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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, D20 Early Childhood Director; 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. Peace Keeping Dinner**

- a. Discussed committees for 2019-2021 term, led by members of the council: Legislative (lobby politicians with issues and inviting them to meetings), Overcrowding, Parent Engagement, Enrichment (dual language), Safety
  - Committee reports- what work has been done, Everyone taking on a specific role/ taking charge of a meeting, Will follow Open Meeting Laws
  - CEC Candidates should be invited to join committees (parent involvement, increase candidates who understand the role of the CEC)
- b. Limit statements to 2 minutes and stay on topic
- c. Making suggestions official
- d. Getting away from the ceremonial aspect of appointments (limit time to: 2 min each for speakers, 5 min for honoree), advanced notice

- e. 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 21<sup>st</sup>

#### **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

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May 6, 2019

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## Community Education Council District 20

### 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 8<sup>th</sup>
- 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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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