



Community Education Council for District 4
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President Elizabeth Soto-Cardona – MBPA	1st Vice President Mario Medina	2nd Vice President Lacey Jordan	Recording Secretary Rosa Nagovich – MBPA	Treasurer Johanna Dominguez
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Council Members:
Evelis Galarza-Serrano
Gloria Flaherty
Jasmin Benitez
Niasia Nathaniel
Rafael Lima – D75 Rep
Rosa G. Diaz – IEP

District 4 Superintendent
Dr. Kristy De La Cruz

High School Student Representatives
Genesis Gay
Leslie Galan

Date: Wednesday, October 09th, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 6:12 pm

Introduction of Spanish interpreters: 6:12 pm

Calendar Meeting

October 09th, 2024

Minutes

- **D4 CEC President welcomed everyone for joining the meeting and read the ground rules for the meeting.** (6:13 pm – 6:14 pm)

1. Report of District 4 Superintendent- Dr. Kristy De La Cruz: (6:14 pm – 6:54 pm)

She thanked the Tito Puente Educational Complex, Principals, parents, and the audience for joining the meeting. She introduced the two new high school student members, Genesis Gay, and Leslie Galan.

She discussed:

- District 4 Community Norms
- New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) Mission
- District 4 mission
- District Priorities
- Success
- Opportunities
- Attendance Updates(s): 89% vs 90% (Citywide)
- NYC Read: Literacy is liberation!
- Meeting the Moment (NYCPS) Stands against hate
- Upcoming District Four Events
- D4 Becoming Parent Leader: Thursday, October 10th, 2024 @ 10 am
- D4 DLT: Thursday, October 10th, 2024 @3:30 pm
- D4 Legislative Breakfast & Safety Town Hall: Thursday, October 24th, 2024
- D4 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony: 4M045 East Harlem Aquatic Center (River East Elementary), Friday, October 25th, 2024

2. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan- 6:54 pm

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

Member Absent: Niasia Nathaniel (Unexcused).

Attendance done: 6:55 pm

Attendees: 51

3. Election of Council Officers: (6:55 pm – 6:59 pm)

Roll call for the motion to elect Treasurer carried by Farah Khan:

Motion to elect Treasurer: Mario Medina seconded by Rafael Lima

Johanna Dominguez was nominated by Mario Medina, Rafael Lima and Lacey Jordan.

Roll call and call to order to vote for Treasure: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Mario Medina (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes) (Zoom), Rosa Nagovich (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Yes) (Zoom), Gloria Flaherty (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes) (Zoom) Rosa G. Diaz (Yes).

(10 members voted)

Johanna Dominguez elected as Treasure– Congratulations

Roll call for the motion to elect Recording Secretary carried by Farah Khan:

Motion to elect Recording Secretary: Lacey Jordan seconded by Johanna Dominguez

Rosa Nagovich was nominated by Lacey Jordan.

Roll call for motion to elect Recording Secretary: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Mario Medina (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes) (Zoom), Rosa Nagovich (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Yes) (Zoom), Gloria Flaherty (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes) (Zoom) Rosa G. Diaz (Yes).

(10 members voted)

Rosa Nagovich elected as Recording Secretary – Congratulations

Elected members for School Year 2024-2025:

President: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona

1st Vice President: Mario Medina

2nd Vice President: Lacey Jordan

Recording Secretary: Rosa Nagovich

Treasurer: Johanna Dominguez

- **Introduction of the new CEC4 member:** (7:00 pm)

CEC4 President introduced new CEC4 member Valerie Varela-Lopez.

Valerie Varela-Lopez introduced herself.

Note: The candidates have to be voted again at the November meeting because the "voting of new members" was not mentioned on the agenda.

4. **CEC4 Budget:** (7:01 pm – 7:04 pm)

- **D4 CEC President:**

She said that we have devoted council members who put the council first, even when they have difficulties at home, and they have sick children. She said that she is truly honored and blessed that they are here, and we want to be mindful that the member is taking time away from the child, so we would go in a different order from what we have on our agenda.

She spoke about the line items in the budget presented at the present time. The CEC4 has \$25,000 total in the budget. For members reimbursement \$17,400, for CEC4 supplies \$2,300, for CEC4 website \$2,300 and for CEC4 P-Card \$3,000. She informed that we can vote on this budget now and approve it. But if we need to change the budget in future, we can update it.

- **CEC4 Treasurer:** (7:05 pm – 7:11 pm)

CEC4 treasurer discussed the budget.

Roll call for motion to approve the CEC4 Budget for 2024 - 2025: Mario Medina, seconded by Johanna Dominguez

Roll call and call to order to vote to approve the CEC4 Budget: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Mario Medina (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes) (Zoom), Rosa Nagovich (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Yes) (Zoom), Gloria Flaherty (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes) (Zoom) **(09 members voted in favor)**

Rosa G. Diaz (Abstain).

CEC4 Budget for 2024 - 2025 was approved by 09 votes.

- **Report of D4 CEC President – Elizabeth Soto-Cardona:** (7:04 pm – 7:05 pm)

She thanked the community and the council. She informed that CEC4 members have started school visits. CEC4 continues building our relationships with our old liaisons and building relationships with our new liaisons. We will continue advocating for our schools and our students and our community, The parents can reach out to us. If there is anything that we can support and that is what we are here for.

5. **Public Comment:** (7:12 pm - 8:09 pm)

- **Parent:** (7:12 pm – 7:14 pm) She talked about the lack of air conditioning for the gymnasium, auditorium and the seating in the auditorium needs an upgrade. And she asked about the CEC4 liaison for P.S 007 School.
- **Dr. Kristy:** (7:14 pm – 7:18 pm) She replied to the concerns of the parent, she said that she wants to thank for lifting these points and she informed that we did get air conditioning in the cafeteria last year and when she met with elected officials she told them that we have A/C in the classrooms, but in our public spaces we need A/C, too, because it is unbearably hot.
- **Ashar:** (7:18 pm – 7:19 pm) He introduced himself as the Chair of the Youth and Education Committee. He gave an update for their budget request for this year. For PS146, they have put in a request for electrical wiring to put down and for increased mental health services within schools. For the protections for LGBT students within schools GSAs to be established in every school. They have put in a request for bathrooms.
- **CEC4 1st Vice President:** (7:19 pm – 7:21 pm) He said he is excited to announce that Cornell Medicine and New York Presbyterian is having 2 of their asthma specialists presenting in our CEC4 November 13th meeting. For what to do in an emergency and on the importance of recognizing symptoms of asthma. East Harlem has the highest rate of pediatric asthma in the city.
- **David Giordano:** (7:22 pm – 7:22 pm) He asked for the list of the principals with the schools.
- **Dr. Kristy:** (7:23 pm – 7:25 pm) She told David that she will provide him the principals list.
- **Parent:** (7:26 pm – 7:28 pm) She asked about the safety concerns for the children in the schools in emergency situations.
- **Dr. Kristy:** (7:29 pm – 7:38 pm) She said Safety is our priority, and she advised to get as many people inside the building as possible to keep safe in emergency situations.
- **Principal Johnathan Dascal:** (7:39 pm – 7:41 pm) He spoke about the reasons to keep everybody inside the school building in the emergency situations school lock down for safety reasons shelter in place.
- **Principal Lousia Moralis:** (7:42pm – 7:43 pm) She also spoke about the safety inside the school buildings.
- **Dr. Kristy:** (7:44 pm – 7:53 pm) She spoke about the safety concerns in the school buildings.
- **Parent:** (7:54 pm – 7:55 pm) She said there should be more school safety agents in the school buildings.
- **Principal Lousia Moralis:** (7:56pm – 7:57 pm) She also spoke about the school scanning stations for the safety reasons.
- **Hugo Aleixo: Youth Director- League Coordinator New York:** (7:58 pm – 8:07 pm) He spoke about promoting soccer for the district 4 Community.
- **CEC4 Council Member:** (8:08 pm – 8:08 pm) Asked about the age group for soccer.

- **Hugo Aleixo: Youth Director- League Coordinator New York:** (8:09 pm – 8:09 pm)
He informed the age group is from age 3 till high school.

Motion to adjourn the Calendar meeting by Gloria Flaherty seconded by Jasmin Benitez
(8:10 pm)

6. **Calendar meeting adjourned:** 8:10 pm

Business Meeting

October 09th, 2024

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 09th, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 8:28 pm

1. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan 8:28 pm

Members Present: Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Mario Medina, Rosa Nagovich, Johanna Dominguez (Zoom), Evelis Galarza-Serrano (Zoom), Jasmin Benitez, Rafael Lima (Zoom), and Rosa G. Diaz.

Member Absent: Gloria Flaherty (Unexcused), Lacey Jordan (Unexcused), and Niasia Nathaniel (Unexcused).

Attendance done: 8:29 pm

Attendees: 35

2. CEC4 President- (8:29 pm – 8:31)

She thanked everyone for joining and said that we do not have quorum, but she was grateful that we had quorum for our calendar meeting.

The items that we will table till next month. The old business, the July, August, September and now October meeting minutes and the budget is approved in the calendar meeting, and we wanted to discuss the CEC website, and the meeting locations approval for the future meetings, we will table that till next month.

Motion to adjourn the business meeting by Mario Medina seconded by Jasmin Benitez
(8:31 pm)

3. Business meeting adjourned: 8:31 pm

Prepared & submitted by:

Farah Khan

Administrative Assistant

Next D4 CEC Calendar and Business Annual Meeting will be on November 13th, 2024.