



## Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL)

Monday, October 8, 2019

Meeting Minutes

Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers St, NY, NY, 10007

### CALENDAR MEETING

The Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL) calendar meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:21pm. The following members were present: Muneer Abualroub, Vincent Lu, Charos Mukhtorova, Liliana Thompson (late), Christopher Wagner, and Julie Zhu. The following members were absent: Elmahdi Oummih and Mitchel Wu with an excused absent.

**Approval of September 17, 2019 CCELL meeting minutes:** The September 17, 2019 Calendar and Business meeting minutes were tabled because there was no quorum.

### Report:

**Public Advocate meeting on September 30, 2019.** Mr. Wagner reported that the Public Advocate Appointees attended the meeting on September 30, 2019. Mr. Wagner reported that they discussed the work that each member is doing on their councils.

**Report on Data from DML.** Following a presentation given by the DML on August 1, 2019 that provided background on their work, specific data about school enrollment numbers and bilingual programs in the city were requested for the council to better understand how well students are served by current bilingual programs. A follow-up meeting was held to discuss the data request and to understand the programs relative to the requirement in the regulations. The DML have agreed to provide the requested data and are working on proving the data for the council. The DML aim to have it by the end of October. The DML will keep the council updated.

**Presentation: Translation & Interpretation Services for Public Schools.** Alex Cinton Carrasco, Associate Director of Language Access of the Translation & Interpretation Unit gave the presentation and the presentation emphasized the following:

- DOE Demographics
- Translation Services
- Over-the-phone Interpretation Services
  - OSIS – Office of Sign Language Interpretation Services
  - Additional Service Through Contracted Vendors
- Resources for Families
  - Parent Guide to Language Access brochure and “I Speak....” Card
  - Language ID Guide & Multilingual Welcome Poster
- Field Language Access Coordinators
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- Briefly spoke about the IEP Translation Piolet.

**Division of Multilingual Learners (DML).** Mr. Larry Nguyen spoke briefly about the NYSED flyer for a parent conference and asked the members and the student representative to please share the flyer with their schools and communities. Mirza Sanchez-Medina, Deputy Academic Officer of the DML introduced herself and introduced her staff. She spoke briefly about her department and was very impressed with the presentation.

**Public Comments.** Any question from ask by the public was answer by the DOE staff and the presenters.

**Adjourned at 7:07 pm**



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### **BUSINESS MEETING**

The Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL) Annual meeting was called on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:01pm. The following members were present: Muneer Abualroub, Vincent Lu, Charos Mukhtorova, Liliana Thompson, Christopher Wagner, and Julie Zhu. The following members were absent: Elmahdi Oummih and Mitchel Wu with an excused absent.

**Discussion on 2017-2019 Annual Report.** Ms. Andino mentioned that Ms. Robinson hasn't replied. A further discussion on the Annual report will be discussed on the November meeting.

**Discussion on CCELL future Presentations and Events for December to June 2020.** After further discussion on the future presentation for December 2019 to June 2020. The council would like the following presentation topics. Ms. Andino will work on getting a presenter for each.

- How changes in gifted and talented programs might affect Ells based on the School Diversity Advisory Council
- NYC Commission on Human Right new protections based on immigrants' status and national origin.
- Presentation on Culturally Responsive – Sustaining education.
- Presentation on helping Women with College.

**Interview for Application for November 12, 2019.** Ms. Zhu and Ms. Andino explained the interview process for November 12, 2019. The public profile of the applicants are located in the member's folders. Ms. Andino will send the members the questions that will be asked to all the candidates.

**Open discussion.** Mr. Lu asked if there were any updates on the schools not having Lunar New Year and other religious holidays off. The Council suggested that he work with Mr. Wu on writing a resolution regarding the parents' concerns.

**Adjourned at 7:25 pm**