Community Education Council District 22

October Calendar Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Called to order at 6:33pm

Roll Call

Present: Bridget Kessler, Avi Glickstein, Tahisha George, Vanessa Cannistraci, Kinga Kusek, Zheng Hao Ma, Megan Demarkis, Shazia Mehmood, Patryk Kusek

Quorum: Achieved

- **Land Acknowledgement – B.K.** – A moment of silence was observed.
- **Approval of September Minutes** – Motion was made and secondED to approve with no objections, the minutes were approved.
- **President's Report – B.K.**
    - President Kessler discussed four vacant voting seats: a general parent seat, D75 parent seat, English Language Learner parent seat, and Brooklyn Borough President Appointee seat.
    - Encouraged families and community members to apply and to share vacancy information.
    - Donovan Swanson from the Brooklyn Borough President's office clarified eligibility for the Borough President Appointee seat and noted that a prospective candidate was scheduled for an interview.
    - Welcomed student member Patryk Kusek and announced that one non-voting student seat remains open.
    - Note that the next Panel for Education Policy meeting is October 28 at 6:00 pm at Long Island City High School.
- **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Julia Bove
    - Announced that a presentation on the Portrait of a Graduate is planned for the next CEC meeting.
    - Recognized October observances including Dyslexia Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Bullying Prevention Month, National Principals Month, and National Custodial Workers Day.
    - High School, LaGuardia, and specialized high school application registration opened October 6.
    - Middle school admissions information session scheduled for October 8. Middle school applications open October 14.
    - Middle school open houses run October 19 through November 19. Brooklyn South High School Fair scheduled for October 24 at John Dewey High School.
    - Shared upcoming District 22 events, including Breast Cancer Awareness Day, Terry Cadet Donald Street co-naming, NYC Public Schools Math week, Genovesi Environmental Study Center Fall Festival, and Parent/Guardian Gardening Club dates.

  - Families were encouraged to complete the Family Income Inquiry Form and were informed about the NYC Kids RISE Save for College Program for K-5 students.
  - Council discussed implementation of Illustrative Mathematics, teacher training, practice opportunities, differentiation, and concerns about addressing curriculum gaps.
- **Presentation:** District Data Summary and Data Workbook – Joyti Folch, Office of District Planning
  - Community Education Council District 22 Data Consultation, Office of District Planning – October 6, 2026
  - What does ODP do?
  - What is a Data Consultation and Why Does it Matter?
  - District 22 Enrollment Trends
  - District 22 Residential Trends
  - Where do District 22 Elementary School Residents Enroll (2025 –2026)
  - Where do District 22 Middle School Residents Enroll (2025-2026)
  - District 75 Residential Change in District 22
  - How is District 22 addressing the D75 seat need?
  - District 22 Schools in Bottom 25% Enrollment Citywide.
  - Class Size Law Compliance Rates by District
  - Enrollment VS. Capacity
  - Early Childhood in District 22
  - Looking Forward
  - District 22 All Schools Map
- **Report of Committee (s) –**
  - The Civic Engagement Committee is aiming to hold a meeting on October 26 in the evening, subject to confirmation and notice.
- **Election of CEC Officers**
  - Recording Secretary – No nominations were made; Position remains vacant.
  - Treasurer – Zheng Hao Ma was nominated and elected by roll call vote 8 YES 0 NO
- **Public Comment** (2 minutes per speaker)
  - Dr. Jackie Cody – In person
  - Camille Casarettli via Zoom
  - Donovan Swanson via Zoom
- **Adjournment** – The Calendar Meeting adjourned at 8:06

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October Business Meeting Minutes

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Called to order at 8:16pm

Roll Call

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Quorum: Achieved

- **New Business**
  - Committee Structure & Members – Council reviewed committee names, chairs, and members.
    -Bylaws Committee – Chair: Kinga Kusek, Civic Engagement Committee – Chair: Avi Glickstein, Parent Engagement Committee – Co-Chairs: Tahisha George & Megan DeMarkis, Curriculum Committee – Chair: Bridget Kessler, Hospitality Committee – Chair: Vanessa Cannistraci. -The council agreed to combine social media/communications work with the Parent Engagement Committee.
  - Meeting Scheduling and Community Engagement Procedures –
    - Council reviewed the distinction between formal committee meetings, which must follow Open Meeting Law requirements, and informal committee community outreach or meet-and-greets.
    - Members discussed using libraries and other public spaces for parent outreach and agreed that members should keep the council informed when representing CEC22 at community events.
    - The council agreed that additional guidance from FACE would be helpful where procedures remain unclear.
    - Members discussed virtual parent engagement activities, including a proposed high school admissions panel.
  - Community Outreach Materials
    - Council discussed finalizing outreach material by November, including updated CEC22 shirts.
    - Council supports distributing a vacancy flyer with a QR Code through parent coordinators, schools, libraries, and other community channels.
  - Legislative Breakfast
    - The Civic Engagement Committee discussed holding the legislative breakfast in early December or January, preferably a Friday morning. The date will be coordinated with Superintendent Bove.
  - School Liaison Reassignments / School Visits
    - Schools discussed for reassignment include PS 194, PS 198, P811K, PS 134, PS 139, PS 197, Cunningham/ PS 234, and PS 245
    - Members redistributed liaison assignments that may be adjusted as new members

join.
    - Members were asked to make initial outreach to assigned schools during October and complete school visits by approximately December 1.
    - School Visit Reports should be submitted before the council considers School Construction Authority priorities in January.
- **Old Business**
    - Mission Statement – Council agreed members may circulate mission statement drafts by email and bring a proposed version to a future meeting for discussion and vote.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Z.M. – Zheng Hao updated the council on the current FY 2027 Budget.
- **Adjournment** – The Business Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm