



Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council

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Minutes: August 10, 2023

CPAC Virtual Monthly Meeting

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Meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed on YouTube. CPAC YouTube Channel

(<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCidrkVTelRgYjBs93Mmd7vQ>)

August 10th meeting link: <https://youtube.com/live/9ohvs1WRiLI>

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM

CPAC's Meeting Procedures and Standing Rules were reviewed. The attendance sheet was placed in the chat.

Roll Call – Districts / Boroughs in Attendance:

D3, D5, D08, D17, D20, D21, D22, D25, Bronx HS, and Queens HS.

Review Minutes:

Adoption of June 8th's Meeting Minutes –

To be postponed for September's 14th meeting.

August's theme: Renew and Rejuvenate!

CPAC Business:

Announcements:

1. CPAC's Committees
 - All committees have a schedule or scheduled meeting date; except Special Education (see below)
2. Pandemic EBT
 - \$120 per child in food benefits coming to NYC public school families. The benefits must be issued by 12/31, according to federal guidelines.
3. AA Vacancies for CCECs posted on 08/04/23.
4. Filling the Student Seat on CCECs
5. Collaboration & Partnership between Presidents' Councils and CCECs
 - Collaboration on quarterly meetings
 - Hold Candidate forums and **Consultation on filling vacancies**
 - **Have the right to participate in the process of filling vacancies on Community and Citywide Education Councils.**
 - Applicable Chancellor's regulations: A-660, D-130, D-140, D-150, D-160, and D-170
6. CUE Teen Collective
 - A free, year-long after-school program for high school students who are passionate about visual culture and interested in exploring careers in the fine arts. Application is due September 24, 2023.
7. NYC Public Schools' 2023 – 2024 Calendar
 - available on the NYCPS (DOE) website in English and the 9 NYCPS official languages
8. Capacity Building Committee suggestion on:
Parent Leader PDs / Trainings
 1. Coordinate w/ parent leaders in each borough to coordinate and collaborate for training and professional development for all parent leaders within the borough which in turn will establish stronger partnerships, engagement, communication, and empowerment with FLCs and FSCs.
 2. Establish a Boroughwide and Citywide Calendars for the entire SY for PDS; calendar to be released in September of each year.

Working Groups / Task Force:

A655 Working Group – Resumed but no meetings since resuming.

Round Table Conversations -?

Equity Working Group -?

Citywide CEP Template and iPlan – No more meetings for this SY.

Digital Learning & Dyslexia Task Force -?

CCEC Elections Working Group: Waiting for the 2023 – 2025 CCEC Elections results.

Small Class Size Task Force: Being Finalized and had an initial meeting.

Special Education Advisory Council: Meetings are being held and the taskforce is divided into smaller groups. Information, materials, resources, etc. can be found here: [Boldly Reimagining Special Education \(nyc.gov\)](https://www.nyc.gov/boldly-reimagining-special-education)

Members of the Advisory Council (“Advisors”) will:

- Support the design of a long-term vision for special education in New York City.
- Generate recommendations to improve special education.
- Collect information on student and family experiences to inform planning.
- Build awareness of special education programs and services.

Advisory Council Structure Advisors may also serve on one of four Sub-councils (SCs), one for each of the following areas:

- Integration and Interdependence – Advise NYCPS on opportunities to improve access to inclusive opportunities that promote interdependence amongst students.

- Scale and Sustain Programs that Work - Advise NYCPS on scaling and sustaining effective programs for students with IEPs
- Process and Policy - Advise NYCPS on strategies to reduce the need for Due Process Complaints and to improve legal processes and policies in services of students and families
- Engagement and Empowerment - Advise NYCPS on effectively attracting and retaining students with disabilities and their families; advise NYCPS on spreading the word about existing offerings; support overall stakeholder engagement while boldly reimagining Special Education

CPAC Updates:

CPAC Committees: Meeting Schedules / Dates:

1. Capacity Building & Support – 1st Tuesdays of the month @ 11:30 AM (9/05)
2. Communications – 1st Tuesdays of the month @ 10 AM (9/05)
3. High School – 1st Friday of the Month @ 2 PM (9/08)
4. Legislative – September 19th & October 17th both @ 1 PM
5. Multilingual Language Learners (Bilingual/English Language Learners) – September 19th @ 3:30 PM.
6. Special Education –?
7. Title I – 1st Tuesdays of the month @ 11 AM
8. Wellness (Health & Safety) – Second Wednesdays of the month @ 10:30 AM (9/13)
9. Alumni – Quarterly meetings – (09/19)

Reminder! Check the website for news, info, events, resources, and sign-up for CPAC's committees.

? The Special Education Committee have not provided a schedule or meeting dates for 2023-24 SY.

FACE Updates:

Dr. Cristina Melendez, Executive Director of FACE cmelendez15@schools.nyc.gov

Jesse Mojica, Deputy Executive Director of FACE jmojica@schools.nyc.gov

Anthony Settle, FACE Liaison, Governance Team asettle@schools.nyc.gov

- FACE want to be better at closing the loop in communication and since Anthony Settle, an expert on the FACE team, Settle can be very helpful in helping to build out the capacity at the ground level and utilizing FACE work with the family leadership coordinators and family support coordinators. How FACE can best support the work of PA/PTAs across the city.
- The goal is to provide through work with you as parent leaders to support train and promote effective practices among leaders of all districts by leveraging the work that CPAC is already doing.
- FACE second goal is that working closer with Family Leadership Coordinators (FLCs) and Family Support Coordinators (FSCs) to be to be more effective in supporting the work that parent leaders do thereby affecting the work that's done at the school level
- The last goal would be to work closely with parent coordinators to support the work at individual schools. It's this top-down approach that FACE is trying to implement.
- Currently, 896 schools, which is more than half of all the schools in the city that have reported holding an election so we have a little bit of work to do in the fall.
- We can have conversations and ideas and hopefully grow the collaborative work that we're always seeking to do with each other.
- Settle spoke the importance, the compliance, and the ripple effect for Presidents' Councils to have their elections in June as per Chancellor's regulations A660.

SEO Scholars – Danapolie Brice, Asst. Dir. Recruitment & Admissions:

Scholars is a free eight-year program that transforms public high school students into college graduates with a hundred percent College acceptance rate. SEO Scholars stays with their students from ninth grade up until they walk across that stage for college graduation and afterwards. SEO Scholars' goal is not only to ensure that they receive a college degree but also that they are able to integrate into the workforce.

- Currently over 1,200 scholars in our program across the city (224 HS)
- Applications launch September 8th.
- Priority Deadline is November 17th (early decision)
- General Deadline is December 8th.
- Two priority interviews in December
- The program is virtual via Zoom.

NYC Chancellor David C. Banks:

- Discussed NYC Public Schools Reading and Literacy Campaign
- Talk briefly on the potential school bus strike.
- Looking forward to a great year school year and accomplishing many things together.

NYS Senator Shelley Mayer:

Chair of Committee on Education

- Updates:
 - Fully funding Foundation Aid
 - Use funding to improve student outcomes in an effective way.
 - Charter schools
 - Happy to pass bills to reflect the diversity of NYC such as NYS bills on Diwali Holiday and Lunar New Year
 - Next time on CPAC, Senator Mayer would like to have more in-depth conversation.

D03 - Motion to adjourn the meeting.

D05 - Second the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 11:53 PM.

The next Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council Virtual Monthly Meeting is Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 10:00 AM.