Community Education Council District 22

September Calendar Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Called to order at 6:34pm

Roll Call

Present: Bridget Kessler, Avi Glickstein, Tahisha George, Vanessa Cannistraci, Kinga Kusek, Zheng Hao Ma, Shazia Mehmood, Megan Demarkis (Late 6:48pm)

Absent: Michael Barth – Excused

Quorum: Achieved

- **Land Acknowledgement – B.K.**
- **Approval of August Minutes** – Motion to approve: Kinga, Avi second - Approved
- **President's Report – B.K.**
    - President Kessler welcomes attendees to the new school year.
    - President Kessler introduced and welcomed new council member Shazia Mehmood.
    - Thanked council members who participated in parent coordinator interviews during the summer.
    - Encouraged parents to attend PTA, SLT, and CEC meetings and remain engaged in their schools.
    - Announced council vacancies including parent of English Language Learner, a parent of a D75 student, a Borough President Appointee, and High School seat.
- **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Julia Bove
    - District 22 Goals and Priorities CEC Meeting SY 2026 – 2027
        - Priority 1 Literacy / NYC Reads
        - Priority 2 Mathematics / NYC Solves
        - Priority 3 Safe and Inclusive Schools
        - Priority 4 College and Career Readiness
        - Priority 5 Attendance / Chronically Present
        - ELA State Exam Results over last 10 years (All Students)
        - ELA State Exam Results by Grade Level – 2026 ELA Performance Level by Grades
        - Math State Exam Results by Grade Level (All Students)
        - District 22 Initiatives to Continue
        - Civic for All

    - Amplify Science Pilot-focused on Shifts (K-12 Science Shifts)
    - Hidden Voices / Black Studies Curriculum
  - A.I. and Screen Time Update - A.I. tools are prohibited for student-facing use in K-8
  - Assessments, IEP accommodations, and multilingual learner support remain exempt.
  - Introduction of student representative **Patryk Kusek** from James Madison High School
  - District recognition of Childhood Cancer Awareness Day on September 25th
  - District Town Hall scheduled for September 28.
  - High School Admissions Information Night scheduled for September 29.
- **Presentation:** Dr. Kelly Clancy, CEC District 20, Founder of Parents for AI Caution in Educational Spaces
  - Discussed citywide parent advocacy related to artificial intelligence, student privacy, and screentime.
  - Highlighted concerns regarding excessive classroom screen use.
  - Emphasized the benefits of whole-book reading, teacher-led instruction, and limiting AI exposure.
  - Encouraged continued parent engagement and monitoring of policy implementation.
- **Report of Committee (s) –**
  - Parent Engagement Committee – Discussed proposed monthly committee meetings. First meeting planned for September 17 at a local library. Community members invited to participate.
  - Curriculum Committee – Discussed future resolutions relating to Dyslexia services, libraries, screen time implementation and special education services.
- **Vote on Proposed Bylaws Amendment –** The council voted unanimously to approve revised bylaws. Vote: 8 YES 0 NO
- **Election of Interim Officers July – October** – Tabled to Annual Meeting
- **Public Comment** (2 minutes per speaker)
  - Christine Caputo via Zoom
  - Jermaine Issac in person
  - Lucy Antoine in person
- **Discussion & Vote on Resolutions**
  - Resolution Supporting Whole Book Reading Instruction – Following discussion, the resolution was adopted unanimously. Vote: 8 YES 0 NO
  - Resolution to Establish Developmentally Appropriate Screen Time Limits, Transparency, and Student Privacy in New York City Public Schools – Following discussion, the resolution was adopted unanimously. Vote: 8 YES 0 NO
- **Adjournment** – The Calendar Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

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September Business Meeting Minutes

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Absent: Michael Barth - Excused

- **New Business**
  - Schedule first meeting with Presidents' Council – Confirmed President's Council meeting schedule: October 21, 2026 @ 9:30 am, January 20, 2027 @ 7:00 pm, and April 21, 2027 @ 9:30 am
  - **Mission Statement Plan** – Council to continue development of mission statement. Megan, Avi, and Shazia volunteered to draft a proposed mission statement for discussion at the next meeting.
  - **Office of District Planning scheduled to present district data at the October meeting**.
- **Old Business**
  - Council discussed holding a future meeting at a school to increase parent engagement.
  - Council discussed planning a legislative breakfast later in the school year.
- **Treasurer's Report** – K.K – Kinga updated the council on the current FY27 Budget.
  - Council encouraged early planning to maximize use of budget resources.
- **Adjournment** – Business Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

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September Special Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Called to order at 8:36 pm

Roll Call

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

Absent: Michael Barth - Excused

- **Election of CEC Officers**
  - **Election of Chair Pro Tem**
    - Avi Glickstein was nominated and elected Chair Pro Tem unanimously.
  - **Election of Council President**
    - Bridget Kessler was nominated and elected unanimously as President for the 2026 – 2027 school year.
  - **Election of Vice President**
    - Avi Glickstein was nominated and elected unanimously as Vice President for the 2026 – 2027 school year.
  - **Election of Secretary**
    - No nominations received. The position remains vacant and will be placed on a future agenda.
  - **Election of Treasurer**
    - No nominations received. The position remains vacant and will be placed on a future agenda.
- **Adjournment** – Annual Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm