



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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## CEC3 Special Elections Town Hall & Calendar Meeting 6:30 PM Wed., Feb. 24, 2021

Register in advance with link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAKde2rpz4sGtEL1kZVtzVUAhJ3IVf9XayQ>

*(The minutes were approved at the March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Calendar Meeting by all Council present (7) when the motion for all to approve was called)*

### Minutes

#### Special Elections Town Hall

❖ **Call to Order 6:30 PM**

❖ **Special Elections Town Hall: Panelists: Cordell Cleare, Joe Fiordaliso, Moderator: Mark Diller**

The Special Elections Town Hall was a conversation on the CEC election process and running for a seat on a CEC. Moderated by Mark Diller of CB7 but acting in an individual capacity, panelists Cordell Cleare and Joe Fiordaliso, both former CEC3 Presidents and established advocates for families and public schools, encouraged parents to run for a seat on a CEC and relayed what it means to be on a CEC, what skills, if any, are needed, their experiences and personal stories in being a member of an educational council and encouraged all parents who want to ensure equity and access for all, to put in an application with the DOE in the upcoming elections.

❖ **Public Comment - none**

❖ **Adjournment 7:17 PM**

#### Calendar Meeting

❖ **Call to Order 7:18 PM**

❖ **Roll Call of Members** Lisa Byrd, Naveed Hasan, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee, Ramudith, Assietou Sow, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright

Excused Absence: Kristen Berger, Deirdre Garrett Scott

DOE Staff: Christine Loughlin, D3 Superintendent, Tracy McClaire, D3 Family Liaison Coordinator,

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Calendar Meeting was approved by all council members present at the motion for all to approve.
2. February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Calendar Meeting was approved by all council members present at the motion for all to approve.

❖ **President's Report**

1. President Watkins discussed attending the PEP meeting where sibling policy was voted on. A council member felt the step was 'vindictive and self-serving' and would exclude many students.
2. Model CEC discussed a survey for middle school students by middle school students and having a district wide summit of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

## ❖ Superintendent's Report

1. Supt. Loughlin reported that 2 people, one DOE employee and a D3 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at West Side Collaborative had died of Covid and requested a moment of silence.

The district has 5 day/week blended students at 6 schools with 100% of students back. There are 3 elementary schools with 50% of students back. If requirements become less conservative, preK-5, preK-8 can open up more. They are monitoring that folks who signed up for blended are actually coming. If they are not, principals will discuss moving them to remote.

- Council member asked about the possible loosening of in-person attendance restrictions, the number now is, if 2 unrelated cases of Covid a school closes. The Superintendent noted that PS199 had closed 3x in the past month. She hopes guidelines will be loosened.

With the move to 5 day a week/in-person, principals are going to hold town halls to be clear on what school will look like. Capacity is different for every school.

- Council member was concerned that Dual Language programs would get lost. Dr. Elster, PS54 Principal responded that the D3 initiative is equity and access for our students. Dual Language is the cherry on top of the sundae. Dual Language is important, but we don't have the resources (presently) to continue with the extent of remote learning as well. There are students who need more than others. Dual Language is not a mandated program, ESL is mandated.

Council member asked about student suspensions. Supt. Loughlin said there was not a spike in suspensions and that suspensions are a racist structure of which we are letting stakeholders know.

In June, students will have the opportunity to make up work but how do we ensure they have the supports and are clear on what the expectation is?

## ❖ Public Comment

1. NM: How is it being communicated? Bring back as many students as many days as possible.
  - Supt. Loughlin said they've been working on increasing remote learning from a pedagogical point of view.
2. Judy: Her kindergarten students sometimes has less than 1 hour a day instruction. Can a parent be a substitute if qualified?
  - Supt. Loughlin: Unfortunately, no.
3. AE: DOE should create a sharing app or website for whatever is happening. What about outdoor learning?
  - D3.org is a new website.
  - D3 Green Schools has been instrumental in pushing for outdoor learning.

## ❖ Old Business

1. Enrollment & Budget 2020-2021: Enrollment clawbacks are about to happen, some monies is set aside to go back to the DOE but that is not the case for all the schools. How is it going to work if schools have to give back money? What does it mean when all the students return but the school has a deficit?
  - Council member suggested discussing how schools can collaborate on obtaining funding. Perhaps start a Finance Working Group that can bring in money?

## ❖ New Business

1. 2021-2022 G&T Admissions Process – for 4-year-olds. PreK – a teacher can refer the child for G&T. If there is no information on referral questionnaire, then they are put into a screen? We need to have questions about rezoning. Some sections may have too large G&T, some too small. We are asking teachers and principals to recommend students who will then be taken away. The incentives and motivations are misaligned.
  - Council discussed how to voice their disappointment in the process by either passing a resolution or writing a letter saying we have no confidence in the Mayor or Chancellor running the public school system. CEC24 passed a resolution on it. The Principal's Union passed a Vote of No Confidence Resolution. Council decided a letter that is an aggregate of the poor decisions the DOE has made might be the way to go. Member McCarthy will draft the letter.

❖ **Liaison Reports - none**

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Middle School Committee – Council Member Wright, in the absence of Chair Berger, reported that the committee met last night. They asked for feedback on this year's middle school admissions process. Some people reported they Foiled their lotter number.
2. High School Admissions Committee Chair Wright reported that the committee met Feb. 15 and discussed feedback on the application process, data on who is attending where.
3. Multilingual Committee Chair Liu asked about a French Enrichment Program for D3,D4, D5. There is a large French speaking population of African origin in those districts.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. Ian: Agrees the process is problematic. Before we destroy it, fund something that works in parallel.
2. AS: Has many issues with the program.

❖ **Adjournment of Calendar Meeting 10:21 PM**