

Community Education Council District 22

April Business Meeting Minutes

Date: April 2, 2024

Called to order at 6:33pm

Roll Call

Present:

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Anna Brener

Nadine Friedman

Absent:

Natasha Wachman

Tamara Telfort

Vanessa Cannistraci

Naomi Hopkins

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Remote:

Christine Eddi

Arthur Kleynerman

- **Approval of March Minutes** – Tabled
- **Review Bylaws Template** – Tabled
- **Committee Updates**
- **Adjournment** at 6:35pm

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- **Land Acknowledgement** – T.J. Moment of Silence
- **Student Performance** – P.S. 203 Students performed a piece from Finding Nemo from Inside Broadway
- **Monthly Acknowledgement** – **A.B.** Autism Acceptance Month – 1 in 36 children can identify with Autism. Advocate for your children. Be your children's champion!
- **President's Report** – **T.J.**
 - Go out to vote tonight!
 - J.H.S. acceptance is out tomorrow, April 3, 2024

- o Council members reach out to schools for SLT meeting or minutes.
- **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Julia Bove
 - o Autism Awareness Day – 1 in 36 children diagnosis with Autism
 - o Nest programs at P.S. 255, P.S. 222 & P.S. 278, On the horizon MS 14
 - o Assistant Principal Appreciation Week
 - o Kindergarten offers are now open. Accept offer by May 3, 2024
 - o Summer Rising application is now closed. Results in mid-April
 - o April 3, 2024, National Paraprofessional Appreciation Day!
 - Send them a Thank You note!
 - Thank you to ALL Para's for your dedication, hard work & the powerful impact you make everyday in the lives of our children.
 - o April 3rd Middle School Offers available
 - o April 5 Deadline to fill out School Survey
 - o April 8 NYC Partial Solar Eclipse around 2pm.
 - DO NOT LOOK DIRECTLY AT THE SUN!
 - o April 8 at 6:30pm Linda and Heather Parent Workshop on Knowing everything about Cannabis Edibles & the accidental ingestion of these items.
 - o April 10 Happy EID! To those that celebrate
 - o Testing Season – Check principal and schools for when each grade is taking what test and how?
 - o NYSESLAT – English as a second language test
 - o April 17th is Climate Action Day!
 - o April 18th Poem in your Pocket Day!
 - o April 19th Deadline for free Middle School Arts audition Bootcamp
 - o April 22-30th Spring Recess
 - o April 22-26th Public School Volunteer Week
- **Standardized Testing: History and Parental Rights** – Dr. Kaliris Salas – Ramirez, Associate Professor, Neuroscience and Cell Biology, Rutgers – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
 - o History of Standardized Testing

- o Testing Time on School Calendar
- o 2020-2024: More Standardized Tests than ever
 - NYS Grade 3-8 Exams – April & May
 - NYS Regents Exams – January & June
 - NYSESLAT (FOR English Language Learners) – April - May
 - NYC Academic “Screeners” (MAP, iReady or Acadience) – Fall, Winter, and Spring
 - Assessments embedded in curriculum
- o Do you see Substantial Difference in Mathematical Knowledge?
- o Procedure Vs. Correct Answer
- o Did this Student Fail to Grasp the Concept?
- o The Truth About the Tests
 - Time & money wasted
 - Invalid & unhelpful metrics
 - Culturally Unresponsive & Trauma Un-Informed
- o Despite What You May Have Heard
- o The BIGGEST Myth.... Is that your child have to take the tests.
 - Schools have to administer them BUT Parents have the right to refuse.
- o Direct from New York State...
 - Your child & your child’s teachers cannot be penalized for your actions.
- o BY OPTing Out...
 - Nationwide movement
 - Write a letter or email to opt out
 - You do not have to meet with your child’s principal.
- o More information
 - Sample refusal letters
optoutnyc.com/sample-opt-out-letters
 - For more info optoutnyc.com/contact-us
- **Public Comment**
- **Adjournment at 8:02pm**