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Desiree Barter, Principal

School Leadership Team of CS 262 Minutes for October 15, 2025 Meeting

Start Time: 6:09p.m

Attendance:

Administration:

Desiree Barter, Principal

CBO-Global Kids Representatives:

Altagracia Figueroa, Community School Director of Global Kids CBO

Teresa Marie Jackson, Program Coordinator of Global Kids CBO

Teachers/Staff

Shaudé Tyson, UFT Chapter Leader/SLT Chair

Ms. Thomas-Hume- CS 262 Teacher

Ms. Hamson- Excused Absence

Ms. Foster- Excused Absence

Parents:

Luzett Logan, PTA President/Parent-Absent

Angela Cortez, Parent

Dominique Simon, Parent

Julius Geradeau, Parent

Jennifer Hickson, Parent

The SLT meeting commenced with Ms. Barter allowing all SLT members to introduce themselves to one another. Additionally Principal Barter discussed the purpose of the SLT meeting. Ms. Tyson took the Minutes for today's School Leadership Team meeting.

PTA Updates - given by Ms. Logan

PTA Budget Update:

- Ms. Logan shared that there is \$175 remaining in the PTA account from last school year.

Upcoming Fundraiser:

- The first fundraising event will take place on Friday, October 16, 2025.

Halloween Parade:

- The PTA will donate candy for the school's Halloween Parade.

Bake & Candy Sale:

- Bake and candy sales will occur every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch periods (11:00 AM – 12:45 PM).

Picture Day:

- Picture Day is scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2025.
- Parents are asked to pay in advance; no money will be collected on Picture Day.



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Receipts:

- Ms. Cortez inquired about receipts for Picture Day payments.
- Receipts will be provided by Ms. Rodriguez or Ms. Brimage once payment is received.

Graduation Pictures:

- Ms. Logan shared that 5th Grade and 3K- Pre-K Graduation pictures will be scheduled separately and announced in advance.

Global Kids Update-given by Mrs. Altamaria Figueroa

- Global Kids is currently working to move students from the waiting list.
- We have already opened additional seats in Kindergarten, and we are in the process of onboarding the next group so we can release more spots soon.
- Ms. A shared that this year's schedule is full of exciting opportunities for students. They have already started cooking classes and are really enjoying the experience. We also received our new LEGO materials, and students have been having a great time engaging in our LEGO STEM activities.
- Next week, Global Kids will be hosting a Lights On Family After-School STEM and Enrichment Event on Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 4:00 PM–5:30 PM. Parents and guardians will have the chance to come in and participate as the scholar in one of our enrichment classes. A flyer with a QR code to sign up has been shared and is also available. Seats are limited, so we encourage families to register as soon as possible.

Class options include:

- Global Arts (DIY Projects)
- Fitness
- LEGO Education
- Cooking
- Global Kids will also continue with our school traditions this season. We are planning to host our Thanksgiving Parade in the hallway, and we are preparing for a big holiday show. Ms. T is already working with the students, and the excitement is growing!
- Ms. A stated there is a lot happening, and we are truly excited for everything we have planned for our students and families



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School Updates -provided by Principal Barter and Ms. Tyson

School & Community Updates

We have several exciting events and opportunities happening at CS 262:

Dental Services (School-Based Partnership) because we are a Community School, partnership with the dental services program will begin tomorrow and Friday. Due to the large number of students who signed up, an additional day has been added on Tuesday.

- Thursday & Friday: Scheduled dental visits
- Tuesday: Make-up/Overflow day for students who were absent or not seen
We are looking for volunteers to assist as runners—helping escort students to and from classrooms. Even one hour of support is appreciated.

No School Monday – Diwali-October 20, 2025

- School will be closed on Monday in celebration of Diwali.
On Friday, Ms. Thomas will share cultural learning and wear traditional attire to help students learn more about the holiday.

Unity Day – Wednesday, October 22, 2025

This day focuses on building positive peer relationships, teamwork, and kindness.

We are asking all students and staff to wear something orange.

Breast Cancer Awareness Day – Friday, October 24, 2025

Students and staff are encouraged to wear pink.

Weather permitting, we will hold a Breast Cancer Awareness March at 1:00 PM.

- If weather is good: march outside
- If not: march inside the school
- Poster boards will be provided for classrooms to create awareness posters.

Halloween Parade & Festivities-Friday, October 31, 2025

- Halloween is a big celebration in our school community.
- We are asking for candy donations. Thank you to those who have already contributed!



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- Students will participate in a Halloween Parade through the building where they will say “Trick or Treat” at designated stops. Treat bags have already been purchased for all students.

Important:

There will be no afterschool on Halloween.

Dismissal will be at 2:20 PM.

Fundraising initiatives

- Additional fundraising will take place on days when the PTA is not holding fundraisers.
- The Holiday Show is scheduled for December 17, 2025.
- Holiday Door Decoration Contest will also take place — teachers, begin planning your designs!

Schoolyard Renovation

- The main schoolyard will be renovated soon.
- Construction may begin before the cold weather, and will occur in phases.
- The schoolyard will be updated with new concrete and improved play areas.

Impact on Dismissal

- During construction, dismissal will move to the front of the school.
- Students may exit through:
 - The Main Entrance
 - The Auditorium Entrance (to be confirmed)

Recess Adjustments

- Small playground will be used for:
 - 3K & Pre-K
 - Kindergarten
 - 1st Grade
 - 2nd Grade
 - 3rd Grade (if appropriate)
- Grades 4 and 5 may also use the small yard depending on how students respond.
- If additional recess space is needed, the following options are being considered:
 - Using the small park next to the school (with careful supervision)
 - Requesting the precinct to block off McDonough Street during recess to create a safe play area.
- A team discussion will be scheduled next month to plan recess activities for older students.



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- Ideas for creating a recess choice board for students to engage in during lunch time. (Possible ideas were: Mindfulness Room Time, Permit for street play, Movie Day, Gym, Game Days, Children's Book Club, once the ideas are solidified we can create a student choice board posted in our school cafeteria.)

School Workshops

- Ms. Hickson- discussed having math workshops again this school year.
- Mrs. Thomas-Hume would like to volunteer her time to Kindergarten math workshops, especially math word problems.

Title 1 Funds:

We have a total \$1,489.00 parent portion that needs to be spent. Our Title 1 PAC person is Ms. Vivian Ritchie. Title 1 funds are strictly for Parents.

Middle School Applications

November 6, 2025 parent meeting regarding Middle Applications with Mrs. Sutton and Ms. Brimage.

Sustainability & Garden Partnership Update-Ms. Tyson

- Ms. Barter provided Ms. Hamson and Ms. Tyson with the opportunity to attend the Food Education Partnership Fair on September 26, 2025 from that event, we are moving forward with a potential partnership with Nature Based New York, a garden education organization.
- As part of their support, Nature Based NY offers free garden consultations, and they will be visiting our school to assess the outdoor space and discuss how we can transform it into a functional garden area.
- During the fair, Ms. Tyson also shared updates about our ongoing work with Global Kids and explained that we have many of the necessary materials we simply need to support getting the project up and running. They were very encouraged by this and excited to collaborate.
- The initial planning meeting with Nature Based NY is scheduled for next Wednesday, October 22, 2025.
- Additionally, Ms. Barter connected us with a 3K/Pre-K parent who is interested in supporting this sustainability initiative, which is wonderful news for building community involvement.



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- Ms. Tyson completed the Sustainability Plan yesterday Tuesday, October 14, 2025. One of our school community goals this year is to officially launch our Green Team. With the support of these partnerships.
- Nature Based NY is already actively partnered with the Brooklyn Green School in Rochester, which means they have some familiarity with District 16 and have a strong foundation for collaboration. Ms. Tyson is excited for the growth and opportunities ahead with our school garden.

Questions/comments/Concerns: None at this time