



Community Education Council District 8

New York City Department of Education

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DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

Council Members

Wanda Balines D75 Seat, Latoya Coleman IAP, Cynthia Caldwell, Carmen Feliciano VP2, Rosalia Fontanez, Elizabeth Garcia Treasurer, Crystal Rodriguez, Aurora Ronda VP1, Jasmine Ruiz Recording Secretary, LaTicia Thompson

Calendar Monthly Meeting: 02/12/25 - In person and Hybrid meeting

Meeting Location: PS36 – 1070 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx NY 10472

6:00pm - Call to order: LC IAP

Pledge of allegiance – VP1 - AR

6:10pm – Roll call: JR Recording Secretary

Councilmember Attendance:

Name	Present	Remote	Absent	Excused
Latoya Coleman, IAP	X			
Wanda Ivette Balines, D75	X			
Cynthia Caldwell	X			
Carmen Feliciano, VP2	X			
Rosalia Fontanez	X			
Elizabeth Garcia, Treasurer			X	X
Crystal Rodriguez	X			
Aurora Ronda, VP1	X			
Jasmine Ruiz, Recording Secretary	X			
LaTicia Thompson	X			

Monthly Meeting Quorum Attendance:

Per the Community Education Council (CEC8) Bylaws, FACE Guidelines and ..., quorum is established by ½ the council at large plus (1) member for a total of (7). Quorum must be met in-person at the designated meeting location.

District Leadership Attendance:

1. Jennifer Joynt - District 8 Superintendent
2. Vanessa Ruiz – District 8 Family Leadership Coordinator
3. Bibi Matadin – FACE liaison – Director, Governance
4. Principal Quach – PS36

Special Speakers and Guests in Attendance:

1. Mayra Bernard – Senior Grant Officer – presenting Fair Student Funding
2. Office of food and nutrition services – Portia Oseu Tutu

Interpretation – Provided by

Interpretation Team
Office of Language Access
Family and Community Engagement and External Affairs
NYC Public Schools

6:10pm - Superintendent State of the District Report and Fair Student Funding –

Superintendent Joynt and Mayra Bernard - SGO

-Slides Presentation - will be sent via email to the members
Q&A – session with the parents on virtual

6:45pm – Office of food and nutrition services – Portia Oseu Tutu -

email: poseitutu@schools.nyc.gov

[Schools.nyc.gov/ofns](https://schools.nyc.gov/ofns) - for menu/meals information

-Informed the council and parents about the Halal food in D8 schools, PS119, PS75, MA101, MS562, PS583 and PS36 waiting for certification.
-If a student has a food allergy – parents contact the school – and they will notify OFNS about food choices.
-Apply to work for OFNS for the summer program.
Q&A – session with the parents on virtual

7:05pm – Election of Officer – Office of President - quorum vote not achieved

7:10pm – Councilmember's report -

WB – talked about D75

CC – wants to run again for D8 council – requested help from the members.

LC - Council members application is open.

AR - food drive

CR - schools are in need of paras - to encourage parents to become paraprofessionals.

JR - met with NYC council member Salamanca. Toy drive, Coat drive. Did school visit at PS36 and it was a wonderful experience.

LT - is the Director of a new South Bronx book club working with FACE.

CMs to attend SLT meetings in your schools. SLT March compliance.

CEC8 – needs to apply for CEC.

Schools need Paras.

Educator programs-Reading Ambassadors – at 12pm on 2/13/25. Join Vanessa Ruiz, Silvia Hernandez and Latoya Coleman.

Public Session -

PEP – Rima Izquierdo – was virtual – resolution on busing – the DOE needs Governor to sign.

Daniel Curtin - **Legislative Associate** – for **Council member Amanda Farias** -

Presented to the council important information and will provide a copy of the memo to CEC8.

7:35pm - 7:55pm – LT Motioned for executive order – passed –

8:01pm – calendar meeting adjourned

NO BUSINESS MEETING – WAS TABLED FOR NEXT MEETING ON 3/12/25 -
Due to a CMs family emergency.