



Community Education Council 24

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May 27th CEC24 Minutes at Public School 58

Attendance: Matthew Crescio, Connie Altamirano, Michael Martizano, Juny Adames, Johanna Pineda, Anna Karwowska, Manisha Jain

Absent: Guo Zhou

Attendees: I.A. Superintendent Anthony Rivera, Rachel Lewis, Jose Jimenez, Kanye Smith, Principal Justine Lucas of PS 143, Charlie Vavruska, Representative to Councilmember to Robert Holden, Maribell Perez-McDaniel from FACE

Matthew Crescio's President Report:

We were notified today regarding the C37 meeting. The Chancellors Town Hall Virtual Meeting for the Superintendent will be Wednesday, June 11th at 7:00 pm. The CEC has expedited the process while the current members of this Council are present. If not, we would have to start fresh with a new board and start the process all over again.

Also, in the past few weeks, Connie Altamirano, I.A. Superintendent Rivera and his team, and I have had meetings regarding the new school on 69th street and Queens Boulevard in Woodside, PS 340Q. It will be a new school that will open in the 2026-2027 school year. We are in the process of evaluating applications that were submitted to the SLT.

Each school will have to have a language access coordinator to meet with families and see what languages are needed. We are still working on getting translations for PTA Events.

I.A. Superintendent Rivera's Report

May Events in some of the D24 schools:

Two students from PS/IS 49 took 1st place in the New York State History Day Competition. The Junior group exhibits the category and the title of the work. Their project was the Kent State Massacre of tension between the protests and the borrowers.

- A. Johanna Pineda mentioned that we need more seats for the Corona area. As I.A. Superintendent Rivera said it depends on each school, how many seats and District Planning.



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B. The battle of the boroughs, Minecraft builds challenges in a competition designed to engage New York City school students in shaping the future of their day.

By participating in the challenge students get to explore the 5 boroughs, virtually interact with local officials and learn more about the city's improvement efforts. The result is that students develop their thinking skills and problem solving in a fun way.

Thank you to PS 7, IS 61, PS 71, PS 91, PS 143 and PS 239.

May 15th was the D24 Civic Showcase. As we celebrate navigating through our 1st year as a Civics Football partner district which will improve schools. The presentations were incredible. They highlighted civics for curriculum activities, projects and celebrations, participatory budget processes, and progress. Students from 16 schools also got on stage to share their projects. Shout out to the team and to those students who participated.

In the last few weeks, we held two Hiring Fairs, we hosted one and then Queens north hosted the successful hiring fairs.

CEC24 has two extraordinary fairs within District 24.

Both these fairs, Special Education Fair, The Rise Up Fair and the ELL Fair were well attended by hundreds of families. The team set out to provide a series of workshops virtually to families and students across the district.

One fair was presented by Connie Altamirano, Vice President and IEP Representative for CEC24 and her 2nd Annual Rise Up Fair at Public School 229 on May 10th which hundreds of parents attended and received advice from different vendors. The children had fun doing Arts n crafts.

The other fair was presented by Johanna Pineda, ELL Representative for CEC24. The ELL Fair was held at PS 16. Hundreds of parents came out for this fair on May 17th and Principal Katherine Rodriguez was proud of Johanna's accomplishments.

Resolution 181 – Charter Schools

It was approved by the CEC24 members at this meeting.

Matthew Crescio discussed the Superintendent Evaluation which is due at the end of June 2025.



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The Certificate Committee discussed having a celebration to Thank the PTA and PA Presidents at the June meeting. Flyers will go out shortly.

The C4E Presentation will occur at the June 10th meeting along with Yelena Nagdimov, Budget Director and .I.A. Superintendent Anthony Rivera.

See you at Public School 14 on the 10th of June.

Adjournment.

Janet Kregler

Administrative Assistant

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CEC24 May 27th Minutes were approved at the June 10th meeting.

Janet Kregler

May 27, 2025