



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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## CEC3

### Business Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 - 6:30 P.M.

Joan of Arc – 154 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St., Room 204

#### Business Meeting Minutes

(Approved at the Oct. 10, 2019 Business Meeting by all Council members present (9) when the motion was called)

#### ❖ Call to Order 6:34 PM

#### ❖ Roll Call of Members Kristen Berger, Lisa Byrd, Naveed Hasan, Lucas Liu, Michael McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Assietou Sow, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright Teddy Tawil, Student Member

Late: Deirdre Garrett-Scott 7:13p

DOE Staff: Christine Loughlin, IA D3 Superintendent, Tracy McClaire, D3 Liaison Coordinator, Marisol Rosales, Manhattan Executive Superintendent Stephen Aragona, Executive Director, Manhattan Field Support Office

- **Manhattan Executive Superintendent Marisol Rosales** reaffirmed the DOE's commitment to bring as much clarity as possible to communications with the CEC. She looks forward to working in partnership, believing that voices of all members should be included and would like to hear what Council feels are the skills necessary to the new superintendent that will move District 3 forward.
  - ✓ The District 3 superintendent open position posting is on the DOE website and posted to other job search websites. Vetted candidates will be asked to prepare a presentation and will be questioned on what they feel is important to the D3 community.
  - ✓ Council members responded with what they consider important in the D3 community and referred Ms. Rosales to CEC3's C-37 process letter to Chancellor Carranza in which they listed a superintendent qualification 'wish list' for whomever is appointed to the position. Council members weighed in individually on what they would like to see:
    - A superintendent with a vision re values and educational benchmarks
    - Someone who will raise the lowest performing schools in the district by offering level of principal support that's needed
    - Someone who will offer principal support
    - Someone who will look at issues from an educational level and not race level
    - Equity across the board and equity in allocation of resources
    - School websites
    - A leader who thinks 'out of the box'

- **Steven Aragona, newly appointed Executive Director, DOE Manhattan Field Support Office** introduced himself. His department is between DOE Central and Superintendents and schools. They primarily support superintendents and their teams.
- **Christine Loughlin, newly appointed Interim Acting D3 Superintendent** gave a brief summary of her extensive career with the NYCDOE as a teacher, an assistant principal in a preK-8 school, a principal in K-8 and in high schools as well as other positions within the public school system. She has done extensive work around equity and integration up to this present appointment. She comes to D3 from her position as a deputy superintendent on Staten Island.

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes, the motion to approve was seconded and approved by all Council members present.

❖ **President's Report**

- Overview for attendees of how business and calendar meetings are conducted
- Nursing shortage in public schools is still critical
- Charter school revisions in D3 UWS, Success Academy reducing K-9 to K-8 with a corresponding increase in space at PS149, 1316 > 1436 students.  
The increase is a cumulative number for K-12, but not all of their students are K-12 there no indication where increase will happen.  
Sept. 23 – Success Academy hearing  
Oct. 7 – hearing on change in grade structure for KIPP to 6<sup>th</sup> grade & in 10<sup>th</sup> grade  
Oct 15 – SUNY vote
- Civics For All – D3 will be one of the districts to inform parents about how to integrate this work

❖ **Superintendent's Report**

- Supt. Loughlin and Council discussed more effective collaboration/conversations between the Council and superintendent. Ms. Loughlin asked how the CEC3 could get to a place of trust. She stated that there has to be room for a collaborative process between them. She will not agree to a list of things ad hoc because Council was unhappy with the previous superintendent. Her focus at present is on her priorities. She will attend CEC3 Calendar meetings and will forego the Business meetings.

❖ **Old Business**

1. CEC3 Amended Bylaws 2019 – a brief review was given of more additional changes to the bylaws. With part 1 having to do with accessible locations and part. 2 having to do with removal of public input on superintendent evaluation. The amended bylaws will be voted on at the 9/25/2019 Calendar meeting.
2. CEC3 FY2020 Budget Modification Discussion – The additional \$5k increase to the council budget was allocated as follows:
  - i. \$3,500 will be placed in a non-p-card Events line and \$1,500 will be placed in the equipment line.
  - ii. The motion to approve the \$5k budget allocations was seconded and approved by all Council members.

❖ **New Business**

1. CEC Member Reimbursement Review - The CEC3 AA reviewed the member reimbursement form and childcare log.
2. Committee Structure and Chair Positions
3. District Prioritization Rubric Review – Council would like a stronger parent voice and stronger parent engagement. The formulation of a parent survey which would be disseminated the CSD3 Presidents' Council and parent coordinators was discussed. Questions to consider - how do we determine leadership, how do we identify all the issues and then quantify them. Could it suppress parent voices? Council will continue to work on these issues and re-visit.

4. ECC (Education Council Consortium) Council members stated that the ECC is not an official body and does not represent all CECs. They don't represent CEC3. Discussion about who the ECC represents as parents are not invited to meetings. Do we want ECC to have that level of authority? Do we, as a council want to consider a resolution to that effect?
5. SIPP Equity Grant Pilot - Team Dennis Morgan CEC3, Principal Evelyn Lolis, Principal Marlon Lowe, Kristen Renfield. Pilot is out of PS84; the goal is to have more intermingling of dual language students with gen-ed students. The pilot grant is to get surveys on how this works for them. It may be premature to comment of framing structure of grant until we look further at it.
6. SDAG –
  - I. D3 is already moving in the right direction but do we want to make a resolution/statement on the things we agree with and the things we don't? The SDAG recommendations are not a complete plan, Council has unresolved discussion on commenting on report without commenting on the individual bullet points, or CEC3 can look at each bullet point. The Council holds differing, in some cases, opposing opinions on the report.
  - II. Some council members are strongly in favor of a G&T program in Harlem, in opposition to SDAG recommendation of eliminating all G&T programs. However, fewer than 50% of children in Harlem are enrolled in public schools in Harlem. To get increased parent feedback, it was suggested that at the next CEC3 Calendar meeting at a Harlem school, solicit response from parents, as to what they think about G&T program in Harlem. There was a lack of resolution on the way to frame the question because more information is required on what parents want and why parents prefer to go out of their zoned school.
  - III. Council should make a formal statement/response on the G&T and other portions of the SDAG Report but what is the end goal?
  - IV. Add SDAG recommendation response to next meeting. Council will continue to think about their high-level response for October meeting.

❖ **Liaison Reports**

- Council members are requested to reach out to their liaison school PTAs, PCs and Principals, if they have not done so already.
- Suggestion to solicit excess school supplies drop-off at next meeting.

❖ **Committee Reports**

- Equity and Excellence, Chair Dennis Morgan – next meeting at PS185, 6p Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Middle School, Chair Kristen Berger – Middle School Admissions handout to council. Next meeting at Joan of Arc, 6:30p Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>.

❖ **Adjournment of Business Meeting 10:00 PM**