

## Community Education Council – District 8

### Candidates

**Candidate: Janet Lee Bosch**

**DBN:** 08X125

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

#### **Applicant Background**

I began as the Title 1 Representative for Henry Hudson I.S.125 and remained so for about 4 years. Then I moved to become PA Vice President at Henry Hudson I.S.125 for two years and currently PA President. I have been a member of the SLT for I.S.125 for 4 years. I am also on the Community Education Council for District 8 and I am currently on the District 8 Leadership Team. I also am currently the Vice President of PAPEC.

#### **Personal Statement**

In the past I was never aware of PA's or Community Councils. I met a wonderful woman and she taught me how important it was to be involved in your school community. I've learned so much since then and I'm still learning. I have been able to pass that on and would like the opportunity to continue to pass on everything I have learned. As a member of CEC 8 I have been able to reach out to many school communities and assist them in many ways.

**Candidate: Aurora Ronda**

**DBN:** 08X072

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

#### **Applicant Background**

I AM THE PTA SECRETARY & A PARENT VOLUNTEER @ THE SCHOOL WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN ALL THE SCHOOL WORKSHOPS. SUCH AS FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT WORKING THE GERM TABLE TO SHOW THE CHILDREN HOW GERMS SPREAD WHEN YOU SNEEZE, BY USING A BALLOON FILLED WITH CONFETI AND POPPING IT. THE CONFETI REPRESENTS THE GERMS THAT SPREAD WHEN YOU POP THE BALLOON. I HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER OF THE NO PLACE FOR HATE RALLIES AND HAVE ADDRESSED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ON SAFETY ISSUES FOR THE SCHOOL. I HAVE ALSO WORKED IN THE TRANSPORTATION FIELD, TRANSPORTING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

### **Personal Statement**

I WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THIS COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH FURTHERING THE EDUCATION AND WELL BEING OF OUR CHILDREN IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.

**Candidate: Frank DiNardo**

**DBN:** 08X467

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

### **Applicant Background**

I have been on the CEC board for 4 years and have supported schools within our district. I visit the schools, find out their needs and bring it back to the board. I've done several walk throughs and have addressed the needs of all children. I have volunteered my time to play as Santa Claus for one of the schools too. I bring experience to the board and would like to continue to fight for our children.

### **Personal Statement**

As a current CEC member I see the importance of our board and what we do for our children. We are the voices for our parents and most importantly our children. As a board we fight for them and I am honored to be part of this wonderful team. If given the opportunity, I will continue to dedicate myself to this mission to make our schools better. Our children deserve it! I am dedicated and already have experience so I'd like to continue because there's still so much more work to do!

**Candidate: Lisa Marie Mateo**

**DBN:** 08X072

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

### **Applicant Background**

PA President of P.S. 36x for 2 years and , trustee for 1 year PA President of I.S. 125 for 3 years and , Vice President for 1 year I have been on SLT for P.S. 36x for the time I was pa president and on I.S. 125 SLT also at the time I was PA president I'm a learning leader for elementary and junior high school I was a trustee on PAPEC for 2 years I'm also a (DLT) member district leadership team I'm also a CEC Member at this time

### **Personal Statement**

As an involved district 8 parent for the past 11 years, I am willing to pass my knowledge of the doe system to the parents of our community, I am currently a member of the District Leadership Team and Community Education Council of District 8. I sit in on the School Leadership Team meetings at I.S. 125, which is one of the schools I services a CEC member. As a current CEC member, I make sure I am visible as well as available to every staff member and parent in every school I service. I attend all PA/PTA

meetings I am invited to as well as volunteering at school events, I help and attend P.S. 100 events also. In the past I held the positions as Parent Association President at P.S.36, Vice President as P.S. 36, Parent Association Vice President at I.S. 125 and President. I have held the position as trustee for PAPEC for 2 years. Not only have I held the mandatory position on the SLT of both schools, I have previously been voted in by the parents of the participating schools. I have an excellent rapport with the staff, parents and students of each school I am involved in and feel I will only be an asset to commit to another term as CEC representative. I am always willing to learn more information.

**Candidate: Bryan D'Ottavi**

**DBN:** 08X014; 08X467

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

### **Applicant Background**

Currently 1st Vice President of CEC district 8.

### **Personal Statement**

I came on the board toward the end of the school year. I've accomplished many great things with my constituents, but there are still many things we have started but have not yet finished. I would love an opportunity to be able to finish what we have started.

**Candidate: Elena Vila**

**DBN:** 08X069; 08X376

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

### **Applicant Background**

I've been an actively involved for the past 14 years and I've held the position of PA President for 11 years. I'm the PA President and a member of the School Leadership Team (SLT) at A.P.P.A., P.S.69x, and Millennium Art Academy. I'm also active at the Women's Academy of Excellence. I am a trained Jumpstart Reader, a Learning Leader and trained in the Great Leaps Reading Fluency Program. I volunteer my time and wherever I am needed. I step up when others don't. I've been a special education parent for over 20 years. Three of my children are currently in a Special Education setting, so I'm very familiar with navigating the special education system. I am also active in my community. I have a professional relationship with my local politicians. They know who I am and what I represent in the community. I am proud to say that when I visit or call their office they always know it has something to do with improving our schools somehow. I currently hold the position of Secretary and Special Events Coordinator at the Castle Hill Little League which serves over 500 of our community. I attend all CEC meetings and keep myself up to date on the current issues. I only want and expect the best for ALL the children in District 8.

## **Personal Statement**

I've learned about my rights as a parent and I try to educate others as well. I'm a team player and work hand in hand with the administrators at my children's schools. I believe that parents being partners with the school makes it a better place for our children. I have an understanding of the Common Core Standards and how the standards are implemented in the classrooms. I know what is expected of parents, administrators and students but I always put the best interest of the children FIRST. When I say the word children I refer to ALL children not only my own. It is because of my experience as a mother of five 'diversified learners' and my experience in the positions I have held in the Parent Associations and throughout the schools, that I feel I'm ready for the next step. I have worked very hard and I pride myself in the leader I am and continue to become. I work hard at all that I do and I feel that I can help bring a clear understanding of what the CEC represents. With my actions, I try to model for the parents and teach them what they should be doing as parents to be true partners in their children's education. I encourage parents never to be afraid to speak up for their children for they are their advocate.

**Candidate: Joyce Irizar**

**DBN:** 08X072

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

## **Applicant Background**

2011-2012 PTA Vice President, 2012-2013 PTA President. I am also a Learning Leader, member of the SLT committee and an Action Team parent volunteer for the Parent Coordinator. I sit in the Safety meeting and recycling team. I am also a part of the Parent Academy through the Chancellors office.

## **Personal Statement**

I have been a parent volunteer for 3 years at PS. 72. I was encouraged to be a part of an action team for parent involvement and have steadily become more involved. I am now President of the PTA, SLT member, Learning Leader and various committee's all with the encouragement of the PC and many parents. I always say I have 900 children when asked how many children I have. It is important to me that parents and children be well represented. I want to be able to be a part of our children's future.

**Candidate: Christina Star Carreras**

**DBN:** 08X376

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

## **Applicant Background**

Prior to getting involved with the PTA and the SLT I served as secretary on Castle Hill Little League. I also have a book club that I run with the New York Public Library on Castle Hill which is open to all local middle schools.

### **Personal Statement**

It is my experience that our children and our educators need more active parents to play a role in community education. I am a working mom who is trying to do my best to support my local school and see a lot of things that I think can change for the better or our schools in the community. I keep coming against others who say just move your child to a different school but I will not and can not turn my back on the kids in the community. I want to be that voice for those parents who cant or don't have the opportunity to voice their opinions. I want to make sure that schools know there are parents who care.

**Candidate: Sonia F. Kelly**

**DBN:** 08X072

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

### **Applicant Background**

I am currently a graduate student working on my MS degree in Early Childhood Education with a focus of Administration, Management and Leadership.

### **Personal Statement**

I am a 31 year old parent of two children 10 and 3 years old. My 10 year old is in the public school system. I work full time in a management position in the healthcare field, however, my educational background is in Early Childhood education. I believe this position would be perfect, I would use my knowledge of the education field to assist in making conscious decisions with the council. I look forward to working with others who are looking to foster the development of children.

**Candidate: Eduardo H. Hernandez**

**DBN:** 08X131; 08X182

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

### **Applicant Background**

I was a very active advocate against the rezoning involving P.S. 182, P.S. 138 and P.S. 100. I have attended every PAPEC meeting , and all CEC meetings(except for September) on this school year. I taught math to 6th to 10th grader in a special summer program at Hostos Community College.

### **Personal Statement**

I am tired of watching the people involved in our children's education policies that are making decisions just for the sake of doing something. They do so without really looking at the long term impact that such decisions will have on our children's education. As a former NASA/NOAA research fellow I have experience analyzing data. Instead of trial and error (as it is the current approach), I prefer to make decisions based on facts, and to determine beforehand how the decisions will affect our children. I will

be a voice of reason that will represent our entire community. Hopefully, I will join several others like minded people, and together we could bring some real changes to improve the education of our children.

**Candidate: Aida Maria Figueroa**

**DBN:** 08X100

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

I volunteer at my church in the Childrens Ministry teaching Sunday School and I volunteer for the Summer program.

**Personal Statement**

My mission for my family is to develop an environment where my child can be nurtured into a life long learner. I feel that it is critical to have parents, guidance counselors, educators, community leaders and others partner in order to create the best environment that will allow this to happen for my family and my neighbors. I welcome the opportunity to serve on a board that is charged with educating children in my community district.

**Candidate: Lillian Garcia**

**DBN:** 08X072

**IEP/ELL:** IEP

**Applicant Background**

Currently PTA Vice President, part of the PC's Action Team

**Personal Statement**

I have been a volunteer for the school for 3 years, a PTA member for 1 year and an intregal part of hosting events and preparing for workshops with the Parent Coordinator. I feel that being a part of the school is very important to my child. All parents should be given that same oppertunity to be involved that my school gives me. As a CEC member I will try to help parents recieve the same help and guidance I receive.

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**Candidate: Chancy Marsh IV**

**DBN:** 08X182

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

I have been the P.A. President at P.S. 182 for five years. I am outspoken about DOE policies that are not in the best interest of children. I have raised about \$70k in fundraising for P.S. 182 to purchase smartboards, Reading Elmo's (21st century projectors for classroom instruction), free senior trips and many more functions to further enhance our children's education.

**Personal Statement**

I will vote in the best interest of children. My seat on the board will not be used to further the agenda of individuals who do not want what is best for children. We need new schools in District 8 and we need parents who are informed about the politics and policies of the DOE. I hope you all will choose candidates based on their VOTING RECORD as a CEC member and/or their involvement in the community at large. Thank you for your time.

**Candidate: Tanisha Robinson**

**DBN:** 08X182

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

I am currently the PA president. I have held this position for several years and I enjoy working with the staff and students.

**Personal Statement**

**Candidate: Latoya S. Redman**

**DBN:** 08X146

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

I have attended PA General meetings.

**Personal Statement**

My name is Latoya Redman, and I am the proud parent of a kindergartener that currently attends P.S. 146X. I am the product of the public school system, and can remember loving school, but not enjoying being there. The reasons why I did not like being in school at that time were; the overcrowded classrooms, encountering clearly frustrated teachers on a daily basis, and the feeling that the education that I was receiving was sub par. Despite all of that, I went on to graduate both High school and College. Present day, I have a child that attends a public school, (that I must say I am very pleased with). Although I am pleased, I want to be more than just the parent who attends general PA meetings. I want to know that if issues do arise, that I am part of the solution. Thank You, Latoya S. Redman

**Candidate: Patricia Posada**

**DBN:** 08X075; 08X337; 08X424

**IEP/ELL:** N/A

**Applicant Background**

Active parent leader at PS 45 comes to all workshops. Parent workshops at regional of fice with Ms Jean Depesa and Superindendant Bear. Helps out Parent Coordinators and PTA for all school functions.

**Personal Statement**

As an English language learner I have learned through my parent coordinator Mabel Juarez from PS 45 to navigate the maze for people, parents who have a language barrier. I feel I can be very helpful to those parents who don't speak English and do not know their parent rights. I am patient, responsible and multitasked, honest and willing to advocate for parents who do not konw how to.