

November 23 CEC24 Meeting Minutes

Good Evening and Thank you for attending the CEC24 November 23rd Meeting.

Attendees: Ferdie Lee, Connie Altamirano, Mohammad Hossen, Henry Choi, Anthony Fratto, John D’Amico, Johanna Pineda, Sandy Jimenez, Jose Ramirez, Matthew Crescio and Michael Conigliaro was excused.

Madelene Chan, Juliana Federoff, James Leahy, Andrea Longo, Arthur Gnecco, Jo Ann Trani, John Harrington, Julianne Bacot, Student Representative, Robert Quintanna, Talmech Williams, Robert Aiello

Approval of minutes were approved by Connie Altamirano and Henry Choi.

CEC Meeting Superintendent’s Report November 23, 2021

1. New Executive Superintendent

Executive Superintendent Mabel Sarduy retired on November 4, 2021 and we wish her the very best. Dr. DeGovia, current Executive Superintendent of Queens South BCO, will take on additional responsibilities and oversee management and operations at both Queens South and Queens North BCOs beginning November 5, 2021.

2. SEL Screener (Strong Resilient NYC)

As part of the NYCDOE Strong Resilient NYC program, K-12 schools will be prioritizing the social-emotional and mental wellness of our students. For the 2020-2021 school year, every student will benefit from social-emotional screener as part of the Strong Resilient NYC initiative.

- The deadline for teachers to complete the initial screener is 12/4
- Parents will receive a composite report which includes a summative score
- If you would like to see the results of your child’s screener, you can set up an in-person or remote meeting with the principal
- You can also request a copy of the results after the meeting

Parents can opt-out at any time by contacting their child’s principal

3. 2022 NYC Public School Admissions Guide is now available online!

This guide helps students and families participate in the admissions process. The guide provides information on NYCDOE schools and will be available for students and families who may be applying to:

- 3-K (children born in 2019)
- Pre-K (children born in 2018) • Kindergarten (children born in 2017)
- Middle School (current 5th graders)
- High School (current 8th graders)

The NYC Schools' Directory has been updated with new information about each school for the upcoming admissions process. Families are encouraged to use this to explore school options.

- Explore school options.

Use the MySchools.nyc schools' directory to find detailed information about schools of interest; you can also search for schools by course offerings, location, sports, accessibility, and more.

- Get to know your child's current school guidance counselor. They will be your best guide through the admissions process this year. **Parents can begin applying to schools in January 2022.**

Visit <https://schools.nyc.gov/enrollment> for more information

4. Specialized High Schools Admissions Test Updates

DOE middle schools will administer the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) to their current students in grade 8 on December 2.

- Students who registered to take the exam will receive their ticket during the week of November 22. The tickets will be available in the **MySchools.nyc** portal.
- Each student's test ticket will show their test location, test date, arrival time, and testing accommodations (if applicable). Students should bring their test ticket to the test site on the day of the test.

5. Covid-19 Update Since the 10/26/21 CEC meeting, there have been 163 confirmed Covid cases in District 24 schools (PreK-8) To see daily classroom closings – parents and community members can go to <https://schools.nyc.gov> and search for "Classroom Closures".

Let's welcome our Student Representative - Julianne Bacot, a senior at Brooklyn Tech High School. Julianne is the treasurer in her high school club. Julianne is the treasurer of the Filipino Culture Club in her high school. A member of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls (IORG) which is an organization for food drives, donations and fundraisers for the charity of the current term.

Julianne wanted to serve on the CEC because this school year is different than previous ones and I want to be able to voice my opinions as well as those of my peers.

The Deadline for the Screener is December 4th. Kindergarten through 12 grade is prioritized and thank you to the amazing teachers who have prepared themselves to oversee all the children.

Madelene Chan has presented the Contracts for Excellence (C4E)

C4E has set aside amount from State Foundation Aid. It may not be less than the prior year's set aside amount, unless the Commissioner expressly establishes a different amount.

The monies must be distributed to schools that meet certain requirements and must be spent by those schools in designated program areas. Funds must support specific program initiatives.

Class Size Reduction

Opening additional class sections, creating more classrooms or school buildings with priority given to pre-K through grade 12 students in overcrowded schools, school improvements,

Time on Task

Programs focusing on students who may require additional or increased individual attention

Middle and High School Restructuring

Instructional and structural changes in middle and high schools to support class size reduction

Teacher and Principal Quality Initiatives

Programs supporting development and retention of high quality teachers and principals for raising achievement in struggling schools

Model Programs for English Language Learners

Programs supporting schools in adopting best practices for raising achievement among ELL

Some of the goals are outlined in the school Comprehensive Educational Plan (SCEP), such as ELL, Students in Poverty, Disabilities and with low Academic Achievement or At Risk Funds most supplement \$348 million is distributed through school allocations.

Special Education Presentation

Connie Altamirano, CEC Member and IEP Representative set up a Special Education presentation with staff of the Department of Education. They are:

Ms. Chelsea Kramer, School Psychologist from PS/IS 128, Email CKramer7@schools.nyc.gov

Mr. Govanny Quintuna, Social Worker from PS 28, Email GQuintuna@schools.nyc.gov

Ms. Andrea Longo, IEP Teacher, Special Education Liaison from PS 28, Email ALongo5@schools.nyc.gov

Antonietta Inzerelli, Administrative off Special Education, NYC Department of Education

Ms. Antonietta Inzerelli had to leave early from the meeting. Ms. Inzerelli's email is AInzerelli@schools.nyc.gov

You can always reach out to Madelene Chan and her office. MChan2@schools.nyc.gov and the telephone number is 718-592-3357. If you have any questions for any of the speakers or Connie Altamirano, please contact them. Connie's email is ConnieAlt1CECD24@gmail.com

Congratulations to Connie and the guest speakers for a very educated presentation.

Connie thanked the guest speakers for doing an amazing job and means the world to me. The best advocate if yourself and ask many questions. Thank you Ms. Chan.

Old/New Business

Henry Choi, to choose this availability for Middle Schools and High Schools is not fair to the children to make a decision for schools. The Mayor has no answer. 2020 is almost gone and will not be making the any decisions. The Catholic test was already given. The Mayor and Central should get the job done, public school applications to try to get in their choice. As a parent mentioned, take the TAC Test. Parents have no direction in choosing middle schools or high schools.

Another parent mentioned the Social Emotional documents are keeping secrets from parents and the parents are upset.

Many parents have opted out. To get and see your child's survey, you must make an appointment with the teacher.

Ferdie Lee,

Welcome to our team, Julianne Bacot. She is a senior at Brooklyn Tech High School

Her parents are heavily involved in her education and always communicate with the parents, and teachers. Julianne said she is happy to be part of the CEC and hope to offer communication to education, DOE issues, concerns, suggestions and solutions to speak to other parents and children in our neighborhood and community.

Some of the members spoke with their liaison schools. They either visited the school or did a zoom with the principals.

John Harrington, from the UFT

There is a bill to lower class size. City is not willing to pay for it, what about the UFT? Uft.org/petition timeline. Instead of building tons of schools, lower the class size.

1-5 grades - 31 students safety issues

1938 occupancy city council to work for our kids in the schools.

Adjournment at 8:24 pm with John D'Amico and Connie Altamirano.

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Administrative Assistant

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