



Community Education Council for District 4
240 E 109 Street, Room 104, New York, NY 10029



Phone: 212-360- 4777 Email: cec4@schools.nyc.gov

President Elizabeth Soto-Cardona – MBPA	1st Vice President Mario Medina	2nd Vice President Lacey Jordan	Recording Secretary Vacant	Treasurer Vacant
---	--	--	--------------------------------------	----------------------------

Council Members:
Evelis Galarza-Serrano
Gloria Flaherty
Jasmin Benitez
Johanna Dominguez
Niasia Nathaniel
Rafael Lima – District 75 Rep
Rosa G. Diaz – IEP

District 4 Superintendent
Dr. Kristy De La Cruz

High School Student Representatives
Vacant
Vacant

Annual
July 10th, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 6:18 pm

1. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan 6:18 pm

Members Present: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Mario Medina, Lacey Jordan (Came late), Johanna Dominguez (Zoom) (Came late), Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Zoom), Gloria Flaherty, Jasmin Benitez, Niasia Nathaniel, Rafael Lima, and Rosa G. Diaz (Came late).

Attendance done: 6:20 pm

Attendees: 25

2. District 4 Superintendent- Dr. Kristy De La Cruz: (6:21 pm – 6:46 pm)

She started with gratitude and thanked all the CEC4 members who were there in person, and virtually, the audience, principals, and the interpreters. She talked about graduation ceremonies, wellness events, and appreciation dinners. She mentioned that this whole week she was at a superintendent’s retreat.

She talked about the sad news, the 4th grade student who passed away.

She spoke about the success that the enrollment has increased, and they are in the process of budget meetings. The final visit to the pool will be at the PS 045 building and she invited CEC4 members and the leaders for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. She appreciated the leaders for working together and for the air conditioners and portable air conditioners. She said we have the 5 summer rising sites, and D4 had the New York City, Reads ambassadors training. She informed about the Summer Parent Institute and that next week will be Citywide professional learning. On Monday all the principals in New York City have been invited to the Manhattan Science Center Campus.

The next PEP meeting panel for education policy, they will talk about the changes to A411, behavioral support, and how the things are coded with that regulation. And next week. they are going to start

sharing some of these proposed changes with principals, with a student services manager. New York City Public schools are going to put in a policy regarding the cell phones usage in the school buildings. She said we are going to begin a partnership with Barika College. They are willing to provide free courses for paras to become teachers (a para to teacher pipeline). She spoke about the community feeding sites that if you know someone in need of housing or food, should reach out to district 4 office, regardless of whether they are a student or family of district 4, they will be provided resources and support. She said PS 122 and PS 206 campus have bussing issues. The summer rising sites tour will be in August.

1. Election of Council Officers: (6:47 pm – 7:02 pm)

CEC4 President Elizabeth Soto-Cardona made a motion seconded by Lacey Jordan for Mario Medina to Chair Pro Tem

Roll call for Mario Medina to Chair the meeting by Farah Khan

Roll call and call to order: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Mario Medina (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Zoom) (Yes), Gloria Flaherty (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), Rosa G. Diaz (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes) **(09 voted in favor)**

Roll call for the motion to elect President carried by Mario Medina: Elizabeth Soto- Cardona nominated herself.

Roll call and call to order to vote for President: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Mario Medina (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Zoom) (Yes), Gloria Flaherty (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), and Rafael Lima (Yes) and Rosa G. Diaz (No). **(08 voted in favor)**

Elizabeth Soto-Cardona re-elected as the President – Congratulations

Roll call for motion to elect First Vice President: Mario Medina was nominated by Niasia Nathaniel.

Roll call and call to order to vote for First Vice President: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Mario Medina (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Zoom) (Yes), Gloria Flaherty (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), Rosa G. Diaz (Yes) and Rafael Lima (Yes). **(09 voted in favor)**

Mario Medina elected as First Vice President – Congratulations

Roll call for motion to elect Second Vice President: Lacey Jordan nominated by Gloria Flaherty.

Roll call and call to order to vote for Second Vice President: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Mario Medina (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Zoom) (Yes), Gloria Flaherty (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes) and Rosa G. Diaz (No). **(08 voted in favor)**

Lacey Jordan re-elected as Second Vice President- Congratulations

To elect the Recording Secretary: Jasmin Benitez, Rafael Lima, and Rosa G. Diaz were nominated by the other members, but they respectfully declined for the position.

The election for the Recording Secretary will be held in the August 14th, 2024, meeting.

To elect the Treasurer: Johanna Dominguez was nominated by the other members, but she was absent from the meeting that time.

The election for the Treasurer will be held in the August 14th, 2024, meeting.

Elected members for School Year 2024-2025:

President: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona

1st Vice President: Mario Medina

2nd Vice President: Lacey Jordan

Recording Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Vacant

4. The annual meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm

Calendar Meeting

July 10th, 2024

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

1. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan 7:03 pm

Members Present: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Mario Medina, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez (Zoom) Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Zoom), Gloria Flaherty, Jasmin Benitez, Niasia Nathaniel, Rafael Lima, and Rosa G. Diaz,

Attendance done: 7:04 pm

Attendees: 25

o **Tamika Mapp:** (7:05 pm – 7:06 pm)

She informed that their 3rd annual suicide prevention memorial walk will be from Western 116th Street to Thomas Jefferson Park for suicide prevention. They are doing a memorial for those who lost a child in suicide. They have a team program coming up on August 19th getting the teams ready to learn and live on their own balancing their checkbooks, learning how to sew and how to quote for one that program is a 2-hour program at Business association. Every year they have a reading challenge, they will be encouraging children to read at least 20 minutes, between now and September 1st, and they will get a certificate, pizza party, raffle, and some ray ban glasses.

o **Vice Chair CB11- David Giordano-** (7:06 pm - 7:07 pm)

He said on August 15th, Thursday, they are having the Youth band with the councilwoman, where they have other CBO's. They have a bunch of go-up activities and many different activities. Also there will be youth performances from 12 noon to 4 pm and there will be signup tables as well.

2. Panel for Education Policy – Manhattan CEC Rep- Naveed Hassan– MBPA: (7:07 pm – 7:10 pm)

He appreciated District 4 for doing so much for the families in temporary housing and the new arrival families as well. He informed that he is the representative for Manhattan, PEP, CEC members to support and any families that are in temporary housing. He appreciated district 4 for doing the best work. The 96, Joseph Lanzeta, was on the associated press as the school is doing an amazing job, even though families are being relocated every 60 days. They are still in the process of negotiations with the City Hall to figure out how to keep the families in the same place until they have a permanent solution, right for employment, and housing, whether it is inside the city or outside the city.

Motion to adjourn the Calendar meeting by Mario Medina seconded by Lacey Jordan (7:10 pm)

3. Calendar meeting adjourned: 7:10 pm

Business Meeting

July 10th, 2024

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 7:20 pm

1. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan 7:20 pm

Members Present: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Mario Medina, Lacey Jordan, Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Zoom), Gloria Flaherty, Jasmin Benitez, Johanna Dominguez (Zoom), Niasia Nathaniel, and Rafael Lima.

Member absent: Rosa G. Diaz

Attendance done: 7:21 pm

Attendees: 20

1. CEC4 April 10th, 2024, May 8th, 2024, and June 12th, 2024, meeting minutes were approved by the members. (7:21 pm - 7:22 pm)

2. **Discussion on D4 CEC Budget- CEC4 President:** (7:23 pm – 7:24 pm)
The budget was tabled for the August meeting.

3. **Discussion on D4 CEC Website- CEC4 President:** (7:24 pm – 7:25 pm)

She informed the members that we have been asked by FACE that we need to have our own website. We need to have a line item to cover that cost in the budget. FACE has provided some companies that we can use. We can further discuss it in the August meeting.

4. **CEC4 Liaison's Schools Assignments:** (7:25 pm – 7:35 pm)

School assignments were chosen by members in business meeting. Will be revisited/finalized in the August meeting as distribution of assignments was not evenly distributed.

5. **CEC4 Meeting Calendar Dates for 2024-2025:** (7:36 pm - 7:38 pm)

Calendar for meeting dates was approved by the members.

6. **Reimbursement Forms- CEC4 President:** (7:39 pm - 7:41 pm)

Reimbursement forms need to be filled and submitted in a timely manner.

- **CEC4 President:** (7:41 pm)

She said that it has been brought to her attention that this is a new fiscal year, and when the members join the meeting via zoom the cameras needs to be on for all the CEC members.

Motion to adjourn the business meeting by Niasia Nathaniel seconded by Lacey Jordan (7:42 pm)

7. **Business meeting adjourned:** 7:42 pm

Prepared & submitted by:

Farah Khan

Administrative Assistant

Next D4 CEC Calendar and Business Annual Meeting will be on August 14th, 2024.