Community Education Council District 22

May Calendar Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Called to order at 6:31pm

Roll Call

Present: Bridget Kessler, Avi Glickstein, Michael Barth, Tahisha George, Kinga Kusek, Zheng Hao Ma, Vanessa Cannistraci

Absent: Megan DeMarkis

- **Land Acknowledgement – B.K.**
- **Approval of April Minutes** – Approved by consensus
- **President's Report** – **B.K.**
    - Welcome everyone and thanks to those in person and online for joining us. Next time bring a friend.
    - Wishes all amazing teachers of district 22 a Happy Teacher's Appreciation Week. Wishes a belated Happy Principals Day to the principals and administrators.
    - Thanks Principal Norton and staff at PS 254 for hosting us. And thank you to Principal Olivieri who hosted us at PS 222 last month.
    - Took a moment to remember Roderick Daly, the Chair of Community Board 17, a community leader and volunteer baseball coach who passed away last month after a long battle with cancer.
    - CEC22 will be volunteering with the organization NYC H2O for a Beach Clean Up on Saturday, May 16th from 10 am to 12 pm at the Plum Beach in the Gateway National Recreation Area.
    - Safe passage to and from school is very important to us here on the Council. If you are aware of any unsafe intersections or have concerns about traffic safety near your schools, we urge you to reach out to us. We are happy to speak in favor of more crossing guards or traffic rules in your area.
    - The DOE has released some guidance relating to AI. Parent feedback due May 8th.
- **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Bove and Deputy Superintendent Barros
    - For those that celebrate, Happy Cinco De Mayo!
    - In May, we celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month, Asian Pacific American Heritage, Haitian Heritage and Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you, Teachers. Also, recognizes speech Language Hearing Month.
    - New York City Kids Rise Save For College – Children in grades K through 4 are automatically enrolled in the Save for College Program unless opted out. Next step is for parents to activate your child's account. Their accounts start with $100 and $25 reward for activating account. More information on our website.

- Last week, there was a glitch in the math exam. Schools told me it was smooth sailing from that point on. We wish our mathematicians in district 22 lots of good luck as they finish the math exam.
- Science Testing – May 12th through 15th. New York State Science testing in grades 5 and 8. Please check your schools for the exact testing day.
- May 6th is School Nurse Day. We thank and appreciate all our School Nurses.
- May 5th Summer Rising and Offer to accept deadline.
- Next week we have a teacher hiring fair in district 22 at Marine Park, May 12th from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm
- May 13 & 14. District 22 Heather & Linda will conduct a conflict resolution workshop @ 6:30 pm. Information is on our website.
- May 15 wear Lime green so that we can support Mental Health Awareness Day.
- May 18 is our Art Show in district 22 at PS 236. More information on our website.
- May 18, Speech Pathologist Day
- May 25 Memorial Day schools will be closed.
- May 27, we celebrate Eid-Al-Adha. Happy Eid to all who celebrate. Schools will be closed.
- Last month, we got a new building in district 22 on East 57th and Ave. M. It will be the fourth Joan Snow Pre-K center.
- Joan Snow Pre-K Center housed at 1326 East 57th Street will have two open houses. June 5th 10 to 2 pm and June 6th 10 to 2 pm

- **Responses to additional questions from Town Hall**
  - **Question:** District 22 lacks on-site afterschool programs for our youngest learners, particularly 3k and 4k in district schools, as well as our DOE pre-k centers and district 75. Parents struggle to obtain afterschool care for their children in these programs. What steps will you take to remedy this situation to ensure access to high-quality, developmentally appropriate on-site care for all families in the district? **Answer:** Since that particular question was asked of the chancellor when he had the town hall, you know that 2K came into effect also. How that changes the afterschool programs? I don't know yet. I guess the dollar sign will dictate but what I can tell you is that we are at the Joan Snow Centers trying to really increase the afterschool programs for that reason, parents need afterschool care. So, we know that at the Joan Snow, that will improve and increase. As far as 3K and Pre-K in the elementary schools, we are waiting for the budget to see how that plays out but it's more likely that the Joan Snow Center Pre-K classes may receive after school before a Pre-K class, let's say, here in 254.
  - **Question:** This year is the first time since my third grader started kindergarten at PS 217 free after school program had sufficient number of spots to meet the needs of our families. In previous years, the DYCD program had a waitlist and the school had a difficult time sustaining the after school options, both on and off-site. Because there are not enough families who could partake or pay for after school activities. **Answer:** So, in conclusion, this is also asking the same thing, where parents are in dire need of afterschool programs. The chancellor knows that. We remind the chancellor, along with our parents, we remind them all the time. And one thing that I know, especially at 217, there has been an increase in the number of seats available for afterschool programs. But that's just one school. I try my best whenever I am at central, and I speak to after school program directors, it's always a fight for more and more on both sides of the district, not just towards 217, but also in schools here on the southern side.

- President Kessler asks is it anticipated that additional Pre-K afterschool might be introduced as soon as next year? Superintendent Bove: Yes

- **District Presentation Regarding A.I**. – Maureen Sheridan
  - Let's Talk About Artificial Intelligence – This PowerPoint is available on the District 22 website, and it was recorded so you can view that as well as the link to enter your concerns or comments by May 8th. The DOE really wants to hear from you what your thoughts and concerns are.
  - President Kessler highlighted CEC22's previously passed resolution relating to a two-year pause on AI, and calling for caution and discussion relating to AI use in the classroom. President Kessler also noted that concerns with the DOE's approach to AI persist and that CEC has been hearing from and would like to continue hearing from parents about their views on this issue. President Kessler further requested a copy of the non-public Q&A from the District's AI Presentation, to understand what concerns and questions parents have.
- **Special Election to Fill Vacancy in Office**
  - Secretary – Tabled
- **President Kessler Vacancy Announcement** – CEC22 has 4 open seats. We have a general seat, a District 75 seat, an English Language Learner seat and Borough President Appointee seat. All of the application information is on our website.
- **Report of Committee (s)** (None)
- **Vote on CEC22Candidate Applications**
  - **Johanna Neufeld –** Present Online **- Vote:** 5 YES 2 NO (Kinga, Vanessa)
  - **Nicole Campo-Lardner –** Not Present **– Vote:** 1 YES 6 NO (Zheng, Michael, Bridget, Avi, Tahisha, Vanessa)
- **Public Comment** (2 mins/ea. speaker)
  - Holly Spiegel – Parent (Online)
  - Janelle Barth – Parent (Online)
- **Adjournment** at 7:21pm

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- **New Business**
  - Proposed Bylaws Amendments – Tabled
  - Council Discussion on Draft Resolutions – Council discussed three draft resolutions.
  - Graduation Certificates – Discussed and voted for Option #2 by consensus,
  - Instructional Lead Ambassador Certificates – Agreed by consensus to distribute these certificates at our June meeting.
  - Summer Meeting Schedule – Council discussed to leave the July & August meeting as is and we moved the September meeting to the 8th. Motion to change September 1st meeting to Tuesday, September 8th **Vote:** 7 YES 0 NO
  - PEP Candidate Question Reminder – B.K. asked the council to please give your input on the issues that you would like to see addressed.
  - Proposed Regulations Comment Period – Council discussed if anyone has any comments or thoughts to share, we can discuss at our next meeting.Council members should feel free to submit comments in their individual capacity and we also can discuss if the Council wants to submit anything as a Council..
- **Old Business**
  - SCA/Reso A Tracking and Follow Up Project – Tabled
- **Treasure's Report** – M.B. Updated council on current budget, promotional items and office supplies
  - Office Supplies Purchased in April – Copy Paper, 2-pocket folders, sign holders, water, and table cover. Total = $225.61
  - Motion to purchase promotional items for CEC22 up to $7500 for key chains, magnets and stickers. **Vote:** 7 YES 0 NO
- **Adjournment** at 8:09 pm