

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL
DISTRICT 14
Calendar / Business Meeting

▶▶ Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 ◀◀

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Library

Neil Padover
Maura Conley
Laraine DeAngelis

Minden Koopmans
Lara Fareed

Françoise Olivas
Natalia Espinoza

Carlos Cabrera
Emily Williams

CALENDAR MEETING 6:00-7:30pm (This meeting is open to the public)

- **Call to order and Roll Call** (6:06pm)
 - Neil Padover, Carlos Cabrera, Maura Conley, Laraine DeAngelis, Lara Fareed, Françoise Olivas, Natalia Espinosa, Emily Williams
- **President's Report** – Neil Padover
 - Approval of July Minutes - approved 6:11pm
 - Subcommittee Updates
 - Communications -
 - Parent working groups
 - Françoise – Will report on any funding schools received this year
 - Upcoming CEC events and meetings - updates for 26-27 school year are now on the [CEC 14 website](#)
 - Upcoming Principal Check-In - to promote communication
 - Chancellor's Town Hall
 - Proposed Optional Dates:
 - Option 1: Thursday, April 8, 2027
 - ~~- Option 2: Tuesday, April 20, 2027~~
 - Voted on for Thursday, April 8, 2027
- Superintendent's Report- Dr. David Cintron on vacation - joining us tonight is Deputy Superintendent Lauren Keville - [link to slideshow](#)
 - Highlights: Summer meals daily; summer school still in session; [NYC Rise](#) is above \$500k; first day of school is September 10th!
- Yuet M. Chu, Office of Brooklyn North High School - on vacation so Kimberly Henry-Rerrie is joining us tonight - principal of [Creators Academy](#), formally Urban Assembly of Music and Art in DUMBO
 - Highlights: Creators Academy supporting lifelong love for art and creativity; size is about 170-210 students; student body is city-wide; enrollment process is

same as other city schools in MySchools and then lottery, seats, acceptance, and waitlist; students should have a love for the arts (with specific interest in something specific - theater, studio arts, theater, etc.)

- Elected Officials - none present
- Public Comment (6:30pm)
 - Mariella - child going into K in September - concerned about usage of AI in schools - what are the guidelines - where can we discuss, where minds aren't already made up
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent) says parents can join by reaching out to [Jeanine](#) Roman and [Lydia](#) Ruiz-Ferreira
 - Panel for Educational Policy ([PEP](#)) is also interested in hearing from parents - the City is waiting on State guidance
 - Katie - parent of Horizon student at PS 250 concerned about recent principal dismissal - families feel strongly against principal's dismissal and feeling shut out - asking for transparency and early communication. Lack of transparency leads to "fear culture".
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent) understands that there are relationships and that change feels challenging. Decision was made in best interest of students and sustainability of the school; PTA was contacted to have a meeting but declined, but notice to families was given thru NYCPS system to discuss changes; ultimately personnel matters can't be discussed, but interim acting principal is being selected for September until [C30 process \(where parents have a voice and are involved\)](#) can be enacted. Another meeting is being set up where families can be involved (waiting to hear back from the PTA about dates).
 - CEC: what is the protocol for meeting with P(T)As, Presidents Council, and SLTs and the like?
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent) says that meetings can be requested
 - Andrina and Eric (a former student at 250)- parents at PS 250 - was the principal given the opportunity to address concerns before the decision was made? The principal has had a great impact on the community. If parents are being told "their voice matters" then why weren't they notified *before* the principal was dismissed?
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): Ongoing support and development to principals, coaching provided. Unfortunately growth/progress wasn't shown, didn't have enough impact. Progress was inconsistent.
 - Parents are a big part of hiring, but Chancellor's Regulations are followed for evaluation of principals. Feedback through surveys, but ultimately a multi-point rubric for principal evaluation.
 - Principal evals are private
 - Julie from PS 250 - PA president - has reached out for an in person meeting to answer why this principal was removed - this is unprofessional. Reasons should be given because this principal brought the school back from the brink.
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): Make sure your school accounts are updated with communication preferences.
 - Julie insists no parent was informed, and they still haven't been told - this is all too close to the start of the next school year

- Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent) - as soon as a highly qualified candidate is identified the school will be notified
- CEC: Is it possible that a candidate *wouldn't* be identified?
- Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): can't make promises but they are working to identify and communicate a plan.
- CEC asks: Examples of outreach, aside from Panorama surveys?
- Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): AI summits and parent committees, parent engagement - monthly meetings about literacy and math practices, evening events for families - happy to take suggestions about engagement.
- Mimi - PS 18 - safety issue at school with a parent coordinator being attacked by a parent. Question - what are safety protocols around staff and families, and how can we ensure that those protocols are met?
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): emailed a response, and happy to talk more. There are safety protocols in place, sign-ins, to ensure that a full investigation takes place according to the Chancellor's Regulations.
 - Stephanie St John - parent at PS 18 - also concerned about safety after a second attack by the same parent
- Mandy - PS 18 PTA president - newly elected president of the President's Council. Need a review of protocols, trauma-informed processes for after an incident, and a reminder for what the due process protocols are.
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): assure that we did respond, and yes, everyone should feel protected - especially parent coordinators who do so much in our buildings.
- Shan - parent at PS 31 school - kids were using their Chromebooks to play games, and they accidentally accessed graphic (sexual and violent) content. Spoke with the Superintendent's office on the phone, but are stronger filters going to be in place?
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): Assured that this issue was addressed. Will get back to parents.
 - CEC question: What can students access on Chrome books? White list or black list?
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): (Will get back to us).
 - CEC question: Who gets Chrome books?
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): Not K, but will get back to us. Reiterating that the Superintendent's Office is committed to being collaborative. Maintaining partnership.
 - Commitment to get a list of Ed Tech used in schools for our September meeting
- Crystal - 380 - Can a secretary be part of the President's Council?
 - At the discretion of the president
- Chat (can we link to this?)
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): We also don't want students in front of chromebooks all day. Maybe at a station, within those stations with tech, only for 15min a day. Best learning happens teacher to student, student to student.
 - Lauren Keville (Deputy Superintendent): Data at PS 250 - data shows the least amount of growth and lowest literacy levels in district and 50% chronic absenteeism. Students need to come out of a school knowing how to read, and ready for middle and high school. Decisions are in the best interest.

- Adjournment of calendar meeting (7:58pm)

BUSINESS MEETING:

- Call to order and Roll call (7:59pm)
 - Neil Padover, Carlos Cabrera, Maura Conley, Laraine DeAngelis, Lara Fareed, Françoise Olivas, Natalia Espinosa, Emily Williams
- New Business
 - Resolutions
 - [TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE \(A.I.\) IN NYC PUBLIC SCHOOLS](#) - signed on with 3 supporters - Laraine DeAngelis, Lara Fareed, Natalia Espinosa - moved to September calendar meeting for a vote
 - Setting up our September CEC meeting
 - Ask of the Superintendent's office - How assessments are conducted, where tech is used - and not just individual computer use, but also smart boards
 - A list of educational technology tools that are used - per teacher per student per school
 - Where is ed tech used and appreciated? We want to hear from parents, please reach out
 - Invite Parks and Recreation to September meeting to talk about the swim plan
- New CEC member update
 - Vacancies: one BBP seat, one D75 seat, Lara Fareed is resigning so one general seat is open come September, one student seat
 - Proposing moving Natalia Espinosa from ELL → IEP seat ([link to statement](#))
 - Vote: Unanimous
 - Requirements to fill a seat: Not during a term, parent in a district school, fill out the form on our website, be in touch with FACE
- Adjournment of Business meeting (8:29pm)

Minutes by recording secretary, Maura Conley

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