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CEC 31 Virtual Business Meeting and Virtual Calendar Meeting Monday June 3th, 2024

Business Meeting

- **Call to Order** at 6:48PM and welcomed by President Lucia Curatolo-Boylan
- **Welcomed interpretation services** in Russian, Mandarin, and Spanish
- **Roll call of Members - In-Person:** Lucia Curatolo-Boylan, Daniella Caputo, Andrew Guido, Melissa Cosentino, Teresa Cirelli, Joseph Bird, Yekaterina Slobobkin
Frank Marino
- **Absent:** Princess Abdomeli, Carina Fu
- **Virtual:** James Desiderato

- **Approved May Draft Business Meeting Minutes**

Motion 1st: Andrew Guido

Motion 2nd: Frank Marino

• President's Report:

Vacant Positions There are still vacancies for ELL Representative and District 31 Representative. Leah will post about this in the chat.

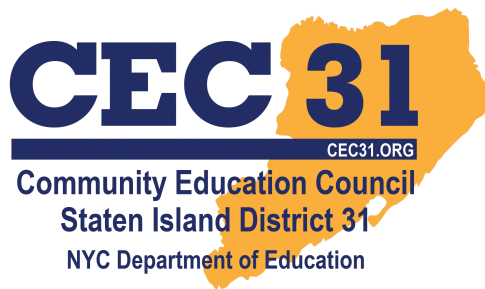
Reimbursement Submissions Council members are reminded to submit both Expense and Child Care Log reimbursement forms.

PEP Nominating Committee The committee convened and sent final candidates for the Parent Member of the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) to be interviewed by their respective borough's CEC Presidents at a Forum conducted by FACE. In Staten Island, only one candidate, Venus Tze Sang, attended and was selected. There was some controversy about the process in other boroughs, but the committee followed all established protocols and standards.

SI Student Wellness Council The council played a key role in the successful Staten Island Youth and Behavioral Health Symposium on May 30th. The event, supported by Superintendent Dr. Wilson and other partners, had a significant turnout and helped connect students, families, and faculty to services. The council will continue to work with the district to enhance communication and connection with families.

Upcoming Meeting The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24th at 6:30 PM to discuss the rezoning of PS 5 with the Office of District Planning.

Petrides Educational Complex Field The CEC clarified that they followed all protocols in requesting field improvements at the Petrides Educational Complex through the School Construction Authority (SCA) as part of the Capital Plan amendments. The request was made this year for the first time by school principals. The CEC expressed appreciation for the support



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of elected officials and shared project requests with their offices for potential RESO funding. The SCA has informed the CEC that all requested projects are currently under review, and updates will be provided later.

9/11 Curriculum Resources The CEC met with Kevin Feinberg, Senior Program Director of New York Facing History and Ourselves, to discuss resources for the 9/11 Curriculum Resolution. While some information was shared for higher grade levels, further discussions with the 9/11 Museum and Memorial Foundation will be needed to meet the CEC's expectations.

Open Meetings Law Extension Governor Hochul signed a 2-year extension of the Open Meetings Law amendments on April 20, 2024. Councils that meet the requirements for conducting "hybrid" meetings can continue to do so through June 30, 2026. However, all Citywide and Community Education Councils are still required to hold in-person meetings as per the law. Additional information is available in the attached document and on the Committee on Open Government's website.

- **Councilmember Reports**

None

- **New Business for next month's agenda**

None

- **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion 1st: *Andrew Guido*

Motion 2nd: *Teresa Cirelli*

- **Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm**

Calendar Meeting

- **Call to Order** at 7:30PM and welcomed by President Lucia Curatolo-Boylan
 - **Welcomed interpretation services** in Russian, Mandarin, and Spanish
 - **Roll call of Members** -: *Lucia Curatolo-Boylan, Frank Marino, Daniella Caputo, Andrew Guido, James Desiderato, Melissa Cosentino, Amanda Wolkowitz, Teresa Cirelli, Joseph Bird, Princess Abdomeli, Carina FU, Yekaterina Slobobkin, Frank Marino*
- Virtual** *James Desiderato*

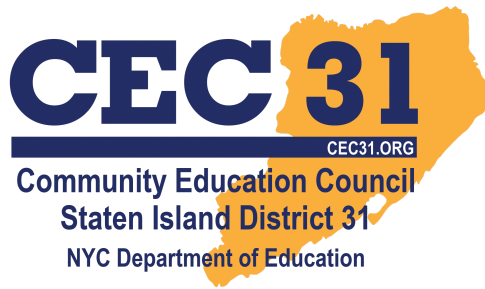
Absent *Princess Abdomeli, Carina Fu*

- **Approval of April Calendar Meeting Minutes**

- **Presentations:**

[FY25 C4E Public Hearings DISTRICT 31 June 2024 1 1.pptx](https://1drv.ms/p/s!AkrLs8nEc3g6bM1o2SA35Pdjnlq)
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- **President's Report**



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Vacant Seats:Reminder of vacant seats for ELL Rep & D31 Rep. Leah will share the vacancy link.

PEP Nomination The Parent Member Nominating Committee finalized candidates for the Panel for Educational Policy (PEP). The Staten Island forum interviewed Venus Tze Sang, who accepted the position. Despite some controversy over the process, the committee followed established protocols.

SI Student Wellness Council The council successfully facilitated the Staten Island Youth and Behavioral Health Symposium on May 30th, thanks to support from Superintendent Dr. Wilson and community partners. Efforts are ongoing to improve communication with families for future events.

NYC Teenspace Nearly 7,000 teenagers have signed up for the free online therapy program since its launch in November. Teenspace offers 24/7 access to licensed therapists for NYC teens aged 13-17.

Rezoning Meeting A special meeting will be held on June 24th to discuss the rezoning of PS 5. Families from PS6, PS55, PS3, & PS 36 are invited to attend.

Senate Bill S1148 The bill to remove early voting at schools passed the NYS Senate but is stalled in the Assembly's Election Law Committee. Efforts are needed to push the bill forward.

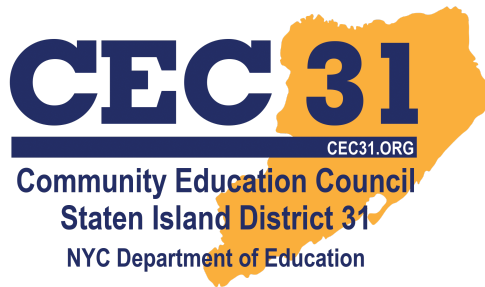
Governor's Initiative Governor Hochul is exploring ways to limit smartphone use in schools due to concerns about mental health and bullying.

Remote Learning Drill NYC schools will conduct a remote learning practice exercise on June 6th to prepare for potential closures.

Superintendent's Report:

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- **Public Speaking**
None
- **Committee Reports**
None
- **New Business for next month's agenda**



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• **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion 1st: Daniella Caputo

Motion 2nd: Andrew Guito

Meeting Adjourned 8:30pm