Community Education Council District 22

July Calendar Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2026

Called to order at 6:36pm

Roll Call

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

Absent: Megan DeMarkis – Not Excused

Remote: Michael Barth

- **Land Acknowledgement – B.K.**
- **Approval of May & June Minutes** – Tabled. No quorum
- **President's Report – B.K.**
    - President Kessler welcomed attendees and wished everyone a Happy Summer!
    - President Kessler acknowledged the one-year mark of this council's existence and incredible hard work. She noted that the council has operated throughout the year with four vacancies and has never had a full council for this term. She expressed her appreciation for getting to work with this council and looks forward to continuing working together.
    - President Kessler thanked Shelley for supporting the council, Nicole, our FACE staff, Superintendent Bove, Heather, Linda and the district team, district leadership, and community partners for their support.
    - **Updates:** B.K. & Shelley meeting with Learning Times regarding improvements to hybrid meeting technology and translation services.
    - Introduction of new school facilities liaison Christopher Krause. Genesis Sanchez no longer liaison.
    - Recognition of council resolutions – The council passed seven resolutions relating to school busing contracts, increasing student voice on community education councils, generative artificial intelligence in classrooms, and addressing overcrowding through the acquisition of additional space.
    - We held a Chancellor's Town Hall, a Legislative breakfast, and beach cleanup.
    - The council advocated for improved school bathrooms, enhanced dyslexia services, increased access to after-school programming throughout the district, and improved student safety through additional crossing guards.
    - We submitted school facilities priorities to the School Construction Authority.
    - President Kessler emphasized the need to fill four vacant council seats: General education, English Language Learner, District 75 parent seats and Borough President appointee seat. The application information is on our website.

  - Kinga introduced a potential candidate who would like to apply. Ms. Mahmood from IS278. President Kessler thanked those who are recruiting prospective candidates.
  - President Kessler welcomed our distinguished guest, Councilmember Narcisse who joined our meeting in person.
- **Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Julia Bove
  - Superintendent Bove thanked council members, parent leaders and elected officials for their partnership and recognized Councilmember Narcisse for her support and generosity, noting the positive impact on District 22.
  - The superintendent recognized President Kessler and the council who has done a lot of work this year. Emphasizes how the collaboration was like glue and she is grateful.
  - **Updates:** Central leadership has paused implementation of AI-related initiatives. The DOE's anticipated AI guidebook has been delayed. Superintendent Bove proposed a districtwide conversation involving families, students, teachers, and principals regarding appropriate screen time and technology use in schools.
  - Preliminary I-ready screening data indicates continued growth in ELA and mathematics. The district is preparing for implementation of the Illustrative Mathematics Curriculum.
  - Summer Rising is operating successfully with strong attendance.
  - Schools continue serving as cooling centers and meal distribution sites.
  - Additional district positions are expected to be approved and filled prior to the start of the school year.
- **Contracts for Excellence Presentation –** Norlon Hamilton, Senior Grants Officer
  - Fiscal Year 2027 Contracts for Excellence and Class Size Reduction Plan Engagement
  - Contracts for Excellence (C4E) Background
  - Contracts for Excellence (C4E) FOR fy2027
  - Proposed Allocation of Funds District 22
  - Public comment for Contracts for Excellence
    - Deadline: July 29, 2026
    - Contractsforexcellence@schools.nyc.gov
  - Class Size Reduction Plan
  - SY 25-26 Compliance by District as of 10/31/2025
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  - Summary of Draft Class Size Reduction Plan
  - Pathways to Align Space and Capital Resources to Demand
  - Public Comment for Class Size Reduction Plan
    - Deadline: July 29, 2026
    - ClassSize@schools.nyc.gov
- **Report of Committee (s) –** None
- **Vote On Proposed Bylaws Amendment –** Tabled. No Quorum
- **Superintendent Evaluation Approval –** Tabled. Lack of Quorum
- **Election of Interim Officers July – October** – No Quorum
- **Public Comment** (2 mins/ea. speaker)
  - Kiara Bijoux (In person)
  - Jessica Kurtz (Zoom)

- **Adjournment** at 8:04pm

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July Business Meeting Minutes

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Absent: Megan DeMarkis – Not Excused

Remote: Michael Barth

- **New Business**
  - Approval of Meeting Dates 2026-2027 – Tabled
  - In-person Meetings Location Discussion – Discussed/ Tabled
  - Check in on School Liaison Assignments – Tabled until Fall
  - Mission Statement Plan – Discussed & resume as an agenda item at next meeting
- **Treasurer's Report** – M.B. – The council discussed the proposed Budget. Vote tabled. No Quorum
- **Adjournment** at 8:38 pm

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July Special Meeting Minutes

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- Election of CEC Officers – No Quorum