

Community Education Council 31 Meeting

ANNUAL & BUSINESS MINUTES	SEPTEMBER 12, 2011	6:00 PM (Annual) 6:30 PM (Business)	PETRIDES COMPLEX 715 OCEAN TERRACE ROOM 118A STATEN ISLAND, NY 10301
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September 12, 2011 Annual Meeting & Business Meeting Minutes (attached to October 3, 2011 Business Meeting Agenda)
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TYPE OF MEETING	Annual Meeting & Business Meeting
FACILITATOR	Tamica Fairley , <i>President pro tem</i> (Annual Meeting) Sam T. Pirozzolo , <i>President</i> (Business Meeting)
NOTE TAKER	Kathy Baldassano , <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
ATTENDEES	Steven Beck; Peter Calandrella; Tamica Fairley; Michael Reilly; Frank Squicciarini – Erminia Claudio , <i>Community Superintendent, District 31</i>
ABSENT	Ting Lei; *Franca Okeiche; Rhonda Whitfield *Note: Ms. Okeiche was absent only for the Annual Meeting; she was present for the Business Meeting.

SELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM – TAMICA FAIRLEY

Mr. Pirozzolo, acting as Chair, nominated Tamica Fairley to be named *President pro tem*; 2nd by Mr. Calandrella. There being no objection, and pursuant to CEC 31 Bylaws and DoE regulations, Peter Calandrella was selected *President pro tem* to preside over the Annual Meeting and CEC officers' election.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR COUNCIL TERM: SEPTEMBER 2011 TO AUGUST 2012 – TAMICA FAIRLEY, PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Nominations were taken for each of the Council officers' positions. Each nomination was presented for office, followed by roll-call voice-vote of members in attendance. The vote is recorded after each listed position:

- President – SAM PIROZZOLO**
*Nomination presented by F. Squicciarini; Roll-call vote taken: **6 YES; 0 NO** (Absent for vote: Lei, Okeiche, Whitfield)*
- 1st Vice President – FRANK SQUICCIARINI**
*Nomination presented by S. Pirozzolo; Roll-call vote taken: **6 YES; 0 NO** (Absent for vote: Lei, Okeiche, Whitfield)*
- 2nd Vice President – STEVEN BECK**
*Nomination presented by P. Calandrella; Roll-call vote taken: **6 YES; 0 NO** (Absent for vote: Lei, Okeiche, Whitfield)*
- Recording Secretary – MICHAEL REILLY**
*Nomination presented by F. Squicciarini; Roll-call vote taken: **6 YES; 0 NO** (Absent for vote: Lei, Okeiche, Whitfield)*
- Treasurer – PETER CALANDRELLA**
*Nomination presented by M. Reilly; Roll-call vote taken: **6 YES; 0 NO** (Absent for vote: Lei, Okeiche, Whitfield)*

There being no further business for the Annual Meeting, *President pro tem* Fairley turned the chair over to new President-elect, Sam Pirozzolo.

ADJOURNMENT	Annual Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Minutes of July 11, 2011 APPROVED as written.
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As there was no objection to the content of the minutes as submitted, the Business Meeting minutes of July 11, 2011 were accepted by general & unanimous consent of the Council. (*Note: There are no minutes from the August 1, 2011 CEC Meetings because quorum was not met.*)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – SAM PIROZZOLO

- Mr. Pirozzolo spoke about the fatal accident of PS/IS 861 student Aniya Williams and said that we are still fighting for "Aniya's Law" to be passed in Albany. It was already approved by the NYS Senate and is now being reviewed by the NYS Assembly Education Committee. Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis has written a letter to Chancellor Walcott asking that a school bus variance be given to any students who need to cross a road of four lanes or more to reach the closest MTA bus stop. Her letter was signed by 7 other Staten Island elected officials, as well as Mr. Pirozzolo as CEC 31 President. Today, Assemblyman Michael Cusick introduced a bill in Albany that asks for the same variance to be given to students.
- The DoE is planning on placing a middle school *Alternate Learning Center* (ALC) in Building A of the Petrides campus. An *Alternate Learning Center* is a program where students who are suspended from school attend in order to receive academic, social and emotional support to prepare them for a return to the school from which they are suspended. Discussion followed regarding security concerns; location of the ALC classrooms; the number of ALC students involved; these are students who receive a "superintendent's suspension" which is given for serious infractions and can last from several days to several weeks/months. High School Superintendent Amy Horowitz said that currently there is one ALC center on Staten Island, on the grounds of Mount Loretto, which is able to house only middle school ALC students; high school ALC students must travel to an ALC center in Brooklyn. By opening a middle school ALC center at Petrides, the Mount Loretto center can then house the high school ALC students. Superintendent Erminia Claudio said that many of the questions about the ALC center will be answered at tonight's Calendar Meeting when DoE staff from Tweed will be giving more information. Mr. Pirozzolo said that he does not necessarily oppose an ALC program, but he wants to know more about how the Petrides ALC program will be set up – he doesn't want to see this become simply a "time-out" program for troublesome students; all middle school students need a lot of support. Superintendent Horowitz said that an ALC center is meant for "superintendent's suspensions", it is not meant for students struggling academically and it would not be part of District 31; it would have its own supervisor (an assistant principal) and is a suspension center.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE – ERMINIA CLAUDIO

- There are 3 new principals in our district: PS 54 (Karen La Rosa); IS 34 (John Boyle) and IS 61 (Susan Tronolone). There have also been some CFN network changes.
- Superintendent Claudio has been attending *Common Core Standards* workshops; CCS is still being rolled out. Every school has to program at least 2 units (one Math, one ELA) in the Common Core Standards.

- We had 6 summer school sites open in our district this year; summer school students were re-tested in August and 85% passed and were promoted to the next grade.
- She looks forward to working with CEC 31 Members again this school year.

REVIEW/DISCUSSION – COUNCIL MEMBERS

APPROVAL OF CEC BUDGET FOR FY2012

Mr. Reilly read aloud the following proposed CEC Budget:

Line #	Object Code	Title	Org Category	Program	Budgeted Amount
0400	417	Non Contractual Services	Parent Involvement	Advertisement SI Federation Journal	\$125
0400	496	Non Contractual Services	Leadership	Reimbursement CEC Members	\$6,000
0100	198	Supplies - General	Administrative Support	Office Supplies CEC	\$3,000
0100	179	Supplies - General	Administrative Support	P-Card CEC	\$7,000
0451	451	Transportation of Staff - Non Contractual	Administrative Support	Refreshments and Local Travel	\$1,199
SUBTOTAL					\$17,324
Galaxy			A/A Salary	Staff Salary	\$2, 676
TOTAL CEC 31 BUDGET					\$20,000

Mr. Pirozzolo explained what CEC reimbursements are and how to request them. There were no questions and no objections to the CEC budget as presented. **MOTION** made by S. Beck to accept budget allocations as described; 2nd by F. Squicciarini. Voice-vote taken: **7 YES; 0 NO** (*Absent for vote: Lei, Whitfield*). **MOTION PASSES** to approve CEC budget as indicated above.

SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION

Mr. Calandrella gave an overview of the Superintendent’s Evaluation process and copies of the evaluation were reviewed by Council members. **MOTION** was made by F. Squicciarini to approve Superintendent’s Evaluation as written and submit it to DoE; 2nd by F. Okeiche. Voice-vote taken: **7 YES; 0 NO** (*Absent for vote: Lei, Whitfield*). **MOTION PASSES** to approve Superintendent’s Evaluation as written.

UPDATES TO CEC COMMITTEES & LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Pirozzolo reviewed the list of school liaisons for CEC members and the list of CEC committees and encouraged CEC members to review the lists and if any member wishes to exchange liaison schools with any other member, just work it out and then let our A/A Kathy Baldassano know of any changes; same thing can be done with CEC committee list.

The following is proposed:

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

CEC 31 COMMITTEES	CHAIRS OF COMMITTEES
ATHLETICS/FITNESS/ HEALTH & NUTRITION/ CAFETERIA/AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS	Peter Calandrella & Ting Lei
CONSTRUCTION/ZONING/FACILITIES	Sam Pirozzolo & Frank Squicciarini
CURRICULUM/ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE	Rhonda Whitfield & <i>TO BE DETERMINED</i>
FINANCE/BUDGET/PERFORMANCE DATA ANALYSIS	Steven Beck & Ting Lei
GIFTED & TALENTED/ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS	Steven Beck & <i>TO BE DETERMINED</i>
PARENT INVOLVEMENT/MULTI-CULTURAL	Tamica Fairley & Franca Okeiche
SCHOOL ADVOCACY ISSUES	Steve Beck & Michael Reilly
SPECIAL EDUCATION	Rhonda Whitfield & Steven Beck
TRANSPORTATION/SAFETY	Frank Squicciarini & Michael Reilly
Federation of PTAs & President’s Council Liaison	Sam Pirozzolo
CEC Representative to District Leadership Team	Sam Pirozzolo
CEC Parliamentarian	Peter Calandrella

LIAISON LIST:

CEC 31 LIAISONS	SCHOOLS
Steve Beck	I.S. 34, 51, 75; P.S. 4, 21, 22, 35, 42, 52, 56, PS/IS 861
Peter J. Calandrella	P.S. 8, 29, 48, 54, 57, Petrides (PS 80)
<i>TO BE DETERMINED</i>	I.S. 7; P.S. 1, 3, 5, 6
Tamica M. Fairley	I.S. 49; P.S. 13, 14, 16, 39, 74
Franca Okeiche	I.S. 27; P.S. 11, 19, 44, 46
Michael Reilly	I.S. 72; P.S. 26, 30, 36, 55, 60, 69
Ting Lei	I.S. 2; PS 31, 38, 41, 58
Frank Squicciarini	I.S. 24, I.S. 63; P.S. 23, 32, 50, 53
Rhonda Whitfield	I.S. 61; P.S. 18, 20, 45, 65

Discussion followed. **MOTION** was made by M. Reilly to accept Liaison List and Committee Chairs as presented; 2nd by F. Squicciarini. Voice-vote taken: **7 YES; 0 NO** (*Absent for vote: Lei, Whitfield*). **MOTION PASSES** to approve Liaison List and Committee Chairs as presented above.

RESOLUTION # 68 on U-Turn Laws

Mr. Reilly explained Resolution #68 and the reasons for its creation. Discussion followed and the Council agreed to address this resolution at tonight’s Calendar Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM
ANNU/BUSSEP11	SUBMITTED BY KATHY BALDASSANO, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, CEC 31