

## Community Education Council District 22

### October Annual Meeting Minutes

**Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2025**

Called to Order at 6:07 pm

#### *Roll Call*

**Present:** Bridget Kessler, Avi Glickstein, Tahisha George, Michael Barth, Zheng Hao Ma, Shatisha Bryant, Jessica Grandy, Kinga Kusek (Late)

**Absent:** Vanessa Cannistraci – Excused

- **Election of CEC Officers for the 2025-2026 term.**
  - Nominations for Chair Pro Tem: Avi Glickstein nominated himself. 7 YES 0 NO Votes. Avi Glickstein was elected as Chair Pro Tem.
  - Nominations for President: Zheng Hao Ma nominated Bridget Kessler. Bridget Kessler accepted the nomination. 7 YES 0 NO Votes.
  - Nominations for Recording Secretary: Jessica Grandy nominated herself. 7 YES 0 NO Votes.
  - Nominations for Vice President: Shatisha Bryant nominated Avi Glickstein (He accepted). Brief statement. 7 YES 0 NO Votes.
  - Nominations for Treasurer: Michael Barth nominated himself. Michael Barth made his statement – 8 YES 0 NO Votes.
- **The following CEC Officer positions for the 2025/2026 term were filled.**
  - President - Bridget Kessler
  - Vice President - Avi Glickstein
  - Recording Secretary - Jessica Grandy
  - Treasurer - Michael Barth
- **Adjournment 6:18 PM**

## Community Education Council District 22

### October Calendar Meeting Minutes

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- **Land Acknowledgement – Jessica Grandy**
- **Approval of September Minutes** – Minutes approved unanimously by the members
- **Interim Acting President's Report – Bridget Kessler**
  - Attended a CEC's president's meeting and received useful information about who to go for certain issues within the DOE that the district level can't address.
  - Attended the District Leadership Team Meeting (DLT) and heard some of the district's key goals & achievement data.
  - Much of the same information was covered at the Superintendent's town hall on September 15<sup>th</sup>. It was recorded and posted on the District 22 Website for all to access. Thank you to the Superintendent, for holding Town Hall. The town hall covered a lot of data, the district's priorities, resources that the district has, like the farm & other events.
  - The Office of District Planning provided data related to school utilization, the number of students that we have in each school building at the same time and the need for a new Middle School. The Office of District planning was invited to present this information at the November CEC meeting.
  - Had a call with CEC Presidents & Deputy Commissioner Kinsella of the NYPD, who is in charge of school safety. She is doing community outreach and wants to connect with parents and families about what their questions & concerns might be. She will be doing several Town halls. If there are intersections without crossing guards that should have one or schools that need additional school safety agents, please raise these concerns here.
  - Two Housekeeping notes:
    - For record keeping on attendance, if council members are not going to make the meetings or be late, you can email Shelley and me.
    - Brief reminder regarding the rules of order and protocol for public comment.
  - Message from Council Member Vanessa Cannistraci (President of the President's Council), who has passed along an invitation to the next President's Council meeting for all of our council members on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM to meet Parent

Association Presidents. The meeting will be held virtually and will fulfill our quarterly joint meeting, which will be included on the President's Council Agenda.

- **Superintendent's Report** – Deputy Superintendent Marcella Barros
  - October being Bullying Prevention Month, we want to promote anti-bullying and bias-based harassment work. The New York City Public Schools is launching a citywide initiative called Kindness over Bullies.
  - October heritage and awareness events check online to see full video for information.
  - We acknowledge Italian Heritage Day & Indigenous People's Day.
  - October 7<sup>th</sup> – Registration opens for high school application, the LaGuardia application, and the Specialized High School Admissions. Parents can find open houses in the online My Schools directory. That's myschool.nyc.
  - The office of Student Enrollment will be hosting a high school application information session this month. Please visit the H.S. enrollment page, on the New York City Schools website for more information.
  - We will have a District 22 Middle School Admissions information session on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to 8 pm. The Office of Student Enrollment will have a Q & A to respond to questions.
  - Days that school will be closed: October 13<sup>th</sup>, schools closed for Italian Heritage and Indigenous People's Day. October 20<sup>th</sup>, schools closed for Diwali.
  - October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, wear Pink on October 15<sup>th</sup>, for awareness & support.
  - October 16<sup>th</sup> – District 22 Middle School Fair from 5:30 to 7:30pm at MS890, 21 Hinckley Place.
  - October 21<sup>st</sup> – Middle School open houses begin for our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade families in district 22.
  - October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> is District 22 Fall Festival at the Carol Pino Learning Farm. There will be a pumpkin patch sponsored by Councilmember Narcisse. Garden Maze, herb building, family-friendly games, arts and crafts. Raffle will close on 10/7, email will go out 10/9 letting folks know if they have been selected.
  - October 31<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade families, the specialized high school admission test registration closes.
  - November 2<sup>nd</sup> is Daylight Saving time, set clocks back an hour.
  - November 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Environmental Student Center Fall Festival for District 22 students on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3 to 5pm
  - November 4<sup>th</sup> – Students do not attend school on that day.
- **Language Access Presentation (OLA)**- Robert Williams
  - NYC Public Schools Speak Your Language presented by: Office of Language Access Division of Family, Community, and Student Empowerment.
  - NYCPS Background – Non-English covered language are: Albanian, Arabic, Bangla, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uzbek
  - Our Commitment to NYCPS Families
  - Raising Awareness in our Communities - General Public Awareness

- Direct Parent Outreach
  - Schools.NYC.GOV/HELLO
  - Helpful Resources
  - How to Request Language Services
  - How to Request Sign Language Interpreting Services
  - How to Connect with Us
  - Having Difficulties Obtaining Language Assistance Services?
- **Special Election** – CEC22 ELL Vacancy Candidate Interview
  - **Elena Babina** – Not Present
- **Public Comment** (2 mins/ea. speaker) – No public comment
- **Adjournment** at 7:16pm

## Community Education Council District 22

### October Business Meeting Minutes

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- **Month-by-Month Planning Guide**
  - Building Capacity – Office of District Planning will be at our November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting
- **Old Business -**
  - Middle School Forum – The district is having an in person Middle School Forum on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The Superintendent offered that the CEC could have a table at the Middle School Forum. 5:30 to 7:30 pm at MS890.
  - Council Discussion on priorities
  - Presentations –
    - Discussion regarding mandatory presentations:
      - School Construction Authority (SCA)
      - Contracts for Excellence/School funding
    - Additional optional presentations considered
      - District Planning will present at November meeting
      - Other ideas: School Food, District 75
  - Town Hall discussion – Looking for the best location to host Chancellor’s Town Hall on February 12, 2026.
- **New Business**
  - Schedule Capital Plan Presentation with SCA – AA and the president will contact SCA regarding a presentation for December.
  - School Visits – Members started their school visits.
  - Review Committee Meeting Scheduling Procedures – We can coordinate with our AA to comply with the requirements.
  - Council agreed on a name change for “Political Affairs Committee” to “Civic Engagement Committee”
- **Treasurers Report – M.B.**
  - Budget Review & Vote for 2025-2026 Budget Proposal
    - Council voted 8 YES 0 NO - Budget Approved

- Reimbursement Forms – Treasurer went over how to fill out reimbursement forms and expense logs.
- **Adjournment** at 8:31pm