

President Steve Stowe  
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Ghada Amin  
Li Ping Jiang  
Mei Yun Lin

Maya Rozenblat-ELL REP  
Kevin Zhao-BBP Appointee

Administrative Assistant: Natalia Mondesir

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## Community Education Council District 20 September Business Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021

**Meeting Location:** J.H.S. 227, 6500 16th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11204

**Meeting ID:** <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/86824948274?pwd=N1qwbFpib0RmRVhUNmpZM0dQTm5aUT09>

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:12 pm

**Present:** Steve Stowe, Elizabeth Chan, Vito LaBella, Kevin Zhao, Marie Brugueras, Mei Yun Lin, Li Ping Jiang,

**Excused:** Jennifer Hu (online), Maya Rozenblat (online), Ghada Amin (Online)

**Absent:** Jacqueline Barroso,

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Steve Stowe, President
  - a. **Roll Call:** Vito LaBella, Recording Secretary
  
- II. **Old Business (00:07:08)**
  - a. Approval of August 2021 Annual Minutes
    - i. Minutes unanimously approved
  
- III. **New Business (00:07:52)**
  - a. Approval of Equipment Purchases
    - i. Some of the items proposed are not available on Shop DOE
      1. Motion to approve the purchase of power strips and related devices up to \$225: Elizabeth Chan; Second: Vito LaBella
      2. All in Favor, No opposed
  - b. Meeting Dates
    - i. Motion to hold the meeting on November 9: Jennifer Hu; Marie Brugueras- Second
      1. Motion passes unanimously
    - ii. Motion to hold the meeting on March 8: Jennifer Hu; Vito LaBella- Second
      1. Motion passes unanimously
  
- IV. **Open Discussion (00:23:40)**
  - a. No council members had anything to discuss
  
- V. **Adjourn (00:23:50)**
  - a. Motion to adjourn: Vito LaBella, Second: Jennifer Hu
    - i. All in favor
  - b. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

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## Community Education Council District 20 September Calendar Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, September 14, 2021

**Meeting Location:** J.H.S. 227, 6500 16th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11204

**Meeting ID:** <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/86824948274?pwd=N1qwbFpib0RmRVhUNmpZM0dQTm5aUT09>

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:02 pm

**Present:** Steve Stowe, Elizabeth Chan, Vito LaBella, Kevin Zhao, Marie Brugueras, Mei Yun Lin, Li Ping Jiang,

**Excused:** Jennifer Hu (online), Maya Rozenblat (online), Ghada Amin (Online)

**Absent:** Jacqueline Barroso,

**Guests:** David Pretto, D20 Superintendent; William Chin, D20 Family Leadership Coordinator; Irene Chu, Chief of Staff for Assemblyman Peter Abbatte; Maria Siebel, CEO of Health Care Choices, Dr. Lawrence, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH); Pauline, DOHMH, Dianne Gounardes, CSA Representative and D20 Pre-K Director; Jennifer Potter, Interim Acting Principal of P.S. 112; Shirley Chen, P.S. 105 Principal

**I. Meeting Called to Order:** Steve Stowe, President

- a. Roll Call:** Vito LaBella, Recording Secretary

**II. Old Business**

- a.** August Calendar minutes approved  
**i.** Minutes unanimously approved

**III. Guest Speaker Presentations**

- a.** Maria Siebel gave a presentation on Covid and the students' return to school  
**b.** Dr. Lawrence and Pauline gave a presentation on the Covid vaccines and how they work  
**c.** Questions from council members:  
**i.** Steve Stowe asked Marie Siebel about providers reporting adverse effects to the vaccine; asked about the possibility of herd immunity; if children are less likely to transmit Covid; asked for clarification on which masks were not advised for children; if the city would provide masks; asked how risky is it for children during pick-up when they are surrounded but many people and parents who may be unmasked  
**ii.** Ghada Amin asked about the Pfizer vaccine and how it is different from other vaccines

- iii. Elizabeth Chan asked for clarification on the statement that 2020-2021 was a successful school year; asked if the benefits of the vaccine outweigh the risks for younger children
- iv. Kevin Zhao asked what makes the city believe that children can be in school when the number of cases are rising; what can be done to ensure children wear their masks in school
- v. Steve Stowe asked a question that had been asked in the chat: In what percent of cases do we see severe adverse side effects
- vi. Vito LaBella asked if a child had an adverse effect from the vaccine, if there was a way to tell if the child would have the same reaction from Covid
- vii. Li Ping Jiang (translated by Kevin Zhao) asked if there would be a remote option for affected students, and if so, why not provide a remote option from the beginning

#### **IV. Report of District Superintendent**

- a. Superintendent David Pretto gave his Superintendent's Report
- b. Introduced P.S. 112 Interim Acting Principal Jennifer Potter and P.S. 105 Principal Shirley Chen
- c. Gave an updated report on Homecoming in schools, the six components of the School Health Policy, the Health Screening website,
- d. Questions from the council
  - i. Elizabeth Chan asked if students will be penalized for staying home and if there is a contingency plan if Covid rates increase
  - ii. Vito LaBella asked what would make a school close
  - iii. Jennifer Hu asked how would a quarantined child receive his or her education during the 10 days; mentioned that worksheets would not keep the child caught up with the rest of the class
  - iv. Kevin Zhao asked if there were any hypothetical analyses about the infection rate in school and is there a threshold where the school would close if the infection rate increases

#### **V. Public Speaking**

- a. Steve Stowe read a question that had been asked in the chat: how do the open windows work with air flow in the classrooms and what will happen in the winter with the windows open
- b. Ghada Amin asked about snacks being cancelled for children in kindergarten through second grade

#### **VI. Resolutions**

- a. Motion to add the Vacancy Resolution to remove Jacqueline Barroso from the council to the agenda- Vito LaBella; Second: Marie Brugueras
  - i. Jacqueline Barroso has not attended the member orientation nor any council meetings, nor has she responded to any emails
  - ii. Roll call vote:

1. Steve Stowe: Yes
2. Jennifer Hu: Yes
3. Elizabeth Chan: Yes
4. Vito LaBella: Yes
5. Ghada Amin: Yes

6. Li Ping Jiang: Yes
7. Mei Yun Lin: Yes
8. Maya Rozenblat: Yes
9. Kevin Zhao: Yes

iii. Resolution passes unanimously with 9 Yes votes

**b. Gifted & Talented Parent Engagement**

i. Motion to pass the resolution on Gifted & Talented Parent Engagement

ii. Roll call vote:

1. Steve Stowe: Yes
2. Jennifer Hu: Yes
3. Elizabeth Chan: Yes
4. Vito LaBella: Yes
5. Ghada Amin: Yes

6. Li Ping Jiang: Yes
7. Mei Yun Lin: Yes
8. Maya Rozenblat: Yes
9. Kevin Zhao: Yes

iii. Resolution passes unanimously with 9 Yes votes

**c. Remote Learning**

i. Discussion has been postponed to conserve time

**VII. Adjourn**

a. Motion to adjourn: Kevin Zhao, Second: Steve Stowe

i. All in favor

b. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir

Date: September 24, 2021