



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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## DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL Calendar Meeting

*Approved at 10/28 calendar Meeting*

Thursday September 10, 2015  
8:45 P.M.

Joan of Arc Complex, 154 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St.

### 1. Meeting Called To Order – 8:45 P.M.

### 2. Roll Call

**Present:** Zoe Foundotos, Kristen Berger, Noah Gotbaum, Theresa Hammonds, P.J. Joshi, Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu and Kimberly Watkins. A quorum was present.

**Excused Absence:** Nan Mead, Joe Fiordaliso

**DOE Staff:** Ilene Altschul, District 3 Superintendent, DJ Sheppard, District 3 Family Advocate

3. **Approval of Minutes** - The Council unanimously approved the minutes from the August 19th, 2015 Calendar Meeting

4. **President's Report** – completed in business meeting

5. **Superintendent Report** – completed in business meeting

### 6. Council Business

- a. **Manhattan Borough President School Capital Funding & Manhattan Community Award Program (MCAP)** – Presented by Council member Lucas Liu
  - i. These two grants programs gave out significant funding for capital improvements across the borough. Great opportunity to reach out to liaison school with this information. Lucas Liu will put together list of grants available in the district and distribute it to council and district stakeholders.

### 2. Liaison Reports

- a. PS 191- presented in business meeting
- b. PS 199- presented in business meeting
- c. PS 452- School Liaison Zoe Foundotos

- i. Reported challenges with SCA completing work in timely manner. Council raised concern over systemic issues with SCA. Superintendent Altschul reports that SCA is supposed to have 'turnaround' meeting every two weeks for ongoing construction, this sit-down 'turnaround' meeting can consist of whoever is doing the work on site, principals, the project manager, UFT and even parents.
  - ii. School liaison discussions should include what construction items are still outstanding across the district. If we receive enough feedback the council can compile this feedback in a report.
- d. WESS- Nan Mead, school liaison is absent no liaison report at this time.
  - i. Superintendent Altschul summarized that enrollment is currently 145, the target was 120. They received 600 applications for first and second choice. Exceeded projection as they had accounted for attrition but all students accepted. Once you give an offer you cannot rescind an offer. Going forward that means next year the school will only make 90 offers to students in the first round.
- e. PS/IS180- Joe Fiordaliso, absent

## 7. **Committee Reports**

### 1. **Zoning Committee Meeting** – Kim Watkins, Chair

#### a. Zoning Committee Strategy and Priorities-

- i. Update and calendar available and circulated. Survey on zoning running on website, summary of comments to date handed out to council members (Available on file).
- ii. Zoning committee met on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the major issues for district over-crowding in southern part, under enrollment in northern part, G&T locations, choice options. Left meeting with 5 Questions for DOE.
- iii. Next step to work with DOE to find out what ideal zone size would be for PS 199 and PS 191 as 1<sup>st</sup> phase of committees work.
- iv. Council member Gotbaum asked why the committee seems fixed on two stage zoning process – including 342 at a later point - rather than rezoning entire area now so as to avoid having to revisit the process again in two years. Also asked why a "Superzone" didn't seem to have been discussed as an alternative. Council member Watkin responded that she felt the two phases is the best way to address timing issues, especially given that the opening date for PS 342 is not guaranteed.
- v. Next meeting 9/17. Meetings will be podcasting on 'district 3 zoning committee radio'. The online forum on website, asked to please broadcast this opportunity to parents to submit comment.

### 2. **Multilingual Committee**

- a. Appointment of Lucas Liu as Chair- discussed in business meeting

### 3. **Diversity Committee** – Nan Mead, Chair absent no comments or questions.

8. **Public Comment-** floor opened, no one chose to comment

9. **Meeting was adjourned** at 9:30 pm

*Submitted by Kristen Berger, Secretary, CEC 3*