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Community Education Council District 20

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

IS 201 - Dyker Heights

8010 12th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228

Meeting Start Time: 6:19 PM

Present: Adele Doyle, Eugene Strupinsky, Sandy Chum-Wu, Alice Licato, Inga Smolyar, Irene Chu, Artemis Lekakis, Genevieve Mammana

Guests: Dianne Gounardes, CSA Rep.; Ellen Dreisen, UFT Rep.; Dr. Joseph O'Brien, Principal Leadership Facilitator, Jessica Englehart, DOE Office of the Arts & Paul Martuccio, Principal at PS 13 in S.I. Doctoral candidates auditing CEC 20 & CEC 31.

I. Meeting called to order: Adele Doyle, President

II. Roll Call: Alice Licato, Recording Secretary

III. AA Position Update:

- Natalia Mondesir was interviewed twice by CEC20 and her references were verified.
- CEC20 reached a consensus to offer her the position and we are just waiting for FACE to confirm that Natalia is vetted by the DOE and advise with employment details.
- Recording Secretary, Alice Licato, to call Ms. Mondesir and advise her of the situation.

IV. CEC20 Breakfast Recap:

- Thank you to Dianne Gounardes for securing the D20 Early Childhood Center Venue.
- Function went smoothly and CEC Members in attendance were able to meet with most of their liaison school PTA's or PC's.

- Ideas for 2019 Welcome Breakfast - have translators available, Set up Event Brite link for RSVP's, group tables intentionally by schools with common characteristics, update PowerPoint presentation as needed, create parent survey(s).
- Follow up with letters to liaison schools' PTA's, Principals, PC's, and SLT's introducing their assigned CEC Liaisons; once CEC20 has an AA they will execute.

V. November School Safety Meeting Discussion:

- First Vice President, Eugene Strupinsky, is following up with John Grassidonio to conform a Representative of School Safety attends the November CEC20 Meeting.
- Also, requests have been made for the NCO's of D20's NYPD precincts (62nd, 68th, 66th, & 72nd) to attend the November CEC20 Meeting. Dianne Gounardes offered to help facilitate.
- The Office of School Planning will make a presentation on the zoning of a new school on the St. Rosalia Site - 301 14th Avenue.
- Appointment of Assistant Principal, Teresa Tisdall.
- Future Meeting Presentation Ideas: Drug Laws, School Food, Joint Meeting with CEC15
- December 12th 2018 Meeting to be held at PS 163 (tentative).

VI. Charter School Discussion:

- As per Recording Secretary, Alice Licato, Minutes from the 9/12 Public Hearing are delayed.
- The Hellenic Classical Charter School has withdrawn its' application in District 20.
- CEC20 Members undecided whether to issue a general resolution or a statement opposing future Charter Schools opening in D20. Discussion tabled for a future date.

VII. CEC Updates:

- Dr. Joseph O'Brien informs CEC20 of the outstanding State Test Scores for District 20 ELL students (14% higher than citywide average). d20 serves 59,000 students, approx. 13,000 of which are ELL Students. D20's focus on Equity & Excellence and the ELL community over the last few years is reaping benefits.
- Immigration Resource Fair to be held at PS 503 on November 17th.
- CEC20 discusses possibility of nominating a CM to be Parliamentarian at next meeting. Dianne Gounardes offered to assist with questions regarding parliamentary procedures.
- Reminder to submit overdue IPR's and/or reimbursement forms.

VIII. Adjournment:

- Motion to Adjourn, Inga Smolyar. Seconded, Genevieve Mammana.
- Meeting Adjourned 7:02 PM

Submitted: Alice Licato

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Calendar Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Start Time: 7:16 PM

Present: Adele Doyle, Eugene Strupinsky, Sandy Chum-Wu, Alice Licato, Inga Smolyar, Irene Chu, Artemis Lekakis, Genevieve Mammana

Excused:

Guests: Dianne Gounardes, CSA Rep.; Ellen Dreisen, UFT Rep.; Dr. Joseph O'Brien, Principal Leadership Facilitator; William Chin, Family Leadership Coordinator; Vince D'Anjou, D20 School Foods Supervisor; Nadia Chad and Sarah Kleinhandler, Office of Student Enrollment

I. Meeting called to order: Adele Doyle, President

II. Roll Call: Alice Licato, Recording Secretary

III. President's Report: Adele Doyle

- Thank you to IS 201 Principal, Staff and PTA for hosting our CEC Meeting tonight.
- Informs audience that CEC20 is looking to fill (3) parent positions - 1 General Education, 1 Parent of an ELL student (within the last two years), and 1 Parent of a student with an IEP.
- CEC20 Resolution is read aloud; passed unanimously on 6/7/18, opposes changes to the Specialized High Schools Admissions Standards.
- President Adele Doyle reviews the Rules of Engagement for this hearing and CM Irene Chu provides Chinese translation.

IV. SHS Admissions Proposed Changes Presentation - Office of Student Enrollment

- See Powerpoint Handout
- Nadya Chadha and Sarah Kleinhandler of the Office of Student Enrollment take questions from President Adele Doyle on behalf of CEC20.

V. Public Speaking: (Limited number of speakers due to elapsed permit at 8:30 PM. Audience was extremely concerned about this proposal and at times during Public Speaking CEC20 Members had to interrupt to remind audience to maintain decorum).

1. **Assemblyman Peter Abbate** - Opposed changes to the SHS admissions and is working against this initiative in Albany
2. **Andrew Gounardes (Candidate for State Senator)** - Opposed changes to the SHSAT and suggests strengthening Middle Schools throughout NYC and increasing the number of Specialized High Schools .
3. **Assemblyman William Colton** - Adamantly opposes changes to the SHSAT process.
4. **Judy Wang (representing State Senator Marty Golden)** - Opposed to changes to the SHSAT process because it is biased against the Asian community. Believes that more G&T classes are needed in District 20, (written statement provided).
5. **Nancy Tong (District Leader)** - Against the plan to change SHS admissions criteria because it is biased against the Asian Community.
6. **Wai Yee Chan (representing Councilman Justin Brannan)** - Opposed to changes to the SHSAT and is working against this initiative in the City Council.
7. **Lim Zheng** - Against the proposed changes to the SHSAT (translated by Irene Chu).
8. **Miao Zheng** - Against the proposed changes to the SHSAT. Says NYC has the top public schools and our children study very hard to gain admission; why are they being punished?
9. **Jun Yan** - Against the plan to change SHS admissions criteria.
10. **Charlie Vavruska** - Adamantly opposes changes to the SHSAT process.
11. **Alex Protoyapas** - Against changes to the SHS admission criteria. Says the problem is that there aren't enough seats at SHS. Suggests opening a new SHS in D20.
12. **Vito LaBella (President's Council President)** - Adamantly opposes changes to the SHSAT process.
13. **Concerned Parent** - Adamantly opposes changes to the SHSAT process.

VI. Approval of September Meeting Minutes, Alice Licato, Recording Secretary

- All in favor. Minutes Approved Unanimously.

VII. Adjournment:

- Next CEC20 meeting November 8th at PS 682.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

Submitted: Alice Licato