



# Community District Education Council 26

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President of the Council

First Vice President

Second Vice President

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

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*Council Members:*

Robert Caloras  
Pia Alexander  
Erik DePaula  
Irene Fennell  
Esther Jung  
Ismael Fuentes  
Marie Pollicino  
Jeannette Segal  
Susan Shiroma

**Anita Saunders**  
Community Superintendent  
District 26

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## SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 26 ANNUAL MEETING

THURSDAY, July 30, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

@MS 158 – 46-35 Oceania Street, Bayside, NY – Library – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**1. Meeting Called To Order – 7:15 p.m. by our ex-president Rob Caloras – Rob stated anything that is done now is theatrically academic, however they will be voting in September to reconfirm the election of officers.**

**2. Roll Call - Marian Mason, Administrative Asst.**

**Present:** *Council Members* - Robert Caloras; Jeannette Segal; Marie Pollicino; Erik DePaula, Pia Alexander, Esther Jung, Susan Shiroma and Ismael Fuentes.

**Excused** – Irene Fennell

**3. Election of *President Pro Tempore***

◆ Susan Shiroma nominated for *President Pro Tempore*

Nomination presented by Susan Shiroma - seconded by Robert Caloras

Pursuant to CEC 26 Bylaws and DOE regulations, Susan Shiroma was elected as *President pro tem* by voice vote: 8 – 0 (8 Yes; 0 No).

No other nominations

**4. Election of Officers for Council term July 2009 to June 2010 – Susan Shiroma, *President pro tem***

◆ Nominations were taken for each of the 5 Council officers' positions. The vote is recorded after each listed position.

By voice vote, the following officers were elected:

**President**                      **Robert Caloras**        8 – 0 (8 YES – 0 NO: Unanimous vote of all members present).

Nomination presented by Jeannette Segal – Marie Pollicino seconded.

No other nominations

Susan read the Bylaws pertaining to the President's duties.

**1st Vice President Jeannette Segal** 8 – 0 (8 YES - 0 NO: Unanimous vote of all members present).

*Nomination presented by Robert Caloras-Marie Pollicino seconded.* No other nominations.  
Susan read the bylaws pertaining to the 1<sup>st</sup> VP's duties.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Erik DePaula** 8 – 0 (8 YES - 0 NO: Unanimous vote of all members present).

*Nomination presented by Marie Pollicino – Ismael Fuentes seconded.*  
No other nominations

Susan read the Bylaws pertaining to the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP's duties.

**Recording Secretary Marie Pollicino** 8 – 0 (8 YES- 0 NO: Unanimous vote of all members present).

*Nomination presented by Robert Caloras – Pia Alexander seconded.*  
No other nominations

Susan read the Bylaws pertaining to the Recording Secretary's duties.

**Treasurer Pia Alexander** 8 - 0 (8 YES – 0 NO Unanimous vote of all members present).

*Nomination presented by Marie Pollicino – Jeannette Segal seconded.*  
No other nominations

Susan read the Bylaws pertaining to the Treasurer's duties.

There being no further business for the Annual Meeting, *President Pro Tempore* turned the chair over to the newly elected President, Robert Caloras.

**Motion to adjourn Annual meeting and go straight into the Business Meeting.**

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### ***BUSINESS MEETING***

Rob started off introducing the newly elected officers for 2009:

President – Robert Caloras

1<sup>st</sup> VP – Jeannette Segal

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Erik DePaula

Recording Secretary – Marie Pollicino

Treasurer – Pia Alexander

#### **2. President's Report**

- a. Newspapers – The Governance bill has still not been approved and awaiting a vote, probably in September.
- b. E-mail regarding Dennis Walcott as being Helen Marshall's appointee – researched – two provisions that might be used regarding conflicts of interest.

**3. Minutes** - June meeting not complete and will be tabled until the August meeting.

**4. Bylaws** - Meeting dates will be kept as the last Thursday of the month depending on when holidays fall into play.

**5. Scheduled Meeting Dates (2009-2010)**

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>; Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>; Nov. 19; Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>; January 28, 2010; Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>; March 24<sup>th</sup>; April 29<sup>th</sup> (Ballroom Dancing); May 27<sup>th</sup> & June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Council agreed to separate the honoring of principals from the ballroom dancers performance.

Council will do the honoring of students in October. Principals will be solicited to get the names of students who have achieved or excelled in their studies. Council requested Marian to contact Assemblyman Mark Weprin, Councilman David Weprin and Senator Padavan regarding their honoring of students.

Rob outlined that it has been brought to his attention that the Council should pick one or two issues to focus/concentrate on and proceed to have a forum on those issues. This will enable the council to become more knowledgeable on that subject.

Council discussed on having the Chancellor and the Mayor come to a **Town Hall Meeting** and speak on issues. Tentative meeting set up for October depending on the Chancellor and Mayor’s availability. Flyers will be made up.

Questions to be asked:

- a. Ask about the grades.
- b. What Mayoral Control has done for D26
- c. What has it done for middle class New York and why is it important

**6. Budget – CDEC’s given \$3,000 to cover expenses for July & August. Budget allocated as follows:**

COMMUNITY ED COUNCIL BUDGET							
CEC #26					INITIAL BUDGET FY09/10		
Balance as of July 01, 2009					BUDGET		3000
EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	QUICK CODE	OBJECT CODE	ACTIVITY CODE	LOC CODE	AMOUNT SCHEDULED	EXPENDED TO DATE	Balance
General Supplies	062641	198	0531	QS26	1,950		
Procurement Card	062641	198	0525	QS26			
Equipment-Computer	062641	332	0526	QS26			
Rental of Water Cooler	062641	403	0530	QS26			
Advertisement	062641	403	0535	QS26			
Local Travel and Food Expenses	062641	451	0527	QS26	200		
Stipend Reimbursements	062641	496	0529	QS26			
Copier Maintenance	062641	612	0534	QS26	850		
Other Administrative Consultants	062641	686	0528	QS26			
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>3,000</b>		

Budget voted on, signed and accepted unanimously.

Budget (draft) 2009-2010 distributed showing tentative allocations. Budget allocations will be reviewed at the next meeting. Rob reiterated that amounts can be moved around during the course of the year.

Erik will set up a Face book overview and present to the council at the August meeting.

- 7. **School Assignments** – Tabled for next meeting.
- 8. **Committee Assignments** – tabled for next meeting

Rob informed the council of the next CDEC meeting which is August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Rob made a motion to adjourn the Business meeting and proceeded to the Public meeting and Marie seconded.

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### ***Public Meeting***

Rob asked the visitors to give their names, titles and organizations.

Lori Butera – District Family Advocate

1. Workshops given by the DOE (Summer Parent Academy) on August 8<sup>th</sup>
2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Family Back to School Kickoff – August 22<sup>nd</sup> in Central Park
3. Ballroom dancing workshops were offered for parents over the summer
4. Books discussion workshops offered for parents through the Hawthorne program.
5. Programs and training sessions are being planned for parents for the next school year.

Lori stated that the programs are funded (refreshments) by her personally. Rob made a motion for the Council to co-host and provide refreshments for workshops and other events that Lori sets up. The council unanimously agreed. Rob made a motion to co-sponsor the September meeting for Lori after checking with the DOE (Sandy Brawer) to see if the CDEC can fund the workshops as a joint venture. Lori will provide an overview of her events at the next meeting.

Cathy Cahn, Co-President-President's Council spoke about council members attending PTA meetings in which they meet with the PTA President and Principal and make school visits. Cathy feels that the CDEC and the President's Council did not come together last year and state that they should be working together. Rob informed the council that a President Council's liaison will be appointed this year. Rob also stated that the council members will have two schools and they **must** attend at least one PTA meeting at the given schools.

Rob made a motion to adjourn and Jeannette seconded. Unanimous vote.

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.**

Submitted by Marian Mason, *Administrative Assistant, CEC26*