

# Citywide Education Council for District 75

## CALENDAR MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, April 20, 2016      **Time:** 6:00-9:00PM  
**Location:** P373@P40, 91 Henderson Avenue, Staten Island, New York

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	<b>Gloria Corsino, President</b>
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	<b>CALENDAR MEETING</b>
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	<b>Gloria Corsino</b> President
<b>ROLL CALL &amp; NOTE TAKER</b>	<b>Margaret Harper, Secretary</b>
<b>TIMEKEEPER</b>	<b>Gloria Smith, Public Advocate Appointee &amp; Treasurer</b>
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>Cynthia Alvarez, Public Advocate Appointee, Sandra Rentas, Council Member, John Camacho, (note: arrival at 8pm) Council Member</b>
<b>ABSENT/EXCUSED</b>	<b>Berangere Pierre-Louis, Council Member- Excused , Celia Green, First Vice President- Excused</b>
<b>Meeting Began</b>	6:59 pm

### Agenda Topics

- ❖ Call to Order and Roll Call
- ❖ Appointment of Time Keeper
- ❖ Superintendent’s Report: Ketler Louissaint, IA
- ❖ President’s Report
- ❖ Applied Behavior Analysis, Thomasina Howell-Maxwell, Autism Coordinator, District 75
- ❖ Roll Call Vote to Fill a Vacancy on the Council: Hasan Dibra

#### PRESIDENT’S REPORT: GLORIA CORSINO

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#### SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: KETLER LOUISSAINT, IA

Arthur Fusco, District 75 Staten Island and Brooklyn South Liaison was representing Superintendent Louissaint who was attending a meeting with the Deputy Chancellor and sends his regards and apologies. When former Superintendent Gary Hecht retired from the DOE the District 75 staff was concerned in regards to what kind of support they were going to get. I.A. Superintendent Louissaint has been supporting our schools, principals, students and meeting with parents. Ketler is still going through the vetting process and he will continue to lead our district into a positive direction.

There are concerns and issues regarding space in our D75 schools and the district is working with the Deputy Chancellor’s, school construction authority and school facilities to address the conditions of our present schools and campus in what we’re going to do for additional space. We will need for you to continue to advocate for and support your children in D75.

D75 hired 8 new parent coordinators and they were trained in conflict resolution.

There are various parent events throughout the five boroughs you can inquire with your parent coordinator or district 75 main office.

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### APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS: THOMASINA HOWEL-MAXWELL, AUTISUM COORDINATOR, DISTRICT 75

ABA is just as much about maintaining and using skills as about learning:

"Applied" means practice, rather than research or philosophy. "Behavior analysis" may be read as "learning theory," that is, understanding what leads to (or doesn't lead to) new skills. "Behavior" when talking about learning to talk, play, and live as a complex social animal, but to a behaviorist all these can be taught, so long as there are intact brain functions to learn and practice the skills. That is the essence of the recovery hypothesis--for many children, the excesses and deficits of autism result largely from a learning 'blockage,' which can be overcome by intensive teaching and repeated action.

During the presentation two members of the audience was given a task to perform, one was autistic and couldn't speak and the other was a family member/parent who had to figure out the need of the child. This provided the audience with examples how difficult it is not only for the autistic child but also for the person on the receiving end. Trying to figure out what is the need/request and how to react to the frustrations/actions of the child as well as your approach (parent/family member) to the situation.

RESOLUTIONS & VOTES	MOTION MADE	VOICE -VOTE TALLY
Roll Call Vote to fill an Vacancy on the Council: Hasan Dibra	Gloria Corsino called a roll call vote to fill the empty seat on the council	John Camacho, Yes Gloria Smith, Yes Gloria Corsino, Yes Margaret Harper, Yes Cynthia Alvarez, Yes Sandra Rentas, Yes  Yes=6 Votes Hasan Dibra, council member CECD75
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	9:00PM	
<b>CAL</b>	Submitted by Ms. Garcia, Administrative Assistant , CEC D75	