



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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### Wednesday October 14, 2015

### Business Meeting (6:30pm-7:30pm)

Joan of Arc Auditorium, 154 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street  
(Between Columbus & Amsterdam Avenue)

### Approved at Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting

#### ❖ Meeting called to order 6:55 pm

##### Roll Call

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

**Excused Absence:** Joseph Fiordaliso

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

#### ❖ Approval of Minutes

The September 10, 2015 Business Minutes were unanimously approved (9 -0) by members present at the time of the vote.

#### ❖ President’s Report Nan Mead

- O’Shea complex- Walk through done with principals and office of space planning. Vice President Mead is concerned that not all parent leadership was represented. Need to insure that all of the parent leadership and principals are aware of potential changes at the school.
- Superintendent Altschul noted that a meeting is scheduled with principals and office of space planning to discuss the building and that during the walk through no discussion or determinations were made.
- Multiple council members pointed out that the O’Shea complex may be affected by the current zoning discussions and they need to be informed of the potential impacts. A genuine assessment of space and potential seats (or lack thereof) must be provided to inform the zoning decision.

#### ❖ Superintendent’s Report

- Quebec Premier, Philippe Couillard visited P.S. 84, along with Jean-Claude Lauzon, Quebec's Delegate General in New York, on September 28<sup>th</sup>
- Dual Language MS was selected as one of the recipients of the Middle School “Achieve Now” grant this year. They will receive approximately \$40,000 to fund afterschool and enrichment for students identified as “at-risk”. They will be using the funds to provide STEM enrichment and additional, extended school day activities for all students with special attention to our ELLs.

**If you have any questions, please call the CEC 3 office @ 212-678-2782 or email CEC3 at [CEC3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:CEC3@schools.nyc.gov)**

Anyone wishing to speak during the Public Comment Portion of the Calendar Meeting must sign in by 8:00pm.

- NYSED has awarded FDA II the Socioeconomic Integration Grant for 3 years through 2018
- Program will focus on increasing student performance in literacy, science, technology, engineering, mathematics and college and career readiness.
- FDA II community will collaborate with fifth graders from eligible elementary schools across D3 on community-based STEM related projects
- FDA II will serve as a STEM resource center for the community
- FDA II will have partnerships with universities and CBOs. Cohorts of students will attend week-long summer residency programs on a university campus
- The Middle School Fair was held on September 30<sup>th</sup> and the Middle School Forum on October 8<sup>th</sup> - both were well attended.
- Held the High School Articulation presentation for parents on October 3<sup>rd</sup> Thank Stanley Ng, and Michael Kraft and Zoe Foundotos.
- Ilene Altschul and Susan Green have brought in **Kids at Hope** (<http://www.kidsathope.org/whoweare.html>) to speak to the principals and many schools have decided to participate in the training. The idea is to cultivate a sense of hope and hopefulness in teachers for the students they serve.
- New teacher meeting with UFT was held on Tuesday at PS 145/West Prep.
- Teacher Tenure Celebration with UFT is being held on October 26<sup>th</sup> at PS/IS 76
- SLT training is being held on Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at JOA
- We have held 2 principal conferences and 1 AP conference. The next one is tomorrow, October 15<sup>th</sup>. One of the topics is safety with Frank Jordan.
- Started school visits and providing feedback to the principals. Both Cindi and I have visited 4 schools each.
- The district is starting the Mathematics Action Research Inquiry group again for interested principals.
- Started optional PD for principals afterschool and held the first session on Safety procedures and Frank Jordan presented. The next one will be on intervention strategies.

#### **Renewal School update:**

- As part of Renewal, both schools have received support from the Office of School Enrollment to expand its middle school recruitment efforts borough wide to increase applicant diversity.
- With funding from the Office of School Renewal, both schools are implementing teacher professional development supports for from Teachers College in literacy and curriculum development.
- M241- Superintendent Altschul brought it to the council that is PS 241, STEM institute is severely under-enrolled with 115 students. 15 students in kindergarten. Possibilities can include closing or moving the school. Council Member Hammonds stated that we have not done enough to support this school which is caught in a very tough situation and is currently co-located with two charter schools. To ADD to Agenda for Next Business Meeting

#### **❖ Old Business**

1. AA Transition Update: The CEC has begun collecting and reviewing resumes.
2. Town Hall with Chancellor Fariña Update: All council members asked to submit questions for the chancellor to President and Secretary by Friday. Secretary Berger continues to collect questions from the public via the cec3 website and will do so until October 23<sup>rd</sup>. After that questions may be submitted in person on comment cards at the Town Hall. The CEC will select representative questions to ask the Chancellor.

### 3. PS 191 PDS Designation Update

- Council Member Gotbaum, school Liaison to PS 191, reported that Linda Rosenthal continues to pursue FOIA request; requested that Superintendent Altschul give statement of support to 191 at Town Hall meeting.
- Council Member Watkins said that she has been informed that the window is closed for PS 191 to come off the PDS list, it would not occur until new list is released in end of July or August. Sharon Holder of NYSED Student Support Services informed Council Member Watkins that the NYC schools Chancellors office had an additional opportunity to contest the data in June of this year but did not do so, thus missing three opportunities to contest the data.
- The council remains concerned about how and why the PDS designation came about but must continue to support the school and it's students

### 4. PS 199 Update

- Council Member Mead attended PTA meeting she reports that the parent body is aware of proposed changes and zoning plan debate. The PTA spoke about concerns around safety in building, programming, and that continuity of the fabric of the school not be disrupted.

### 5. PS 163 Noise Reduction

- Council member Joshi reported that the main issue of concern at PS 163 remains the construction next door for the 20 story nursing home. CEC 3 has already lent support for City Council Bill, Intro 420. The bill is aimed at ensuring that construction noise does not interfere with classroom learning during school hours. Several other schools in District 3 are facing similar construction issues, and it would be good to encourage all schools to support the City Council bill. (Written Report attached)

## ❖ New Business

### 1. WESS (MS 291) PA Elections & School Update

- Council Member Mead, school liaison to WESS reports the school now has fully functioning Parent Association. Their primary business is to address the issue of the building lease and they are working with SCA to have that discussion.
- Request: The council has requested from Superintendent Altschul demographic data on the current student body

### 2. Updated Liaison Assignments

- 191 liaison- Liaison assignments to be assessed, additional council member may wish to be co-liaison
- Secretary Berger to provide updated Liaison list to website and DJ Sheppard

### 3. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Reports due back Oct 28<sup>th</sup>

## ❖ Committee Reports

### 1. High School Admissions

- High School Committee Chair, Council member Z. Foundotos reported on successful inaugural CSD3 High School Articulation presentation, held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event

had over two hundred RSVPs but a smaller participation due to inclement weather. Council member Foundotos will be consulting with Borough President G. Brewer's office and CCHS about developing a Manhattan wide CEC HS admissions task force.

## 2. Zoning

- Next meeting scheduled for 10/15 9am reminder that the format will be a period for public comment, the DOE will present same proposal as last public meeting.
- Current upcoming schedule:
  - November 2<sup>nd</sup> DOE Plans to give final presentation- it will be just one proposal
  - November 19<sup>th</sup> Calendar meeting so we vote on the November deadline given to us by the Department of education
- Questions were raised about receiving additional information about the DOE zoning plan. These included questions of space allocation, shared zones, how to support academic achievement, noted that over 200 public comments have been received so far
- Zoning Committee chair, Council member Watkins noted that all members can and should bring up zoning changes with our liaison schools and give them the opportunity to feed back to the process.

## 3. Diversity

Report by First Vice President, Diversity Committee chair N. Mead-

- The committee held its first meeting on October 6, 2015. Small attendance but hope it will grow in the future, will be contacting elected officials to assist with outreach and notice of future meetings. .Committee Chair provided a spreadsheet of all the D3 schools current enrollment and capacity; hope to expand this to include data about diversity of staff in the future (Hand out on file)
- Discussion occurred around access to the Middle School and High School application and tour process, additional gifted and talented programs in the district and ongoing challenge of under enrollment in some schools.

### ❖ Liaison Reports

#### 1. PS180 Playground

- First Vice President, N. Mead - on behalf Council President, PS 180 school liaison Joe Fiordaliso. J. Fiordaliso worked with school and School Construction Authority to move along with planned playground changes; the playground is now scheduled for a mid-December completion date.

### ❖ The Business Meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm

*Submitted by Kristen Berger, Community Education Council 3, Secretary*