



Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council

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CPAC Virtual Monthly Meeting

February 08, 2024

The meeting was held via Zoom.

Video recording - <https://youtu.be/dlpxJfRej2U>

CPAC YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCidrkvTelRgYjBs93Mmd7vQ>)

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 09:30 AM

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

Roll Call – Districts / Boroughs in Attendance:

D02, D03, D04, D05, D06, D07, D08, D09, D14, D15, D17, D18, D20, D21, D22, D26, D28 Excused, D29, D30, D31, D32, Manhattan HS, Queens HS, and Staten Island HS.

Review Minutes:

Adoption of January 11th's Meeting Minutes

D03 - Motion to Adopt January 11, 2024 minutes.

MHS - Second the Motion to Adopt January's minutes.

Minutes Adopted.

February's theme: Happy Lunar New Year!! Getting Ready for the Nomination Meeting and Spring Elections.

CPAC Business:

Announcements:

- Equity Council voting opens on Wednesday, January 10th
CPAC members encouraged to review vacancy application and vote for candidates.

Working Groups / Task Force:

- A-655 Working Group
- Equity Working Group
- Digital Learning & Dyslexia Task Force
- Citywide CEP Template and iPlan Meeting
- CCEC Elections Working Group
- Special Education Advisory Council
Report: [Overview of the Special Education Advisory Council Final Report](#)
- NYC Class Size Working Group
Report: [Class Size Working Group: Final Report](#)

CPAC Updates:

CPAC Committees: Meeting Schedules / Dates:

- Capacity Building & Support – First Tuesday each month @ 11:30AM
- Communications – First Tuesday each month @ 10AM
- High School – First Monday each month @ 10:30AM
- Legislative – January 30th and April 30th @ 3:30PM
- Multilingual Language Learners (Bilingual; English Language Learners) – February 6th @ TBC
- Special Education – Schedule TBC
- Title I – First Tuesday each month @ 11AM
Updates provided by Jimmie Brown, Title 1 PAC Chair
 - Principals are required to designate a staff member at the school level to create the email
 - Each PAC chair and alternate are required to have an official email when conducting any business
 - Budget modification and spending deadlines for the current school year are approaching
- Wellness (Health & Safety) – Second Wednesday each month @ 10:30AM
- Alumni – Quarterly meetings, March 18th @ 10:30AM

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

FACE Updates

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

- Melendez provided a series of updates on different FACE initiatives
- Ongoing cultural professional development sessions for Parent Coordinators continue
- Melendez noted that NYCPS continues to work closely with other NYC government agencies
- PAs and PTAs are encouraged to reach out to their Parent Coordinators and Family Leadership Coordinators with questions, concerns, etc. as they are equipped to handle things as they happen
- Melendez noted that the first literacy sessions took place this week
 - This is the first cohort of the Reading Ambassadors program and will meet weekly for 10 weeks

Special Education HS Updates:

Carolyne Quintana, Deputy Chancellor Teaching and Learning cquintana@schools.nyc.gov

Joined by Christina Foti, Chief of Special Education cfoti@schools.nyc.gov and other team members

- Quintana greeted CPAC and introduced her colleague.
- Quintana noted that while this conversation will be rooted in special education, they will include topics that came up at last month's meeting, including high school experience.
- The special education council provided five directives aimed at improving the system to serve students with IEP's.
- Foti addressed questions regarding high school transitions for students with IEP.
- Foti noted that they are committed to continuing to practice to provide student youth as Summer Youth Employment Plan programming (SYEP)
- Foti noted that they work diligently to be sure that students who are not interested in traditional college experiences are still supported and that a lot of this work is being done with access, VR.
- In addition to helping recent high school students navigate filing a FAFSA, Foti noted that they are also assisting students with enrollment etc. to be sure they are as ready as possible and feel supported
- Over 200 college related workshops have already taken place this year and these are aimed at students with IEP's specifically.
- Specific intervention services have been implemented for high school students. These include things like reading intervention for students who may be struggling with literacy, etc.
- Foti noted that they would continue working with all partners and stakeholders to ensure that this process maintains fidelity.
- Students, parents and families who need additional information can reach out to their college transition team.
- District 29 raised a point about Orton Gillingham training practices and noted that parents could teach each other and certify each other, and this may be an easy cost saving measure.
- Team members brought up different programs and including lighthouse collaborative and noted that AP for All is in 310 high schools across the city
- Any questions can be sent directly to apforall@schools.nyc.gov

School Construction Authority (SCA) – 5-year Capital Plan

Cora Liu, VP Capital Planning Management

Joined by Karen Maher, Chief of Staff

- Liu noted that information presented at February CPAC meeting is the most updated information
The information presented last month was based on the November report
- Their plan to support the goals as set forth in the capital plan includes capacity, healthy schools, capital, improvement, and mandated.
- Liu noted that in terms of funding their total funding is split as follows:
 - Total Funding = \$17 Billion
 - Capacity = \$4.98 Billion
 - Healthy Schools = \$2.25 Billion
 - Capital Investment = \$6.37 Billion
 - Mandated = \$3.4 Billion
- Liu noted that under the capacity category, 6701 seats are identified in the new plan and funding is available to create approximately 23,000 new seats citywide.
- Liu noted that in the capital investment category the focus has continuously been on keeping all of our buildings watertight
- Liu answered a question regarding how schools are selected for funding.
- A question was asked regarding SCA 's updates to the capital plan.

NYCPS Chancellor David C. Banks

- Chancellor Banks provided greetings and suggested that everyone just jump in
- Banks provided a cursory outline of the class size mandate noting that teacher hiring is likely one of the largest hurdles.
- Banks encouraged CPAC to work closely with Theresa Europe to address the lack of trafficking education
- A representative from the Office of Food and Nutrition Services (OFNS) answered the question regarding budget cuts to the OFNS budget and how it has affected lunch options at school.
- Banks noted that he is also frustrated by the cuts that were necessitated by a PEG from City Hall
- Banks insist that no child is going to be hungry at a NYC public school because of this cut to the OFNS budget and that students may not be eating the delicious NYCPS food because of peer pressure.
- Co-chair Aubin noted that a question was raised regarding updated term limits for PA/ PTA executive board members from one year to two years.
 - Aubin noted that a change in the Chancellor's Regs is necessary.
- Banks has asked that very interested parties be brought together to begin to do work on this topic, as has come up in the past.
- Banks noted that at next month's meeting, he may have additional updates regarding AI.
- A question was asked, regarding extending the screening for the documentary, Right to Read
- A question was posed to OFNS regarding the grade levels that are brought in for food testing.
- A question regarding what specific food items were replaced with when they had to be removed from school menus because of budget cuts.
- The office of food and nutrition services will be returning for the March CPAC meeting.

Human Trafficking

Theresa Europe, Esq., Deputy Counsel to Chancellor, Executive Director Office of Human Trafficking Awareness teurope@schools.nyc.gov

- Europe presented on human trafficking and discussed the importance of parents learning to spot the signs
- Europe noted that Black girls specifically are 50% more likely to be trafficked than their white counterparts
 - Europe noted that this is a direct result of the ways that society views Black girls.
- New York State is the fourth highest in calls recorded made to the US trafficking hotline

- Europe explained that the norm for human trafficking includes emotional manipulation, and the victim being duped into a relationship with the trafficker.
- The best way to put a dent in this reprehensible crime is by creating affordable housing, creating a social welfare system that does not exploit children or families in need.
- Europe noted that human trafficking is \$1 Billion industry.
- In 2020 the Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) and the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) identified 141 children as having been trafficked and an additional 850 as at risk of trafficking
 - It’s important to know that these numbers were lower than the previous year, and this is likely due to the impact of COVID-19
- Europe noted that anyone under the age of 18, who engages in sexual acts of a commercial nature are victims of sex trafficking as children cannot consent to sex, or to the act of prostitution.
- Europe noted that we all have implicit bias, and it is incredibly important that any school-based professionals be aware of their implicit biases, and make efforts to reduce the effect or impact.

Settle’s Not so Secret Gems

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

Topics: Nominating Committee, Meeting in-person or virtually for Spring Elections

- Settle noted that conversations regarding Title One and related spending should be ongoing throughout the school year.
- Settle noted that elections are held in the spring, so that schools can hit the ground running in September.
 - Non-mandatory positions can be reserved for the fall to encourage new parents to join.
- Settle noted that PA/ PTAs should insist on a transfer of records in June regardless of whether the mandatory positions have been filled.
- Settle noted that there are only two options with respect to elections. They can either be held virtually or they could be held in person. Those are the only options.
- Settle noted that the second most important thing is the certification form. Please complete the form as soon as your election is finished.
- It’s important to remember that while these groups are autonomous, they still rely on each other to operate, e.g., Presidents’ Councils must be in place...and for Presidents’ Councils to be in place PA/ PTAs must have presidents or presidents.
- PA/PTAs must share the date and time of their elections with their principles by 1 April.
- Settle provided a few tips and reminders regarding election notices.
- Settle also provided some examples of who would be eligible to run.

D31 - Motion to adjourn the meeting.

D08 - Second the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 12:50 PM.

The next Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council Virtual Monthly Meeting is Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 09:30 AM.