



CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

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CEC District 75
Special Education

MINUTES WORKING MEETING

The Working Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, **March 7, 2012** at 6:00 pm at 400 First Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010. The following people were in attendance.

Working Meeting:

*Note: Mr. Williams, President called the Working Meeting to order.

Call to Order at 6:30 PM the Working Agenda

1. Roll Call

Able Alagbe	Present
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Maureen Dantzler	Present
Diamaris Magarin	Excused
Gloria Ann Smith	Present
Alicia Valeus	Present
Joseph Williams	Present
Marion R. Lopez	Absent

2. Apointment of Time Keeper

Charlene Carroll-Hall

3. Approval of Working & Calendar Meeting Minutes: January 18, 2012, February 1, 2012 and February 15, 2012

Joe Williams stated the first item on the agenda is the approval of the Working and Calendar Meeting Minutes. Mr. Williams asked the council if they read the January 18th minutes. Charlene Carroll-Hall informed the council she read the minutes last weekend. Joe asked the council do I have a motion to accept the January 18th minutes. Charlene Carroll-Hall made a motion to accept the minutes. Joe asked do I have a second and Maureen Dantzler second the motion. Joe proceeded, next is the February 1st Working Meeting. Joe asked the council if they should hold off on to review the working meeting minutes (five pages of minutes were submitted). Maureen Dantzler mentioned the February 15th Calendar Meeting minutes were also included in the file folder (11 pages of minutes were submitted). Joe suggested the council review the minutes and vote for the Feb. 1st and Feb. 15th meeting minutes during the March Calendar Meeting.

4. School Hearings

Joe continued with the next item on the agenda is the School Hearings. In the file folder are 33 schools that are slated to be closed by September 2012 school year. Joe mentioned he visit 3 schools with Gary Hecht, Superintendent of D75 the school and parents did not issue any concerns. Joe mentioned PS53K on Lovinia and Pennsylvania Avenue are moving into a new building at Spring Creek located at Starett City. Maureen mentioned she is aware that some of the parents are upset with the move. Joe mentioned the new location; the building has a lot of space, easy access and is convenient for the students. Maureen mentioned IS71K located on Hayward Avenue, the D75 students might be relocated. The students are confined in the lower level of the building and Maureen does not understand why they have to relocate. Maureen also mentioned IS33K located on Tompkins Avenue and Eve Markowitz has a kindergarten within the school and is adding two more grades. Joe mentioned that 140 is moving into 258K and he met with the Principal to let her know that the council is aware of the move and would like to be kept abreast of any concerns or issues. Maureen asked about the closer of John Dewey and the affect it will have on the students of 721K (inclusion program) as far as their relocation. Gloria Smith informed the council the students will relocate to Morrow and she will work with and attend the meetings regarding Dewey. Joe asked the council to review their file folder with the list of names and co-location meeting dates. He will meet with the superintend of District 75 as well as Sacha Ingles, District 75 Parent Support Leader to review and discuss the co-location.

5. Review the March Modifications of the CD75C Budget

Joe continued the next topic is the review of the March modification of the budget. Budget modification here you have it here in the back (Joe pointing out the items to the council) there is the budget and there is the modification, it's along sheet and a short sheet the short sheet that's the budget. Gloria and I met with purchasing we did it separately. Gloria and I met with purchasing, what we're trying to avoid is what happened last year. Last year we sent back close to seven thousand dollars because we did not spend the money that was in the budget. We left money in certain areas to long and it wasn't moved, so we lost it. If you take out the long sheet is the modification in moving monies in areas that it will be safe to use even after the deadline of April and May deadline. Were moving it into other areas where we can use it up until the physical year of 2012-2011-2013. Charlene asked April 1st no or is it May 1st? Joe replied, different dates; Ramona do you want to go over the modification. Ramona replied in March you have to move your money. Charlene asked, it has to be moved by March 31st? Ramona replied, soon actually and Joe said that why were going over it to night so we can vote on the move. That's why we're working on the modification as soon as we approve it we can approve it tomorrow morning. Gloria said, everything has to be moved by March 16th that's the dead line to move money, the dead line for modification. Item 179, 332, 403 and 452, 496 (member reimbursements will remain). We have 500 dollars balance on the p-card, office supplies will also be moved to the p-card, 458 that remaining amount will be put into our member reimbursement. The remainder left in the copier lease (44 dollars) will be moved to the p-card. Joe mentioned that the copier will be returned to Xerox and the council will no longer lease a copier (will use the copiers at the district). Charlene asked can you tell me how much is on the p-card right now. Joe replied 500 dollars. Charlene asked from that five hundred your adding? Joe replied your adding office supplies which is 179.00 and now will become 2551 dollars. Gloria said it should be more than that Joe. Joe replied right now, you already have 500 dollars and now going to take that 2551 dollars moving it also onto the p-card. Charlene asked you're saying the 500 dollars move to the p-card, I'm asking what the balance is, that's why I didn't understand. Gloria continued the next line is going to the p-card (Charlene the 2551) the 44 dollars is moving to the p-card. Joe said the 44 dollars is going to member reimbursement (Charlene 2595- 44dollars going to the p-card). Ramona, AA asked if she could read the allocated money left in the council's account. Ramona continued, in your balance you have 500 dollars left in object code 179 and will be moved to the p-card, 2,051 in object code 198 dollars will be moved to the p-card, 458 dollars left in object code 332 will be moved to member reimbursement, 44 dollars in object code 403 will be moved into the p-card, 3,276 in object code 452 will be moved to member reimbursement and 4,650 balance will remain in the member reimbursements. Joe asked what is the total amount in the member reimbursement right now? and Charlene added without the 320? Joe replied no with the 3 in there. Charlene replied 8384 dollars and Joe said that is too much and that's up until June. Ramona said that's not including the 200 hundred monthly of your reimbursements Joe. Joe said to put it on the p-card because the p-card is flexible and we can buy anything we want too. Joe said the p-card is liquid and Ramona stated that you can spend 200 hundred on the p-card. Gloria said put a thousand onto the p-card and asked if Joe will enter in his reimbursements and Joe replied that he wasn't. Charlene stated when she was treasurer she attended the Saturday training for the council members; the council members receive 125 dollars monthly and the President receives 200 dollars monthly. Gloria mentioned that any items to be purchased by the council should be presented and voted on officially by the council.

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7. Purchases Business Cards for the Citywide District 75 Council

Joe informed the council his business cards were purchased for him by Sacha Ingles, District 75 Parent Support Leader. He suggested to the council if they wanted business cards for themselves they should ask the A.A. to order their cards. The council informed Joe business cards was sent to them by the A.A.

8. Medicaid Claim for Special Education-Related Services

Joe mentioned that the hearing we had on March 1st with the City Council is all about this letter for parents to sign give the DOE permission to be reimbursed for related service they provide our children in schools. Charlene asked, who Medicaid? Joe said Medicaid will reimburse the school for all expenses for related services even transportation. The problem is that the city cannot be reimbursed unless those forms are signed. The city has lost 167 million dollars last year alone because the letters were not signed. In 2008 the federal government had a mandate if you could get this documentation that we need which is the form that went out (we had the city council, DOE, advocates for children at the meeting) what the form doesn't tell you that Medicaid has a cap. Once you sign that form you give the DOE the okay to be reimbursed for the services that there given in school. God forbid my child will need additional service and I already met the cap what happens then? In the book it says Medicaid has the cap. This is why during our calendar meeting on the 21st we will have Matthew Berlin, Executive Director –DOE, Ms. Oroma H. Mpi, Esq. Senior Staff Attorney from Education Law Unit, Legal Services will be in attendance as well as Joseph Parisi of New England Wealth Strategies. Joe mentioned he also invited someone who works for Medicaid to explain the policy of and the effect of signing the letter.

Joe asked for the council to review the letter he formatted regarding Medicaid reimbursements. Able mentioned this was done last year by the DOE. They provided the parents with a letter without providing the parents a letter with the reasons as to why it was necessary to sign the letter; you don't know the ramifications of you signing this letter. Joe replied your right this is why it's important to get the word out and inform the parents and let them form their own decision.

9. CD75C & CCSE Joint Meeting: April 18th, Brooklyn

Joe mentioned that John Englert asked if the council would like to have a joint meeting on the 18th of April. Last year CCSE had a resource fair for parents and they were going to repeat the event. Joe said it would be a great idea if the council partnered with CCSE. Joe continued to inform the council that they would need to come up with ideas as to help bring in other organizations as well as donations for the event. Joe will be meeting with John to see what ideas CCSE can provide and will bring it back to the council to discuss.

10. Review Resolutions

The council reviewed the Resolution #23-Citywide District 75 Council –Teachers Evaluation Resolution

11. Discussion of the A.A.

Tabled

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm