

Community Education Council 31 Meeting

**BUSINESS MEETING &
CALENDAR MEETING
NOTES**

FEBRUARY 7, 2011

**6:30 PM &
7:30 PM**

**PETRIDES COMPLEX
BUILDING A, ROOM 118A
715 OCEAN TERRACE
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10301**

February 7, 2011 Business Meeting & Calendar Meeting – Quorum Not Met

TYPE OF MEETING	Business Meeting
FACILITATOR	Sam T. Pirozzolo, <i>President</i>
NOTE TAKER	Kathy Baldassano, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
ATTENDEES	Frank Squicciarini, <i>1st Vice-President</i>; Michael Reilly, <i>Treasurer</i>; Ting Lei; Rhonda Whitfield – Erminia Claudio, <i>Community Superintendent, District 31</i>
ABSENT/EXCUSED	Toni Ann Barone-Franciosa, <i>2nd Vice-President</i>; Angelic Sealy, <i>Recording Secretary</i>; Steven Beck; Peter Calandrella; John Chadwick, Jr.

As there were only 5 Council Members present for the Business Meeting & Calendar Meeting, **QUORUM is not met** and official actions could not be taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of January 3, 2011 ARE NOT APPROVED – QUORUM NOT MET.
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- In place of a Business Meeting and Calendar Meeting, the Council Members in attendance offered an informal question and answer session to the members of the public in the audience.

The following topics were discussed: PCBs in schools; possible future studies of students exposed to PCBs; the new Dyslexia initiative being established in District 31; the need for middle school re-zoning, especially on the South Shore; middle school choice; recent news articles on changes in teacher tenure and possible layoffs of teachers under the "Last In, First Out" procedure.

- *High School Superintendent* Aimee Horowitz announced that the Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS) meeting will be held on February 9th at 7pm at Tweed; she encouraged high school parents to attend and become involved.
- Congressman Michael Grimm's representative, William Smith gave the Congressman's contact information to the audience: Congressman Grimm's Office is located at 265 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island, NY 10306, phone: 718-351-1062, e-mail: Grimm@house.gov. The Congressman is staying involved in the PCB situation and has remained in frequent contact with the EPA; Congressman Grimm is also working to obtain federal funding for removal of contaminated PCB lighting fixtures in schools.

ADJOURNMENT	Adjourned at 8:00 PM.
BUS/CALFEB11	SUBMITTED BY KATHY BALDASSANO, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, CEC 31