



## Community Education Council 24

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### DRAFT CEC24 Calendar Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2026 @ PS 71

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#### Call to Order/Welcome

. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by CEC24 President Matthew Crescio

#### Roll Call: Gina Liberta, 1st Vice President

. **Present:** Matthew Crescio, Gina Liberta, Kate Barvels, Anna Karwowska, Manisha Jain, Aliya Bonar, Brian Augustine

#### Excused: Julissa McHugh

. Quorum reached

#### Parent Interview

- The candidate did not attend
- Last month, the Council interviewed a candidate; however, one member was excused from the meeting and did not have the opportunity to vote. A new roll call vote was conducted at tonight's meeting, but the motion did not pass.
- Additionally, Maribell Perez-McDaniel, from FACE, reported that there are currently three vacancies. She explained that if no candidates apply within 60 days, the Chancellor will appoint individuals to fill the parent vacancies. As of this meeting, more than 60 days have passed since August 2025.

#### . CEC24 President's Report

- This past month, I have met with the Mosaic Pre-K team regarding three new sites. The Department of School Facilities (DSF), represented by Carmine Franzese, has reviewed all locations. The Fresh Pond Road Mosaic site includes 16 classrooms; however, the City has currently offered only one classroom, while

the Mosaic team has indicated they are able to fill the remaining 15 classrooms. Matt Crescio, CEC 24 President; Superintendent Anthony Rivera; Artie Gnecco, Principal of Mosaic Pre-K; and Carmine Franzese of the Department of School Facilities will meet to discuss this matter further.

### **Comptroller SCA Audit Update**

- Comptroller conducting audit of SCA (projects, building conditions, communication)
- D24 survey submitted (approx. 7 pages of issues)
- BCAS Level 4–5 deficiencies compiled for all schools
- Spreadsheet shared with D24 office (98 pages, organized by school)
- Document to support members in liaison school discussions

### **District Leadership Team Meeting**

- Attended the DLT meeting and suggested cursive writing. Many years ago, former Superintendent Madelene Chan had supported implementing cursive writing in all schools. While many changes have occurred in recent years, there is hope to continue this initiative.

The District 24 Town Hall is June 1st at IS 73.

### **District 24 Superintendent Anthony Rivera's Report**

- A reminder that the District 24 Town Hall with Chancellor Kamar Samuels will take place on Monday, June 1, from 6:30–7:30 PM. Light food and refreshments will be served beginning at 5:30 PM. All are encouraged to bring a family member or friend to attend the meeting and enjoy a performance by I.S. 73, as well as remarks from the Chancellor.
- On April 29th, the **Cups and Convo with the Superintendent** was held by over 200 families.
- NY State Math Testing - for Grades 3 - 8 had a technical disruption.
- The Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) has notified schools of their assigned Community - Based Organizations (CBOs).

## . Awards Committee

- Students and Staff from IS 61, PS 91, IS 93, PS/IS 113, and PS/IS 119
- The Queens Basketball Champions Team, the Lady Wolves from PS/IS 49

## . Resolutions

**Amended Resolution No. 199, Sponsored by Matthew Crescio, On Improving School Governance under Mayoral Control of New York City Public Schools**

Resolution No. 199 was amended at the CEC meeting and approved.

**Amended Resolution No. 200, Sponsored by Matthew Crescio, Urging the New York City Department of Education to Implement Universal Screening and Testing for Gifted and Talented Programs Beginning in Second Grade**

Resolution No. 200, was amended at the CEC24 Meeting and will be discussed.

**Resolution No. 202, Sponsored by Gina Liberta, Co-Sponsor by Julissa McHugh and Manisha Jain**

Resolution Recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month and Promotion Parent Awareness, Student Protections and Bullying Prevention in District 24

Resolution No. 202, will be tabled for the June 1st meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

**CEC24 Business Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order/Welcome**

- The Meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm by CEC24 President Matthew Crescio

### **Recording Secretary's Report**

- . CEC24 Members approved the CEC24 May Minutes

### **Treasurer's Report by Anna Karwowska, Treasurer**

- . April Treasurer's Report approved by members

### **Committee Reports**

#### **School Facilities Committee**

- Matt Crescio and Kate Barvels has been on many calls with Public School's 7 Principal, and DSF

#### **Social Media Committee**

- **Instagram**
- The Instagram account is now operational, and there has been significant engagement.
- **Facebook**
- Aliya Bonar has been working to set up an account. Gina Liberta will assist in establishing the account, and the Administrative Assistant will help post information.

#### **Old Business**

- Discussion on the Town Hall Meeting Questions

The Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm

Minutes Submitted by:

Janet Kregler, CEC24 Administrative Assistant.

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