

MINUTES
Community Education Council 30
Calendar Meeting
August 12, 2024

The August Calendar Meeting of Community Education Council 30 was held in person in the fifth-floor conference room at 28-11 Queens Plaza North, LIC, and via Zoom on Monday, August 12, 2024.

Whitney Toussaint, President, called the Calendar Meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

Roll Call

Victoria Medelius, the Secretary, conducted a roll call for the Calendar Meeting.

Present:

Linda Chung-Leung
Kelly Craig
Hunter Dare
Jonathan Greenberg
Nick Masson
Victoria Medelius
Danny Rojas
Marlene Rossi
Marisela Santos
Whitney Toussaint

Absent:

Cathy Kent (excused)
Juliette Noor-Haji (excused)

Call to Order

Whitney Toussaint called the meeting to order at 6:46pm.

Whitney Toussaint explained the format of the meeting and guidelines for conduct.

Election of Council Officers

Marlene Rossi nominated herself as chair pro-tem.
Victoria Medelius conducted a roll call vote.

Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Kelly Craig	In favor
Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor

Nick Masson	In favor
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

Marlene Rossi was elected Chair Pro-Tem by a vote of nine in favor, none opposed, no abstentions

The chair pro-tem called for nominations for the position of president.

Kelly Craig nominated Victoria Medelius and Whitney Toussaint as co-presidents. Whitney Toussaint. Victoria Medelius and Whitney Toussaint accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for president.

Marlene Rossi conducted a roll call vote.

Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Kelly Craig	In favor
Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Nick Masson	Abstain
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

Victoria Medelius and Whitney Toussaint were elected co-presidents by a vote of eight in favor, one abstention.

Victoria Medelius called for nominations for vice-president.

Linda Chung-Leung nominated Kelly Craig as vice-president.

There were no other nominations for president.

Victoria Medelius conducted a roll call vote.

Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Kelly Craig	In favor
Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Nick Masson	Abstain
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor

Whitney Toussaint In favor

Kelly Craig was elected vice-president by a vote of eight in favor, one abstention.

Victoria Medelius called for nominations for secretary.

Kelly Craig nominated Jonathan Greenberg for secretary.

Jonathan Greenberg accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Victoria Medelius conducted a roll call vote.

Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Kelly Craig	In favor
Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Nick Masson	Abstain
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

Jonathan Greenberg was elected secretary by a vote of eight in favor, one abstention.

Victoria Medelius called for nominations for treasurer.

Kelly Craig nominated Marisela Santos for treasurer.

Marisela Santos accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Victoria Medelius conducted a roll call vote.

Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Kelly Craig	In favor
Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Nick Masson	Abstain
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

Marisela Santos was elected treasurer by a vote of eight in favor, one abstention.

First Public Agenda and Speaking Time

Missy Fogerty spoke about her services as a psychotherapist specializes in creative, LGBTQ middle-school and high-school students, and uses music therapy, as well as the benefits of music therapy.

Teresa Catone, parent of a rising Pre-K student at a district CBO. Raised the issue of the shortage of pre-K seats in Sunnyside and LIC, and asked if the CEC has reviewed the Creative Curriculum used in pre-K and 3-K.

Melli L. asked for the CEC to post the meeting notice and agenda ahead of time. President Toussaint responded that we emailed and posted the notice on July 29 and August 5. Kai Cid from FACE clarified that CECs have a 72-hour requirement for notice.

Resolution 188

Nick Masson read Resolution 188 Requesting Air Conditioner Installation, Upgrades, and Maintenance to ALL NYC Public Schools

Whitney Toussaint asked for grammatical edits, as well as a further "resolved" statement that asks elected officials for further funding.

Kelly Craig stressed that the DOE should make sure that air conditioning is not only installed, but works properly.

Teresa Catone: make sure that the electrical panels have the capacity to run new air conditioners; make sure that there is not conflict with the sprinkler system or other safety devices; consider solar shades and UV films along the closers and door sweeps. Pay attention to capital vs operating budget.

Whitney Toussaint suggested adding the following to the resolution: "Be it further resolved that CEC 30 urges city council members and state legislators to ensure that adequate funding is made available within upcoming budget cycles to support every building's budget for the maintenance, upkeep, and if necessary, timely replacement of air conditioners."

Jonathan Greenberg motioned to add Whitney's amendment, as well as her grammatical edits, to the resolution.

Kelly Craig seconded the motion.

Jonathan Greenberg conducted a roll call vote to accept these changes.

Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Kelly Craig	In favor
Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Nick Masson	In favor

Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

Motion passed unanimously.

Whitney Toussaint moved to accept the resolution as amended.
Jonathan Greenberg conducted a roll call vote.

Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Kelly Craig	In favor
Hunter Dare	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Nick Masson	In favor
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

Resolution passes unanimously.

District Superintendent's Report

Delivered by Deputy Superintendent William Fahey

The report follows the minutes.

The video of the Superintendent's report can be viewed on the CEC website at <https://cec30.org/recordings.html>.

Jonathan Greenberg asked Dr. Fahey whether Summer Rising attendance was lower this year than last, and what effect low attendance might have on the program. Dr. Fahey replied that for mandated students, attendance was excellent. For other students, who were there for enrichment, they did do outreach on Day 10 to offer seats to families on the waitlist.

Whitney Toussaint asked about the Pre-K/3K curriculum, and if we could have someone come to speak on the topic. Dr. Fahey replied that we can invited someone from the Office of Early Childhood, which is the department that chose Creative Curriculum. Dr. Fahey said that the curriculum is similar to the previous curriculum with some differences. For example, teachers can upload artifacts of student learning so that teachers can share them with parents at parent-teacher conferences.

Announced the District Office Bookbag Giveaway at PS 92 on August 27. There will be a flyer.

Public Agenda and Speaking Time

Kat Zapata from BP Richard's Office, announced back-to-school distribution events. Eight are planned.

Melli L asked how to forward meeting confirmation. Whitney Toussaint replied that the agenda is always attached to the meeting invitation, which can be forwarded to anyone. The registration link is included in that invitation.

Whitney Toussaint announced that AM González-Rojas is having a bookbag drive tomorrow.

Adjournment

At 8:12pm, Victoria Medelius motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Kelly Craig seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Greenberg
Secretary

The recording and closed caption transcript of this meeting will be available at cec30.org.

MINUTES Community Education Council 30 Business Meeting August 12, 2024

Roll Call

Jonathan Greenberg, the Secretary, conducted a roll call for the Business Meeting.

Present:

Linda Chung-Leung
Kelly Craig
Jonathan Greenberg
Nick Masson
Victoria Medelius
Danny Rojas
Marlene Rossi
Marisela Santos
Whitney Toussaint

Absent:

Hunter Dare

Cathy Kent
Juliette Noor-Haji

Reading and Approval of the May 2024 Minutes, June 2024 Minutes, and July 2024 Notes

Minutes and notes were approved without amendments or objections.

Nick Masson announced his resignation from CEC 30. Whitney Toussaint and Victoria Medelius thanked Nick Masson for his service, and for the resolution which the council passed in the preceding calendar meeting.

Meeting Schedule 2024-2025

Whitney Toussaint suggested that the council leave an open time the Monday following each Calendar meeting for a virtual business meeting in the event that the Calendar meeting runs late.

Jonathan Greenberg suggested that, as calendar meetings often run late, we would be better off scheduling all business meetings for the following week and conducting them virtually. Suggested that we discuss the topic in September, considering that some members were absent.

Kelly Craig supported the proposal and a discussion with the council in September. Danny Rojas mentioned that we move our October 14 meeting as it is Indigenous People's Day. Agreed to change it to October 7. The council looked at the other tentative meeting dates. All were agreed on.

All agreed to keep Monday nights.

Victoria Medelius asked whether we might be able to have meetings in school buildings.

Jonathan Greenberg explained that before the pandemic, the council had its meeting during the school year in a different school each month. But there was no Zoom component. Setting up will be a challenge, but perhaps we could try it for one or two meeting this year and see how it goes.

Council expressed interest in having two meetings this year at district schools.

Jonathan Greenberg suggested we not have the meetings in the auditorium, but rather the library or another smaller space, so that our conference microphone will work.

Nick Masson suggested working with the school's tech team, as they may already have an existing setup.

Approval Proposed Budget for 2024-2025

Jonathan Greenberg, the Secretary, conducted a roll call vote to ratify the budget for the year.

Danny Rojas asked to clarify that the line for parent engagement includes District Day. Whitney Toussaint responded that that is the case, and that we are able to reallocated funds during the year.

Linda Chung-Leung	In favor
Kelly Craig	In favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In favor
Nick Masson	In favor
Victoria Medelius	In favor
Danny Rojas	In favor
Marlene Rossi	In favor
Marisela Santos	In favor
Whitney Toussaint	In favor

The budget passes, nine in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Liaison Assignment Discussion

Whitney Toussaint suggested we use the spreadsheet we had used the in past to see which liaison assignments are available. The new members were absent, and assigning schools to them was postponed until September.

Member can keep existing liaison assignments.

Danny Rojas asked who can make introductions to the schools, now that Gail has retired.

Whitney Toussaint responded that Bandna Sharma, William Fahey, and Lisa Hidalgo will help to make introductions.

Whitney Toussaint explained that Gail Cohen is on Terminal Leave, which means that we will not be able to hire a new AA until that leave ends. FACE will be supporting us during that time. Some things will be changing. We will be using electronic reimbursement forms. Please look at the CCEC Handbook that we received during New Member Orientation.

Jonathan Greenberg commented that even after Gail Cohen's terminal leave is over, it may take a number of months to hire a new AA.

Committee Assignment Discussion

Whitney Toussaint and Victoria Medelius will appoint the committee chairs. Please email them with requests by the end of August. We should also discuss with committee members who are not CEC members whether they want to be listed on the committee list.

Presidents Council will come next on October 7.

Speakers Series

Whitney Toussaint mentioned some plans in the works for a lawyer who would speak on immigration rights.

Victoria Medelius suggested Missy Fogerty, who came to the night's Calendar Meeting.

Nick Masson asked about reaching out the Queens Public Library for a grant-writing session. Whitney Toussaint will reach out to them.

Danny Rojas asked if there are other topics that will always recur during the year. Whitney Toussaint would like to repeat the event on standardized testing in collaboration with the District Office.

Jonathan Greenberg mentioned that we had talked about having someone else to talk about opting out of state tests during the same session.

Whitney Toussaint mentioned a virtual activity fair, which we had two years ago in May.

Linda Chung-Leung suggested doing a Know Your Rights session with Jmac for Families again.

Member Reports

Nick Masson visited PS 85 in the spring. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for their annex will be on August 29 at 10:00am. Visited PS 398. There was a lot of life, energy, and excitement at the school. Went to PS 234 on 80s Day. Ms. Danner was awarded money through Reso-A through the Borough Presidents office for gymnasium renovation.

Linda Chung-Leung met with three candidates for parent coordinator at PS 222. They also had a hiring committee. They hired the candidate who was serving as interim.

Whitney Toussaint did an PC interview at Hunters Point Community Middle School the day of the meeting. At the last meeting, a PS 11 parent talked about the Air Conditioning. Whitney Toussaint reached out to SCA, who has reached out to the principal. FACE informed us that the Chancellor will be coming to D30 on February 3, 2025. The SCA will also be coming to our October meeting to talk about an acquisition of a parcel of land in Hallet's Point, Astoria.

New Business

AM González-Rojas is having a book-bag giveaway on August 9.

Adjournment

At 9:25pm, Whitney Toussaint motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jonathan Greenberg

Secretary

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Superintendent's Report Community District Education Council CDEC30 Meeting

August 12, 2024

In Support of the Chancellor's Pillar #1 Reimagining the student experience

SUMMER RISING 2024 Updates

We were able to observe evidence of instruction and the effective use of both digital and print materials in our Summer Rising classrooms. It was great to see the students engaged and actively participating in the learning process.

Summer Rising academic programs ended on Thursday, August 8th. A District Middle School Graduation ceremony was held at I.S. 145 to celebrate our students who completed eighth grade requirements. A lunch reception was provided to our graduates and their families.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to all the staff for their hard work and dedication. A big shout out to all of staff including our Principals-In-Charge (PICs) of Summer Rising Sites, their site supervisors, parent coordinators, secretaries, school aides and all other school support personnel, who played a crucial role in creating a smooth and enjoyable experience for our Summer Rising students.

I would also like to thank our parents, guardians, caregivers, and bus drivers who supported our students in getting to our Summer Rising programs each day.

The enrichment portion of Summer Rising will continue for students in grades K-5 until Friday, August 16th.

Distribution of the Online Summer Rising Survey

Principals-In-Charge (PICs) of Summer Rising K–8 sites are strongly encouraged to complete and distribute links for online surveys to students, teachers, site supervisors, and affiliated principals. The purpose of the survey is to obtain participants' responses that can improve future summer programming.

The deadline to complete each survey is 5:00 p.m. on **August 17**. Parent and family coordinators will receive letters (see attached) that will be used to remind families to complete the [parents/families survey](#), which is available in all DOE-supported languages.

Links to Surveys:

- [Students in grades 4–5](#) (upper elementary);

- [Students in grades 6–8](#) (middle school);
- and
- [Parents/families](#).

NOTE: Survey responses are confidential.

Resolution 'A' Funding Allocation for FY 2025 Update

Please note, starting in FY25, cost for required warranties for Chromebooks and iPads are the responsibility of each respective school that elects to purchase such equipment with Reso-A funds.

The cost for these required warranties for Chromebooks and iPads must be covered with tax-levy (OTPS) funds, as Reso-A Funds cannot be used for this cost. This will not affect schools purchasing full laptops, desktops, or other designated equipment.

SCHOOL OPENING FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

The first day of the 2024-25 school for students is on Thursday September 5, 2024. Please refer to the NYC Public School Website for the 2024-25 School Calendar available in 10 languages.

2024-25 NYC Public School Calendar Link: <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/calendar/2024-2025-school-year-calendar>

FAMILY WELCOME CENTER

- **Temporary Family Welcome Center (FWC) Closure and Back-to-School (BTS) location August 12th - September 13th**
 - The FWC office at Queens Plaza North will be closed to the public on Friday, August 9th
 - August 12th – September 13th, they will be temporarily located at P.S. 13 (24Q013) 55-01 94th Street in Corona.
 - FWC Staff **will not** be available at the QPN location.
- **All BTS locations will have an appointment system to see families.** Families can get an appointment by phone, email, or walk-in.
 - Phone number for an appointment:
 - 718-935-2828
 - Email for an appointment at our BTS site:
 - queensplazanfwc@schools.nyc.gov (D24 and D30)
 - lindenfwc@schools.nyc.gov (D25 and D26)
 - Walk into the BTS site or any BTS location found here: [Family Welcome Centers \(nyc.gov\)](#). The summer locations will be updated on the webpage this week.
- **For Zoned Elementary and Middle School Districts Only**
 - Families DO NOT need an Enrollment Assignment Letter for registration at their zoned elementary or middle school.
 - If a zoned elementary or middle school family visits our Back-to-School site, they may receive an enrollment form, a provisional registration form, and registration checklist, with instructions to visit the school to complete the registration process.

Backpack Giveaway

District-wide FREE backpack & school supply giveaway^ will be held at P.S. 92 Q located at 99-01 34th Avenue in Corona.

^NOTE: Limit one per child. Quantities limited.

High Schools will Administer and Score August Regents Exams

The 2024 August Regents exams will be administered in High Schools on **August 19** and **20**, according to the schedule below.

August 2024 Regents Examination Schedule

Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

MONDAY, August 19	TUESDAY, August 20
8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
Algebra I English Language Arts	United States History and Government Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry
12:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
Global History and Geography II Algebra II	Geometry Living Environment

Uniform Admission Deadline

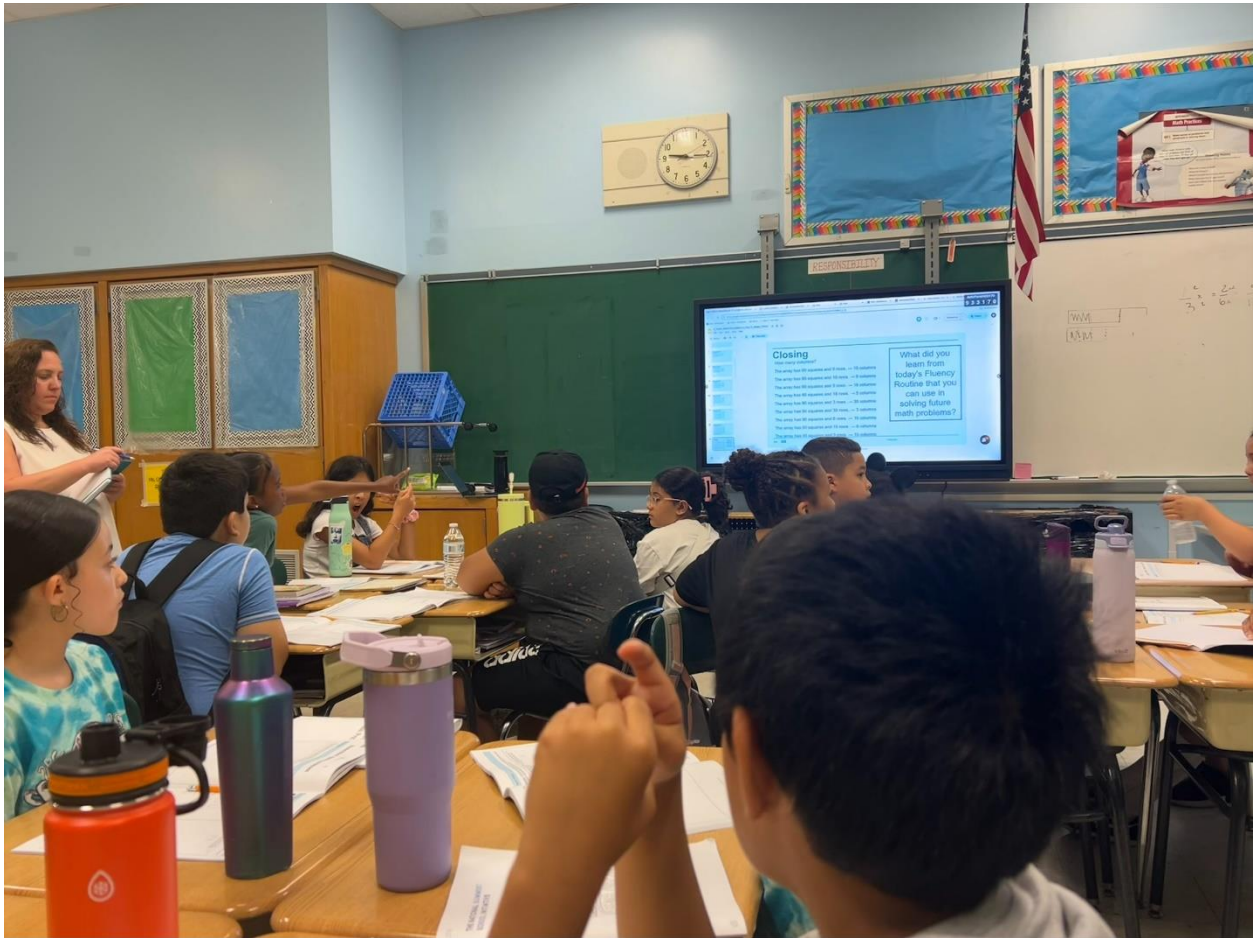
Morning Examinations: 9:15 a.m.

Afternoon Examinations: 1:15 p.m.

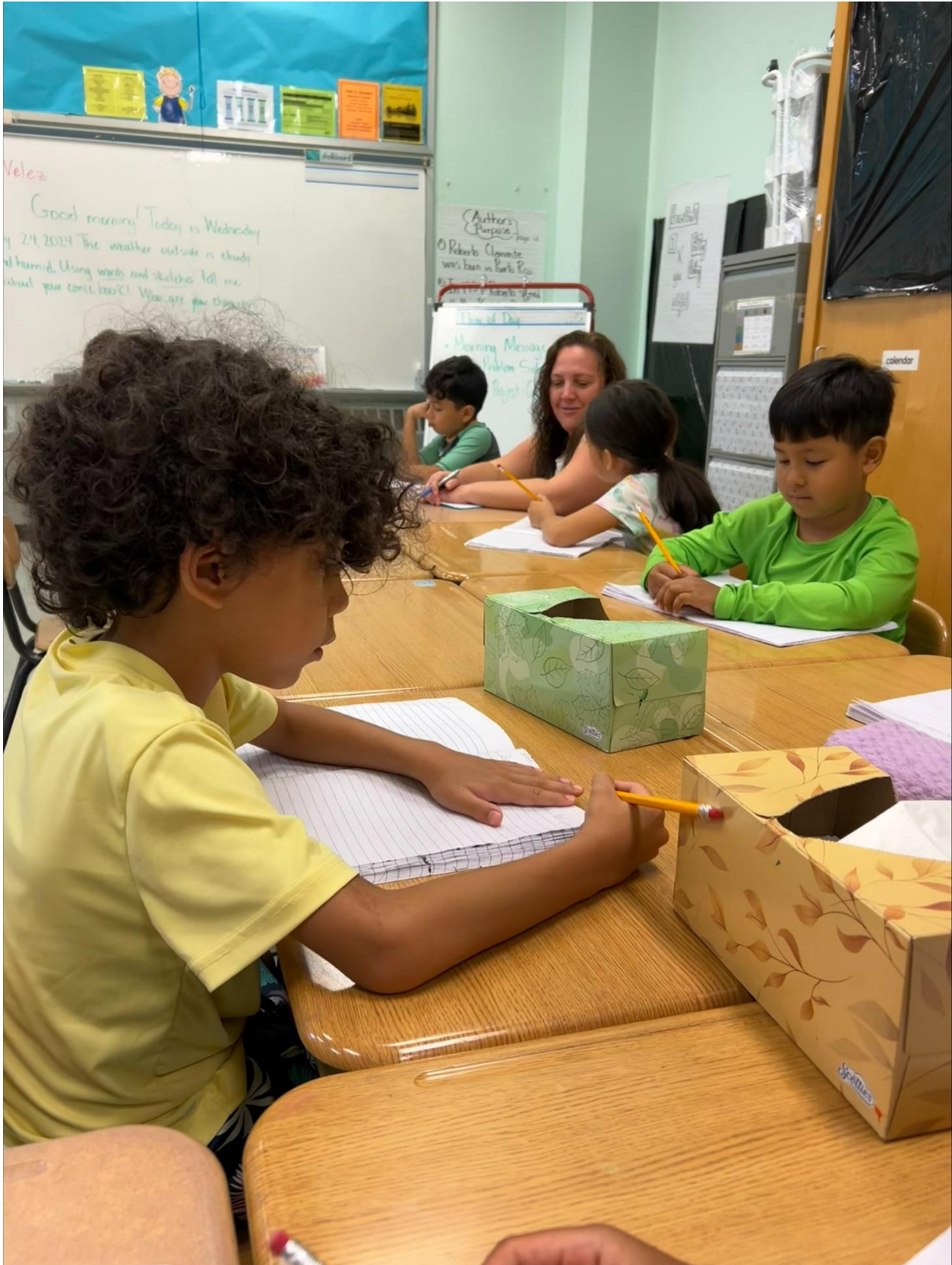
Principal Retirement – Interim Acting Principal Named

Principal Anna Aprea is taking a leave and will officially retire on February 3rd, 2025. Michael Pascarelli, Assistant Principal at the school has been named to serve as the Interim Acting Principal until the C-30 process can be conducted.

HIGHLIGHTS – SUMMER RISING PHOTOS







Summer Rising Graduation

