



## Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL)

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers St, NY, NY

### **CALENDAR MEETING:**

The Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL) Calendar meeting was call to order on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:27 pm. The following members were present: Teresa Arboleda, Saima Arfan, Osiris De La Cruz, Victor De Los Santos (late), Hebatalla Ibrahim, Kahdeidra Martin, Nargiza Rafieva, Nader Nessim, Mitchel Wu and Julie Zhu. The following members were absent: Rashid Ahmes and Valeria Caniglione (excused). Janya Tagat, FACE liaison to the CCELL, was present at the meeting to provide guidance.

**Introduction on New CCELL members.** The CCELL new members introduced themselves and spoke about their background and their community.

**Approval of June 6, 2017 minutes.** The CCELL approved the June 6, 2017 Calendar and Business meeting minutes by a vote of 8-0.

### **President's Report**

**Update on mayoral control.** Ms. Arboleda gave an overview on the 2002 law that gave the mayor control of NYC public schools. The law was last amended in 2009, one result which was the establishment of the Citywide Council on English Language Learners. The law was to sunset on July 1, 2015 unless extend or amended but the NYS Legislature in 2015 only gave one-year extensions in 2015 and 2016. The law was again schedule to sunset on July 1, 2017 unless extend or amended. This year the legislature passed two-year extension to Mayoral Control with no changes. The ECC Mayoral Control Sub-Committee worked unsuccessfully with the legislature to make some amendments to the law to get more parent involvement.

**Update on Chancellor's Diversity Plan and ECC working Group on Diversity and Integration.** Ms. Arboleda has been working for years on diversity and integration issues with a task force in D3 and most recently with an ECC working group on diversity. The group met with DOE high-level staff providing input to the recently released Chancellor a framework plan on equity and excellence for all: Diversity in New York City Public Schools. The school diversity plan is a step towards more diverse and inclusive schools and classrooms. All members have been provided with a copy of Chancellor's plan and Ms. Arboleda will provide future updates on Chancellor's Diversity Plan and ECC working Group on Diversity.

**Orientation on June 24 for New and returning members of District and Citywide Education Councils.** Ms. Arboleda asked for any feedback on the orientation. Mrs. Ibrahim recommended that all new members attend as many meeting and trainings as they can. Members have been provided with a list of CCECs training topics for the year.

**2017-2018 Budget Resolution.** Ms. Andino explained the how the budget works and how the funds have been allocated. Mr. Wu read the Resolution: CCELL Resolution 11 Approval of the 2017-2018 CCELL Budget. Ms. Ibrahim made a motion to pass the Resolution and seconded by Ms. Arboleda. Approved unanimously with a vote of 7-0.

**Division of English of English Language Learners and Student Support.** Ms. Vazquez- Johnson, Chief of Staff, Division of English Language Learners and Student Support (DELLSS), provided information about DELLSS and how they work with the CCELL. DELLSS staff is available to answer any questions regarding ELLs issues.



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Adjourned at 7:13 pm to go into the business meeting.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

The Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL) Business meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 7:14 pm. The following members were present: Teresa Arboleda, Saima Arfan, Osiris De La Cruz, Victor De Los Santos, Hebatalla Ibrahim, Kahdeidra Martin, Nargiza Rafieva, Nader Nessim, Mitchel Wu and Julie Zhu. The following members were absent: Rashid Ahmes and Valeria Caniglione (excused).

**2017-2018 School Year**

**Set up meeting Dates.** The council members reviewed, discussed and approved the meeting dates for the 2017-2018 school year.

**Possible presentation topics.** After discussion the council tentatively agreed on the following presentation topics:

- College and Career Readiness presentation for September 12, 2017
- Joint Meeting with the CCHS and High School Enrollment presentation for October 3, 2017
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Enrollment presentation for November 14, 2017
- Joint meeting with the CCSE and presentation on Special Education on ELLs for December 5, 2017

**Training for all CCELL members** – all were provided with a list for the year at the calendar meeting.

**New website and Facebook.** Ms. Andino gave the Council an update on the process of building the CCELL website and the CCELL Facebook page. Ms. Andino should have the website ready and running by September.

**CCELL Bylaws.** Copies of the CCELL Bylaws, which were modified this past school year, were provided to all members. An important modification made to the Bylaws is that the Annual Meeting will be held in September and not in July, as is usual.

**CCELL Strategic Plan.** A copy of the CCELL Strategic Plan was placed in members' folders. The plan was developed by CCELL members in the early years of the CCELL to provide a blueprint for ongoing council activity. The strategic plan was based on the experience and wisdom of former, outgoing and continuing members so that new members would have an idea of what the council can and cannot do, according to the NYS law.

**Adjourned at 8:08pm**