



Community Education Council District 22

May Calendar Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Called to order at 6:31pm

Roll Call

Present:

Nadine Friedman Roberts
Arthur Kleynerman
Tamara Telfort
Christine Eddi
Zheng Hao Ma
Tracy Jordan
Bridget Kessler
Avi Glickstein

Absent:

Anna Brener - Excused
Vanessa Cannistraci – Excused
Brandice Taylor Davis- Excused
Naomi Hopkins - Unexcused

- **Land Acknowledgement - N.F.R.** Moment of silence as an acknowledgement and remembrance for being on stolen Lenape land.
- **Monthly Acknowledgement– T.T.** – This month, we honor and acknowledge Mental Health Awareness Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Haitian Heritage Month, Military Appreciation Month (Memorial Day), Mother’s Day!
- **Brief Statement – T.T.**
- **Approval of April Minutes - Approved**
- **President’s Report – N.F.R.**
 - Report of Mayor’s Town Hall to P.S./I.S. 109. Some attendees brought up safety concerns and recount of Mayor’s lawyer as to why investment firms are buying up properties in the area (response in reference to families leaving the area due to high real estate prices)
- **Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Bove**
 - P.S. 198 concerns expressed at Mayor’s Town Hall at P.S. Another topic of concern is families are leaving District 22 due to increasing home prices
 - Thanks members of CDEC 22
 - Please vote for CEC members by 11:59 PM tonight.

- Congratulations to all students who took the ELA and Math State Exams. Most schools opted to have the exams given by computer.
- May 7th, plant giveaway at Carol Pino Learning farm. Thank you to the community. It was an amazing turnout.
- May 13th -14th and May 16th (make-up day) Science Exams
- May 13th Pre-K offers were released. Families have until June 13th to accept the offer and register.
- May 13th Deadline for 2025-2027 CEC election votes
- May is Haitian Heritage Month, Jewish American History Month as well as Asian American and Pacific Islander Month. Congratulations to everyone who celebrates.
- May 16th is district 22 Mental Health Awareness Day. Wear lime green to show support.
- May 19th from 3-5 pm, we have all our artists display at the district 22 Art Show at P.S./I.S. 207. Thank you to all the young artists, lead teacher Michelle Kelly and art teachers.
- May 20th from 10 – 1 PM District 22 Science Expo at P.S. 236. Wants to thank all the young scientists and our lead scientist, Anna Carvakis.
- May 20th District 22 with Linda and Heather are conducting a virtual summer reading parent workshop. Please join us, we will have members from Sora as well as the Brooklyn Public Library to speak to parents about getting free reading apps as well as great free programs from both Sora as well as the Brooklyn Public Library.
- May 20th 3K offer releases will be sent out.
- May 26th, we celebrate Memorial Day. Schools will be closed in observance of the national holiday.
- May 29th, we celebrate the 529 day. NY's College Saving Program (529 college fund) program is offered to children in kindergarten to grade 3. The great program saves money for educational use. In district 22 alone, students from kindergarten to grade 3 have accumulated \$764,000. Congratulations to those students.
- May 29th, Linda and Heather's parent workshop Harms of Cannabis Edibles as well as Vaping at 6:30pm.
- June 2nd is district 22 Dance Show held at P.S. 206. Wants to congratulate all the teachers, dancers and lead dancer, Miss Ruby Fink from 206.
- June 4th Music Ensemble at M.S. 278 AT 10:30 AM. Students from throughout the district will be performing as well as our guest musicians led by teachers from 139, Megan, Johannes, and Donald Haberland.
- **Borough Safety Director – Craig Edwards**
 - Mr. Edwards oversees districts 22, 17, 18 and 23. Right now, the hot topic is trying to get to the end of the school year.
 - We want to make sure that parents understand how to navigate regarding when there's issues or concerns that they have with their respective schools.
 - Across different districts or across the city, there have been a lot of incidents happening between parents in front of schools and around schools. We just want to make sure that we understand that there's a process. But we need to disagree, agreeably, and when

we're able to do that, we can then have real peaceful time in and around our schools and set the right example for our students.

- Updated policy to have two (2) safety officers at all elementary schools in the districts. One safety officer will be at the front desk.
- High schools have more than 2 safety officers
- Safety officers do not have the power to arrest.
- There is a shortage of safety officers. A program will commence this summer to train safety officers. NYC has not allowed the School Safety Division to open classes, so safety officers are pulled from NYPD class or retirement.
- DCAS (NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services) current training timeline for safety officers is four (4) months which involves a psychological evaluation, interview, selection and class training.
- In response to councilmember B.K. 's question from a prior CEC meeting regarding the pilot installation of security cameras in elementary schools. The pilot is not specifically for District 22 schools. Strategic placement of cameras will be in high crime schools (identified by OSPP- Office of Safety and Prevention Partnerships) and/or all new schools. School principals will be notified by the SCA (School Construction Authority) of the plan to install the security camera. The principal can decide where the security camera will be installed. The turnaround for this process is one and a half (1 ½) years.
- Funding for the cameras comes from Reso-A or elected officials.
- Privacy concerns: The cameras will not be placed in classrooms or bathrooms. They can be placed only in hallways or auditoriums pointing to the audience.
- There are no plans to use AI as of now. Third party, Metrotech, will have access and store the footage for 60 days. Under the FERPA (Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act) no school building can access or duplicate footage. There are only 6 licenses per school to access the footage by request. Footage may be requested via subpoena

- **Personal Statement – Avi Glickstein**
- **Report of Committee (s)**
- **Public Comment**
- **Adjournment at 7:29pm**

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- **Graduation Certificates Discussion and Vote**
 - 8 Yes Votes – Option #1
- **Resolution on Air Conditioning Vote –**
 - 6 YES and 2 NO (C. Eddi and Z. Ma) (need minimum of 7 Yes votes to pass)
- **Treasurer's Report – A.K.** updated council on current budget
- **Executive Session – Superintendent Evaluation**
- **Adjournment** at 7:57pm