

Community Education Council District 8 Annual, Calendar and Business Meeting
August 31, 2021 Office of the Bronx Executive Superintendent In-Person and Zoom

Calendar Meeting // 6:17 PM Call to Order

Quorum: 6 members at 6:35p, began meeting with 5

In Attendance: Lourdes Jibodh, Latoya Coleman, Sandra DeJesus, Gina Staton(late), Sabrina Rocchio, Aurora Ronda

Present (online): Superintendent Joynt

Absent: Sharaf Alghaithi, Crystal Brockington (excused), Farah Depeignes(excused), Ismaila Mamanedan, Anjelica Vasquez

Pledge of Allegiance: Aurora Ronda

Members Report:

Aurora Ronda: E-Rap applications, seniors procure with help that is needed. School Uniforms, hitting parent's pockets very hard-feeling stressful/ sharing PC information. Borough President postponed Bookbag giveaway that was schedule at Williams Bridge Park.

Sandra DeJesus: Supporting food pantries, 6 Book Bag Giveaways (~3000 units), Talent Day

Gina Staton: In touch with parents in the District, what the Homecoming Plan is, the lack of Virtual Remote option, Uniform options, training, and meetings. Research and resolution writing for next month.

Lourdes Jibodh: Working with parents on the remote option, attending different meetings and still requesting a time of demand from supportive parents who want remote option. Uniforms for the parents who are feeling constraints; A665 Policy of the Chancellor that provides certain exceptions for parents. Also if school is Title I, provision that supports students who are in need of certain things, like uniforms. Example: Provide 1 shirt for the student. If you don't say something to someone (Principal, Counselor, CEC member), before complaining have the conversation of your concerns and needs.

Lourdes Jibodh Despeignes (on behalf of Farah Despeignes): CEC 8 has been busy with leading on the forefront Bronx PLAG, and calling on Remote Option. Legislative Roundtables with Congressman Ritchie Torres, Jamaal Bowman, CSA President Mark Cannizzaro and State Senator John Liu. We have joined other parent groups outside our borough and continue to support within.

Committee on Education: Hearing Wednesday September 1st at 10am

Chancellor Meisha Porter will hold Family Forums, 2 sessions, Wednesday September 1st

Quorum met

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Motions are as follows:

- Table Approval of July 14 Meeting minutes by Aurora Ronda, 2nd by Sandra DeJesus
 - Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 5
- Accept Fiscal Budget Pending Future Amendments by Aurora Ronda, 2nd Latoya Coleman
 - Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 5
 - Clarification of Budget Breakdown by Lourdes Jibodh
- Accept School Liaison List Pending Future Changes by Gina Staton, 2nd by Aurora Ronda
 - Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 5
- Accept Bylaw with Pending Hybrid/Virtual meeting options by Aurora Ronda, 2nd by Sandra DeJesus
 - Yes: 6 No: 0 Absent: 5

Erendida, AA Spoke

Happy Birthday Sandra

Superintendent Joynt: State of the District

- 5 year Strategic Plan 3K-5, starting with 2021-22 school year.
- District 8 Goals:
 - Reduce #s performing below grade level in ELA by 10% by the DRP and Acadience. Increase the # of students performing on or above grade level (3 and 4) in ELA by 10% as measured by the DRP and Acadience.
 - Reduce the # of students performing below grade in math by 10% as measured by the NWEA MAP Assessment and iReady. Increase the # of students performing on or above grade level (3 and 4) and Math by 10% as measured by NWEA MAP or iReady.
 - June 2022, develop and train school teams to serve as expert in implementing the tenets or CRSE Framework and will continue to integrate MTSS across all schools in District 8 based on screener outcomes.
 - June 2022, D8 principals, Aps, teachers and staff will develop their equity lens and strengthen their focus on a Culturally Responsive and Sustaining School Environment. We will utilize NYS CRSE Framework.
 - June 2022, D8 schools will implement daily relationship building practices to foster supportive and inclusive communities so students and parents feel safe, affirmed, and ready to engage in learning experience.
- Health and Safety Covid-19 regulations when visiting schools
- Work hard and by kind: Monthly awards, community members

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- **Q;** Lourdes, Member: PBIS: How are we prepared to provide/support families who are worried on this coming year? For parents' who are not willing to send their children to campus?
- **A;** Super JJ: Encourage to reach out to the school directly. We are not mind readers. Call your Principals/AP/PC's/District/Council members, we need to know what's on your mind- share fears, worries; honest feelings and instructional losses. We've been through a lot in 18 months, initial step is to come to one of these homecoming events. We are all here for the young people to be present in schools. One of my goals, as well as Dr. Tobia, is the social and emotional learning and wellness. To make sure young people are ready to learn, are they well (mentally and is the heart in the right place?).

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Public Session

Q; Sandra, Member: At PS 48 health and wellness check, why are other schools are not doing similarly? I think that is something that should be put into action, as it can help parents. We've done Zoom meetings which we've spoken to mental health workers, therapists. If you can get some of that into other schools, it would help answer questions many parents have.

A; Super JJ: I did not know PS 48 was implementing that. Building the Parent Advisory Group with me would help share best practices done in one location and can be implemented in others locations.

Q; Gina, Member: Chairing the Mental Health committee, trying to organize how to implement programs/ events to the community through the year. I am definitely open to suggestions. If anyone would like to suggest needs for their student that would help.

Erendida, AA; **Announcement:** Many attendees are coming from schools and it is appreciated; it means a lot, and I highly encourage to ask questions to begin building the bridge. I am working with the council to rework the committees within. Before the September meeting, we can be full force. We will have a definition of each committee and I am proud of this group of people who are excited to reach out to the community and who want to work in tandem with the school staff and district. We are defining who we are. I get to see things that are going to cultivate from the ground up. Knowing we have the platform to push positivity that is what I am looking for, moments of opportunity and improvement that means we are doing what matters the most.

Aurora, Member; **Announcement:** CB9 Youth and Education Committee Community meeting September 9 at 7p, via WebEx

Motion to Adjourn by Aurora Ronda, 2nd by Sandra DeJesus @ 7:14p

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Working Business Meeting // Call to Order at 7:15 PM

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Absent: Sharaf Alghaithi, Crystal Brockington(excused), Farah Despeignes (excused), Ismaila Mamanedan, Anjelica Vasquez

CEC 8 meeting Locations: Brought by the attention from member Aurora Ronda, that Madame Governor Hochul amended the OML

Farah: Got word from an elected official

2 Locations: Post problems, not to be super spreaders

1st Locations: PS 182 District Office: 2nd Meeting: Zerega/BES

Q Lourdes: How prepared are we? What is plan B for learning?

A JJ: Right now there is essentially no plan B, at least in our district. Going back in person is the only option.

Q Gina : Election Day is scheduled as a Remote Learning Day, does that mean there is a plan in place for day like that and 'Snow Days'?

A Super JJ Election Day > Remote Learning Day, as Snow Days, too. Told Principals to share with teachers to maintain a Google Classroom. There will be materials for students to engage in. If they are quarantining, access class work via Google Classroom. What is unclear is if there will be a live instruction/synchronous instruction. UFT/CSA/Unions will have to speak up on that.

Protocols/ Relations in regard to remote, guidelines are vague.

Q: Lourdes How will support look like for students with IEP, specifically for high needs?

A Super JJ: No guidance has been given about that. Those questions have come up but no specifics. No clarity if it's a single teacher or online via a hub.

Q Lourdes: Students with accommodations: is to treat the house hold and not just 1 students per household. What are the protocols/ideas regarding supporting the whole family. Medical exemption only covers 1 student but excludes the rest of the siblings.

A Super JJ: Let me define what exemption means. 1st: Nothing to do with medical, parent becomes the teacher. Parent adhere certain instructional barometers per the DOE. "POD Concept" 2nd: Home Instruction, Medical Doctor approval > Designates home

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instructor per DOE > Instructor would come to students' home, only applies to child with medical clearance. It's not a permanent option as it's medically evaluated.

Q Lourdes: How about a home with a mix of IEP and regular learning?

A Super JJ: For a mix household, have not heard an answer family support.

Q Latoya: What will happen if I don't send my kids school? I'm here because they (my kids) motivate me. Haven't heard of a remote option, and wouldn't want ACS called on for student negligence.

A Super JJ: No one should be calling ACS, this is not neglect/ it's the opposite. Should not be played at all. Info is not privy from DOE not D8.

Q Latoya: Also the list of immunocompromised does not have Asthma. Asthmatic is not on the medical list. Not enough to be awarded home instruction.

A Super JJ: people have different degrees of Asthma, work with the doctor to build the case to be awarded the medical accommodation.

Aurora: Parent has a child who is immunocompromised as is no the list; says the link is broken; highly interested > DBN > Home Instruction

A Super JJ: Chancellor Porter: pages 9-13, link works, Not Broken. Attempt to use another Web Browser. Principal/PC: List will be emailed, PA list of the remainder to hold elections.

Question: Home Instruction is usually reserved for medical conditions. I have spoken to a parent in D8 who is immunocompromised. She is terrified to send kids and have them bring something home. Is there anything likelihood that the home instruction office would approve paperwork about the parent?

A JJ: It's worth a shot. In that particular case, mom has medical condition/immunocompromised, it's worth trying until she is told no.

Sabrina: just wondering the roles and responsibilities of the council member when it came to school liaisons.

Q JJ Define role of Liaison

AA Lourdes: In reality, liaison to SLT, opening the door to ask for those SLT meeting dates, We support, needs (e.g.capital needs), know about the good things happening what is happening on campus, show us the building, construction authority related(report at a certain time of the year). And open door from the school to the rest of the community.

Q JJ: What is your hope for setting up these meetings? Is it requesting them or the principal reaching out to schedule these initial meetings?

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AA: AA reach out to the principal, communicate who the liaisons are. Principals were taking the initiative to the members (especially during shutdown), would be great to be included in the school culture. We are at the table with school faculty and families.

Q JJ: One Campus (whole building); Maybe 1 parent? An advantage is one person of the council messages was not shared. Many numbers, reassured support existed.

A Council: Conflict of Interest

AA Erendida: Microphones and Camcorder, table the information as we are going Virtual for September, October, November and December.

September 15th meeting will overlap with Yom Kippur Holiday, announcing changes soon.

Motion to Adjourn by Aurora Ronda, 2nd by Latoya Coleman @ 8:04p

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