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Community Education Council District 20

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

BPL, New Utrecht Branch, 1743 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214

Meeting Start Time: 6:42 PM

Present:

Bob Lee, Adele Doyle, Alice Licato, Inga Smolyar, Irene Chu, Sandy Chum-Wu, Genevieve Mammana

Excused:

Artemis Lekakis, Yesenia Placencia

Guests:

Peter Abbate, NYS Assemblyman, 49th District

Wai Yee Chan, City Councilman Justin Brannans' Representative

I. Meeting called to order: Bob Lee, President

II. Old Business:

- AA position update - President Bob Lee has interviewed and offered the position to a promising candidate, and is waiting for salary approval from FACE. Best case scenario she could start in August.

III. New Business:

- Next CEC meeting will be held on August 8th at New Utrecht Library. Upcoming CEC20 Meeting Announcements - Sept. '18 @ PS 102, Oct. '18 @ PS 163 and Nov. '18 @ PS 682. Superintendent Karina Costantino will present her State of the District Report at a meeting TBD.
- President Bob Lee reviewed CEC20 Budget Allocations (see spreadsheet), specifically the line item denoting a raise for the incoming AA (already approved by CEC20 for the former AA). Recording Secretary, Alice Licato moves to approve budget. Treasurer Inga Smolyar, seconds the motion. All in favor.
- CEC20 Welcome Back Breakfast will be held sometime in late September at the Early Childhood Center on 65th St. and 12th Ave. Inviting all D20 PTA's to introduce ourselves and answer any questions. CEC20 will be collaborating on a handbook to distribute to D20 PTA's as well as a PowerPoint presentation. Assemblyman Abbate invited.
- Principals' Meeting will be held on September 13th (with a morning and afternoon agenda), location TBD. CEC20 should be seated with their liaison schools' principal and we will review talking points at the August CEC20 meeting. There will be three (3) new principals in D20 at IS 62, PS 205 and PS 264.

IV. Committee Discussions

- K-5 Foreign Language Programs are established through the DOE based on home language school survey information and when at least fifteen (15) parents in each grade request dual language instruction. Lack of classroom space is often an obstacle to establishing Dual Language Programs. An alternative to DOE funding would be for PTA's to fundraise to provide cluster or afterschool foreign language enrichments.
- Superintendent Karina Costantino will work with Treasurer Inga Smolyar to draft an email asking the Principals in D20 to consider foreign language enrichment in their respective schools.

V. School Safety Discussion

- Superintendent Karina Costantino will invite D20's School Safety Supervisor to answer questions at a future CEC20 meeting, possibly October 2018. President Bob Lee discussed a possible resolution calling for the installation of security cameras at all public school entrances/exits, as well as keeping all doors locked throughout the school day.

VI. Charter School Discussion RE: Angel Guardian Home Location

- Assemblyman Abbate spoke to CEC20 regarding his objection to The Hellenic Classical Charter Schools' proposal, due August 10th, to open a school at the former AGH location on 13th Avenue, 63rd to 64th Streets.
- Distributed copies of Assemblyman Abbate's letter of objection to the NYS Board of Regents and corresponding statement.
- Alternatives being proposed by Assemblyman Abbate are Senior Housing, and/or a Public School.
- Possible Landmark Status of the AGH still pending. If location is landmarked, the proposed Charter School would not be approved by the NYS Board of Regents.

VII. Public Speaking

- No Speakers

VIII. Approval of Meeting Minutes, Alice Licato, Recording Secretary

- Motion to approve June 2018 meeting minutes. All in favor.

IX. Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Submitted: Alice Licato
August 5th, 2018