

Citywide Council for District 75

MINUTES CALENDAR MEETING

Date: January 9, 2019 **Time:** 6:30 PM – 9:00PM

Location: P369K@HB69 Adams Street High School
283 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

MEETING CALLED BY	John Camacho, President
FACILITATOR	John Camacho, President
TIME KEEPER	Hasan Sonny Dibra, Council Member
ROLL CALL & NOTE TAKER	Diane McNeil, Secretary and Public Advocate Appointee
ATTENDEES	Nosheen Kanwal, Council Member, Excused, John Camacho, President, Present, Hasan Sonny Dibra, Council Member, Present, Diane McNeil, PAA/Recording Secretary, Present, Armando Perez, Council Member, Absent, Craig E. Spencer, Council Member, Present, Amy Ming Tsai, Council Member, Present, Latisha Corbett, Treasurer, Excused, Tiffany Lawson, Council Member, Present
MEETING START	Start: 6: 40 pm Adjourn: 8:50 pm

Minutes

Agenda Item: Presidents Report

Presenter: John Camacho, President

- ◆ Surveys were distributed to District 75 parents and 627 surveys was returned, citywide.
- ◆ The outcome and other related information will be posted on the council website.
- ◆ Mentioned the February Calendar Meeting at Tweed Courthouse, topic and guest speaker.
- ◆ Newly appointed by council roll call vote Amy Ming Tsai will serve as the Chair of the Committee on Busing and Safety.
- ◆ The council met with Dr. Linda P. Chen at 721Q and she provide the council with her vision for the 25 thousand plus students attending District 75.

Agenda Item: Report of the Superintendent

Presenter: Shelly Klainberg, Deputy Superintendent

- ◆ Shelly Klainberg, Deputy Superintendent attended the meeting on behalf of Ketler Louissaint, Superintendent.
- ◆ After 40 years of service Deputy Superintendent, Barbara Joseph will retire from the Department of Education on February 1, 2019.
- ◆ Stems for Girls meets on Saturdays. Students engage in Stem technology and coding and other items related to Stem.
- ◆ The Fathers Initiative is a success. The fathers produced a mural in the lobby of the District Office.
- ◆ D75 met with 25 individual partners at the District 75 Office, i.e., art partners.

Agenda Item: Initiatives at Brookdale Hospital

Presenter: Tiffany Lawson, Registered Nurse, BSN and Caregiver
Panelist at 2018 Respite Lifespan Summit, Council Member

Ms. Lawson presentation is based on initiatives of two major areas of concern when families in the community visit Brookdale Hospital, Brooklyn.

- ◆ Wait time in the waiting room is too long for families who have children with low tolerance of sitting for a long time.
- ◆ Medical professionals (doctors and nurses) were unable to handle the care for a child who has special needs.
- ◆ Therefore, Ms. Lawson pushed through with Brookdale Hospital to pilot program a better-equipped facility to accommodate children with special needs and their families comfortably and hospital staff that are better trained to handle different situations that may occur when a child is not comfortable during examination.

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◆ **An improvement in their Triage Department:**

- ◆ An area of triage is rooms that are specifically for the child and his/her family.
- ◆ These rooms have fluorescent bulbs that are more kid friendly since some children are sensitive (by sound waves) to the sound that regular bulbs carry.
- ◆ I-Pads will be available to keep children entertained while waiting or during examination.
- ◆ More funding on training for current physicians and nurses in recognizing and better understanding techniques a child who may be nonverbal using PEC boards (pictures)

◆ **Lastly, she asks the Council to assist with the following:**

- ◆ Pushing out to other medical professionals and hospitals to start the same initiative to better accommodate children with special needs at their facilities.
- ◆ Ms. Lawson will start up a survey for council to review & outreach in support of her cause.
- ◆ Ms. Lawson asks District Deputy Chancellor Klainberg to relate it back to the District team in seeing if District 75 Educators can help train or guide medical professionals to the necessary strategies on handling a special needs child.

Agenda Item: CCD75 Survey's

Presenter: John Camacho, President

- ◆ John Camacho informed the attendees the council formatted questions addressed specifically to the parents of District 75.
- ◆ The surveys were sent to the District Office, Schools and Parent coordinators for distribution.
- ◆ The council received in return a total of 627 completed surveys.
- ◆ The information within the survey will be used in the CCD75 End of the Year Report.

Agenda Item: Appointment of the Chair of the
Committee on Busing and Safety

Presenter: Amy Ming Tsai, Chair

Note: Before Ms. Tsai presented her items to the attendees, John Camacho appointed her the Chair of the committee.

- ◆ Monthly Report (posted on the council's website under committee).
- ◆ The NYC Council: Committee Green Sheet, Committee on Education Resolution.

Agenda Item: Report from the Treasurer:

Presenter: Latisha Corbett, Treasurer

Note: On behalf of the Treasurer, John Camacho read the information provided by the Budget Director for District 75.

- ◆ Read the District 75 Community Education Council (CEC) Budget FY 18-19

Agenda Item: Report from Ms. Lawson
& Mr. Spencer (District Planning)

Presenter: Craig E. Spencer, Council Member

Agenda Item: Adjournment

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ACTIONS:

VOTES	Motion made	Voice –Vote Tally
Motion to Purchase a Retirement Gift for Barbara Joseph (Estimate Amt. 75.00) and Use P-Card to pay for the council yearly website service (Estimate Amt. 180.00)	Diane McNeil made the motion and Hasan sonny Dibra second.	6- Yes 2- Excused 1- Absent Passed
Motion to approve minutes 9/12/18 (with corrections), 11/28/18	Diane McNeil made the motion and John Camacho second.	6- Yes 2- Excused 1-Absent Passed