



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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## CEC3 Business & Calendar Meeting 6:30 PM Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2020

Register in advance for Zoom this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

(Approved at the Sept. 23, 2020 Calendar meeting by unanimous approval of full Council present)

### Minutes

#### Calendar Meeting

❖ **Call to Order 6:43 PM**

❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Naveed Hasan, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Deirdre Garrett Scott, Assietou Sow, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright

**DOE Staff:** Executive Superintendent Marisol Rosales, D3 Superintendent Christine Loughlin, D3 Family Liaison Coordinator Tracy McClaire

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. June 17, 2020 Calendar Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously by Council when the motion to approve was called.
2. July 22, 2020 Calendar Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously by Council when the motion to approve was called.

❖ **President's Report ~ none**

❖ **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Loughlin & Executive Superintendent Marisol Rosales :addressed the controversy around school readiness and the reopening of schools Sept. 21. Immediate concerns were sanitizing and in-school in-person contact.

- The immediate and ongoing assessment of the MLK Complex and SMS 859 air quality and ventilation issues.
- District 3 does not have full remote. 25% of parents overall, opted for remote learning. The assumption is that other parents will be returning.
- School PPE. Schools will be required to maintain a 30-day supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, etc. Custodians will sanitize buildings every night. Cross-city schools were surveyed to ensure custodial and ventilation preparedness. Exec. Supt. Rosales and her staff will do a walk-thru of schools and base a parent survey on findings.
- Supt. Loughlin said based upon square footage, principals will know the number of desks to place.
- Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal said she has reservations about schools reopening at this time. She doesn't believe everything is designed to go back smoothing or that there is enough PPE . She would like to postpone opening until October.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. JF: At WESS 100% of parents chose blended option but 30% of teachers asked for remote. The numbers don't add up. He doesn't see a plan. Encouraged CEC3 to exercise3 political muscle if we don't get that there is a plan.

2. PJ: Parent of a child with disabilities. It's a lot of information to process in one week. It is not a reality.
3. LL: Principals don't know which teachers will be on remote learning.
  - Exec. Supt. Rosales responded that there were teachers who required medical distancing but that principals were doing a fantastic job.
  - President Watkins is concerned that about the ratio in-building teachers to in-building number of students. We need to know numbers.
4. SC: The Division of Learning will be voting on a policy on how Outdoor Learning could be put forward. It should be looked at as a supplement and a way for students to have social-emotional learning.
5. NJ: When will teachers be provided training? What are the standards expected re synchronous learning?
  - Supt. Loughlin: Synchronous Instruction will be for everyone. In a remote learning environment it promotes engagement. She is waiting to hear back from the UFT and DOE.
  - Exec. Supt. Rosales: DOE has created a series of workshops to support families. Wrap-around support for children has to be effort of entire village.
6. BP: Confused. Uncomfortable with PPE being 'centralized.' Concerned the wealthier schools will get and the poorer schools will not. And wi-fi for all?
  - Exec. Supt. Rosales: There will be transition period. We did a decent job putting wi-fi enabled devices in students' hands.
  - Supt. Loughlin: We are concerned with our children's safety. We will ensure what our principals have what they need.
7. MH: What is the DOE policy for a keeping school's different programs, dual language, G&T?
  - Supt. Loughlin: Principals have autonomy. Decisions on program selection was based upon what they believed would work in their building.
8. SS: Are after school programs possible? PS145 has a lot of interest.
  - Supt. Loughlin: I don't know.
9. JSC: Who decides what would be a feasible after-school model?
10. TI: For Synchronous Learning a 90-minute minimum is needed with smaller groups. Concerned with inequities.
  - Exec. Supt. Rosales: There will be guidance and an expectation of synchronous learning every day.
  - Supt. Loughlin: D3 Synchronous Learning is a partnership between parents and schools.
11. LS: Would like considerations for amount of time given to remote learning and learning being done remotely and using building for additional support.
  - Exec. Supt. Rosales: We need to be ready to pivot at any time.
12. NP: What does 'trauma informed curriculum' mean?

❖ **Old Business**

❖ **New Business**

1. DOE Plans for Schools Re-Opening – Supt. Loughlin said that principals are working with budgets and doing the best they can under the conditions as it relates to the budget. It's a good place to provide Best Practices for the District.
  - Pres. Watkins asked about schools that have applied for exceptions. Supt. Loughlin said that principals will hear this week. So far SMS was denied, and Anderson and Booker T will hear tomorrow.
  - CEC3 Member stated he had no confidence in DOE. The more we delay the more learning time is lost.
  - There is no professional development (scheduled).

- Dr. Elster, Principal, Booker T: Safety issues are a concern. There is a lack of information. We don't know about staffing. There is a hiring freeze. We need teachers. There is zero accommodation for some teachers who don't want to come into the building. Where are they stockpiling supplies?
  - Pres. Watkins asked if there is a consensus to draft a letter using our unanswered questions as the basis. Who is the recipient? It is decided that the Mayor and the Governor are primary recipients.
  - Next step, join forces with other CECs and call them out.
  - We need to admit not all schools are going to open.
2. Lucerne and Belclaire Shelters – Hotels on UWS, converted to shelters. Issues range from drug use to mental illness; more security is needed. In 3 weeks children will be walking through the area.
- Council member felt it is an issue broader than the CEC. It's a Community Board or City Council issue
  - Mark Diller, Chair CB7: These are challenging populations the system for whom the system tries to provide. CB7 is holding an information next Monday and tomorrow there is a stake holder meeting to try to come up with a solution

❖ **Liaison Reports ~ none**

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Member S Ramudit reported that the ECC, at the July 21 meeting noted that all parents can run, and all may vote for their CEC representative.
2. Kristen Berger, Chair, Middle School Committee reported that on Aug. 26 there will be a joint meeting with the Equity & Excellence Committee looking at Middle School innovation and schools.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. LS: Decouple education with in-person needs
2. JC: What exactly do we want?

❖ **Adjournment of Calendar Meeting 10:42 PM**