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**Community Education Council District 20**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

P.S. 180 (5601 16<sup>th</sup> Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11204)

Meeting start time: 6:28 pm

**Present:**

Adele Doyle, Eugene Strupinsky, Artemis Lekakis, Inga Smolyar, Alice Licato, Iwen Chu, Genevieve Mammana,

**Excused:**

Sandy Chum-Wu, Kevin McNeil

**Guests:**

Karina Costantino, D20 Superintendent; Dianne Gounardes, D20 Early Childhood Director

**I. Call to Order:** Adele Doyle

**II. Roll Call:** Alice Licato

**III. Old Business**

- a. April location: will ask J.H.S. 259, appoint Marielena Santiago from P.S. 62 as Principal

**IV. New Business**

- a. Town Hall Recap: Adele spoke with Kathleen Brannigan, from Chancellor Carranza's office, expressing our dissatisfaction with them
- She apologized, and asked how the council would like to be represented
  - Adele stated that schools are trending downward and the entire system is broken
  - We need to know their definition of diversity
- b. D20 is presenting at a symposium at Borough Hall hosted by Superintendent Michael Prayor
- Wants to know how D20 got to a position of good standing: Good teaching, parental and community support, scaffolding
  - SHSAT is a mayoral creation- De Blasio could remove it if he wanted
    1. Assembly Speaker Heastie wants to have hearings about test

- ii. Why can't they build more screened schools?
  - 1. Pre-school centers are full; they're working on moving preschools
- iii. Removal of Gifted and Talented programs causes children to not push themselves
  - 1. Should have specialized programs in all schools

**c. Vote to move money**

- i. Deadline has passed to move money from Website line to Member Reimbursements, There is enough money in Member Reimbursements to reimburse Eugene Strupinsky

**d. Interview: CEC Applicant Sultana Yesmin**

- i. Not interested in the position on CEC, was Informed that SLT might be better for her interests

**V. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned 6:58 pm**

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- a. Thanks Principal Williams and P.S. 180 PTA for hosting, recognized guests
- b. Chancellor's Town Hall Review
  - i. D 20 still fighting for representation at the city level
  - ii. Gave Facebook information and email to audience

## **VI. Superintendent's Report**

Karina Costantino

- a. D20 recognized as one of 2 districts that has met all standards for students

### **b. Fair Student Funding**

Marie Buro

- i. NYC provides most of the district's budget (\$18.3 B, 57%)
  - 1. Followed by NYS (\$11.9 B, 37%) and Federal Funding (\$2 B, 6%)
- ii. Funding Allocations
  - 1. Schools: \$17B (52%),
  - 2. Support Costs (Custodial, Facilities & Central Supports): \$6B (20%),
  - 3. Non-Instructional Costs (Food, Busing, & Building Payments): \$5B (15%),
  - 4. Non-District Schools (Charter, Non-Public, Contract Schools): \$4B, (13%)
- iii. Majority of Instructional costs are allocated directly to school budgets
  - 1. Funds are under responsibility of principals
  - 2. Principals and School Leadership Teams (SLT) create each school's Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP) based on instructional needs and priorities
  - 3. Principals and SLTs create the budget
  - 4. Superintendents supervise the principal and approves the budget
- iv. Fair Student Funding is the primary source for most community school districts (\$10B 59%)
  - 1. Weighted pupil-funding model (pupil needs are weighted based on the cost of meeting the educational need)
- v. NYC provided with \$1.2B less than obligated under the Campaign for Fiscal Equity Ruling
  - 1. Additional funding was supposed to be phased in because NYS was not meeting requirements in funding public schools
  - 2. NYS walked away from this obligation during the recession
  - 3. Governor's proposed budget will leave the \$1.2B gap in FY2020
- vi. NYC has still made significant investments in educational programs
  - 1. \$800M invested since 2015 to raise Fair Student Funding
  - 2. Increase weights for English Language Learners
  - 3. Mayor has initiated a series of Equity and Excellence for All initiatives to build a pathway to success for all students
  - 4. Expanding 3-K for All into 12 Districts
- vii. School Budgeting Timeline
  - 1. February& March: DOE presents CECs with the proposed Fair Student Funding weights for the upcoming school year
  - 2. April: Panel for Educational Policy votes on the proposed Fair Student Funding weights
  - 3. Late Spring: DOE releases budget allocations to schools
  - 4. June: Principals and SLTs propose budgets for the coming year
  - 5. July: Superintendents certify alignment between school budgets and CEPs for the coming year

## **VII. Hearing for the Planned School Site at Nathans**

### **a. Notice of Filing**

- i. Public review open March 4, 2019 – April 18, 2019
- ii. After presenting at CEC's proposal goes to the Mayor

- b. Site has not been purchased yet, there is an agreement with the owner

**VIII. Food and Nutritional Services**

- a. New options for lunch include Meatless Mondays: examples include whole wheat pasta, marinara sauce with cheese, garlic bread, broccoli, Kosher meals, Hormone free
- b. Working with the Wellness in School Program

**IX. Public Speaking**

- a. No speakers

**X. Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned 8:21 pm

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