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Community Education Council District 20

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

J.H.S 259 (7305 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11228)

Meeting start time: 6:06 pm

Present:

Adele Doyle, Sandy Chum-Wu, Inga Smolyar, Alice Licato, Iwen Chu, Genevieve Mammana, Eugene Strupinsky, Kevin McNeil

Excused:

Artemis Lekakis

Guests:

Karina Costantino, D20 Superintendent; Ellen Driesen, UFT Rep; Dianne Gounardes, CSA Representative; Vito LaBella, PTA Presidents' Council President

I. Meeting called to order: Adele Doyle, President

II. Roll Call: Alice Licato, Recording Secretary

III. Old Business

- a. Approval of March minutes postponed until May meeting

IV. ECC Update:

- a. every month ECC explains the roles of the CEC, there should be a council member at every meeting
- b. Head of City-wide High Schools Council asked Adele to write about vaping, Adele offered to write about college and career readiness (students are not prepared for college),

V. New Business

- a. Discussed possible committees for 2019-2021 term: Legislative, Overcrowding, Parent Engagement, Enrichment (dual language), Safety
- b. Limit statements to 2 minutes and stay on topic
- c. Getting away from the ceremonial aspect of appointments (limit time to: 2 min each for speakers, 5 min for honoree), advanced notice
- d. Website: subscription up in October, Increase Functionality: need a better design (Summer)

VI. Chancellor

- a. Adele spoke to the Chancellor and told him that education about vaping needs to be top-down (education should come from the city),

- b. the Chancellor says that the increase in approval of charter schools in underserved districts is a state mandate

VII. Superintendent Evaluation

- a. Template for the form to be used
- b. Will meet separately to fill it out

VIII. Review of the Bylaws

- a. Was approved in September
- b. Council will review

IX. Council Elections

- a. Candidates have a lot of experience (32 candidates in total)
- b. Voting opens: May 14th, Results: May 21st

XI. Motion to vote on adding names to privacy letter:

- a. Alice Licato, Seconded: Inga Smolyar
- b. One opposed: Kevin McNeil made the argument that charter schools are public schools

XII. Miscellaneous topics

- a. Include an Announcements section to the Calendar Meeting Agenda
- b. Have a meet and greet for Principals and their liaisons
- c. Facebook: anyone on the council can be an administrator, be more consistent with posts, increase site visits, Signature line on emails, questions post
- d. IS 201 renaming their auditorium, Council needs to agree that the school can do it
- e. Vaping concerns: multiple dimensional approach, rally on May 28-schools bringing bands and cheerleaders to MCU Park, asking celebrities to go, vaping stats higher in elementary schools, no DOE rules specifically on vaping and marijuana use
- f. Afterschool Programs: Not in all schools, Would extend the school day for Title 1 parents, give more work opportunities
- g. Opt out of DOE sharing IEP information of students with lawyers

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned 6:59 pm

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir
May 6, 2019

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CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

J.H.S 259 (7305 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11228)

Meeting start time: 7:25 pm

Present:

Adele Doyle, Sandy Chum-Wu, Inga Smolyar, Alice Licato, Iwen Chu, Genevieve Mammana, Eugene Strupinsky, Kevin McNeil

Excused:

Artemis Lekakis

Guests:

Karina Costantino, D20 Superintendent; Ellen Driesen, UFT Rep; Dianne Gounardes, CSA Representative; Vito LaBella, President of PTA Presidents' Council, William Chin, Family Support Coordinator; Sylwia Jasinski, Family Support Coordinator; Shawn McClain, Field Support Liaison; Maia Elfont, Parent Liaison for Senator Gounardes; Andrew Gounardes, New York State Senator, Justin Brannan, New York City Council Member; Achala Talati, Director of Tobacco Policy and Programs; Derek Patterson, CEO of Flysense

I. Performance- Students performed "Under the Sea" from The Little Mermaid

II. Call to Order

Alice Licato

III. CEC President Report

Adele Doyle

- a. Announcement of welcomed guests
- b. Next CEC Meeting will be on May 8th
- c. Lawsuit accessing students' IEP information

IV. Health Risks of Vaping

Achala Talati

- a. Kids are also using other methods of smokeless products, E-cigs are 3x as common as smoking,
- b. Many shapes and sizes, Always have nicotine, and other chemicals, Juuls look like flash drives, are rechargeable, and don't produce much aerosol
- c. General health concerns
 - E-liquids are not regulated closely by the FDA
 - Aerosol has various chemicals that have been linked to disease, Some safe to eat, but not safe to be in the lungs
 - Don't know what the long term health effects are
 - Defective batteries can explode
- d. Nicotine
 - One Juul pod can have as much as a whole pack of cigarettes, Very addictive and changes the chemistry of the teen brain: Affects concentration and memory

e. Marketing

- E-cig companies have adapted marketing techniques from tobacco companies, Products are designed to look and taste like candy and juice boxes
- Take advantage of social media: Youtube, Twitter

f. Knowledge

- There is now a warning on packages, but not all, misleading: will say 5% strength, but do not clarify what that means
- Kids don't realize that the product contains nicotine

g. Laws and Policy

- City law prohibits e-cigarettes use in all places where smoking is prohibited since 2014, Use inside schools prohibited by City law since 2014
- New York State prohibits use in outdoor areas of school grounds and within 100 feet of schools
- New license created in 2017 to regulate underage sales (call 311)

V. District 20's Vaping Protocol

Shawn McClain

a. Nothing in place for vaping in school, only e-cigs and smoking

- No recourse in terms of schools and how to address it: vaping in school is only breaking in-school rules, Children won't get suspended- no code to submit a suspension for vaping or marijuana, Can't call the police
- Nothing in Chancellor's Regulations nor Disciplinary Action
- Question from Alice Licato: where are the services to support students in beating their addiction?

b. Escape the Vape Campaign

- "See something, say something" model: Encourage students to tell an adult if they see school mates vaping
- Rented MCU Park- May 28th, Celebrities and organizations will be invited to attend
- Students will be involved: bands, cheerleaders, making t-shirts and posters

VI. Fly Sense Vape Detector

Derek Peterson

- a.** Detector would be placed in bathrooms, real devices in hot spots and mock devices in other bathrooms
- b.** 2-prong approach senses sounds and air volatile organic compounds as a result of vaping
- c.** Anti-vaping campaign: build a plan to help students break their habit

VII. Closing Statements

Senator Andrew Gounardes, Council Member Justin Brannan

- a.** Two bills introduced to ban the use of e-cigarettes on school grounds, and prohibit the sale of flavors
- b.** Resolution to install vape detectors in all public schools
- c.** No new licenses will be given out until the number of licenses reach half of the current number of licenses in the district
- d.** Age to buy cigarettes increased to 21 years, 20 % tax placed on vaping products

VIII. Adjournment

- a.** Meeting adjourned 8:19 pm

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May 6, 2019