletter to share with the District 27 team. Possible work on a CEC 27 Corner on the newsletter
 - President Lisa Johnson-Cooper made motion to adjourn the meeting
 - 2nd VP Anthony Persaud seconded the motion
- **CEC 27 Business Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm**