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DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL CEC3 & CSD3 Joint Calendar Meeting JOINT CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

Wed. Mar. 22, 2017

6:30 PM

PS 163 Auditorium

163 W. 97 St., N.Y., NY 10025

(Approved at the April 26, 2017 CEC3 Calendar meeting by all Council members present)

❖ **Meeting Called To Order - 6:40 P.M.**

❖ **Roll Call of Members:**

Present: Kristen Berger, Joe Fiordaliso, PJ Joshi, Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu, Dennis Morgan, Kim Watkins. A quorum was reached (7)

Late: Noah Gotbaum

Excused Absence: Manuel Casanova, Vincent Orgera

DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, District 3 Superintendent

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. Jan. 4, 2017 Special Calendar Meeting Minutes approved by all Council members present.
2. Feb. 15, 2017 Calendar Meeting Minutes approved by all Council members present.

❖ **CSD3 President's Council - Ira Mitchneck, Treasurer reporting**

- Tues., April; 4th the CEC3 Candidate's Forum will be held at Joan of Arc Complex at 6:30 PM
- One donation received from MS 54
- Book Culture made a generous donation and contribution from TD Bank

❖ **President's Report**

- March 11, attended the CEC Presidents meeting with Chancellor Farina. 1st VP Kim Watkins also attended.
- Recommendations called for thorough and transparent process with zoning and putting more power in the hands of the community
- The Chancellor recognized CEC3 for their rezoning efforts in District 3.
- Chancellor reported that she will not sign off on any new K-8 schools.
 - Member Watkins reported that former CEC3 member Nan Mead was re-elected to the NYS Board of Regents
 - Superintendent Altschul was thanked for her help in PS 452 transition to new school building.

- o Superintendent Altschul reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Superintendent's office, PS 452 and PS 191 administration and DOE Space Planning on March. 29th.

❖ Superintendent's Report

- I. Preliminary Kindergarten enrollment numbers presentation: Daniel Hildreth, Senior Director, Kindergarten Admissions and Juliet Kaye, DOE Office of Enrollment presenting on K admissions in District 3 (*on file*)
 - i. Total K applicants in D3 – 1,725 candidates. Slightly up from 2016's 1,700.
 - ii. 71% of families received an offer to their zoned school
 - iii. 5% of families received an offer to a school listed on their application that may or may not be their zoned school.
 - iv. 31 families, as of yesterday, submitted late applications
 - v. Zoned waitlists:
 - PS 9 – increased
 - PS 87 – increase for 2017
 - PS 199 – decreased over the past three years consistently and up slightly this year
 - vi. Siblings and Grandfathered Zoned Siblings
 - PS9 – 34 (11 of whom are grandfathered siblings)
 - PS87 – 45 (15 of whom are grandfathered siblings)
 - PS199 – 44 (26 of whom are grandfathered siblings)
 - vii. Non-Zoned Siblings (families moved before rezoning)
 - PS9 – 4 moved
 - PS87 – 3 moved
 - PS199 – 4 moved
 - o Mr. Hildreth remarked that at this point, the DOE is treating students as still zoned. In 5 years' time there will be no grandfathering. This is a transition period. The rezoning will decrease overcrowding and waitlists over time
 - o Member Fiordaliso remarked that some 452 families could not get information on the transfer process.
 - o Mr. Hildreth responded that this is a process that has never before been done for District 3, families can reach out to Enrollment Main Call Center 718-935-2009 or esenrollment@schools.nyc.gov if they require more information. Superintendent Altschul responded that every family that has been rezoned in the district received their letter but families can also reach out to Tracy McClaire in the CSD3 office if there is confusion.
 - o Every family at 452 is guaranteed a seat. A family does not lose their spot by requesting a transfer but if they do accept a transfer, they lose their seat.
- II.
 - i. Ms. Altschul and the PLF have conducted a total of 58 school visits.
 - ii. M191 held a community event at Lincoln Center on Thursday, March 16th.
 - iii. Scott Parker, Principal, PS 452, was honored with the WESTY Award from the West Side Spirit on February 28th. This award is presented to key people working to improve our neighborhood and the city as a whole.
 - iv. Next year opening G and T class in grade 3. The process is - students' grades for 1st and 2nd grade will be reviewed. Any student with consistent level 3 and 4 grades will be receive a letter indicating that they are eligible for the 3rd grade G and T class at M191. Parent will indicate if they are interested. If so, current grade 2 teacher will need to complete the application. Central will make the offers to the students and there will be a waitlist if more students are eligible and interested.
 - v. State Testing ELA March 28, 29, 30 Math May 2, 3, 4
 - vi. School surveys have been distributed. This information is important to the schools to evaluate their progress as well as it is used for the School Quality Snapshot which is shared with the public. Needs to be completed online or submitted by mail by March 31st. Parents should complete one survey per household.
 - vii. Big Apple – 6 finalists in D3
 - viii. Rezoning Transfer Process – letters were sent home with students on March 15th to all rezoned families.
 - ix. Chancellor sent home a letter that is being backpacked home today regarding the DOE's commitment to protect the right of every student in NYC to attend public school, regardless of immigration status.

❖ **Public Comment 1**

- Mike: Twenty-four PS87 families were offered seats at 452. Does it mean zoned applicants put another school as their first choice?
- Ann: What are you doing in Harlem to help our children? I applied to PS9 but got put in PS241.
 - Superintendent Altschul responded that there are other schools in the (Harlem) area and we can try to accommodate you.

❖ **New Business**

1. Fair Student Funding Presentation (*on file*), Matthew Manner, DOE Director of Operations
 - \$31.1B operating budget
 - Distribution:
 - i. 12.4B – schools
 - ii. 10.1B – personnel, pension, etc.
 - iii. 3.6B – school support
 - iv. 3.5B – pass through's – i.e. special ed. needs
 - v. 0.8B – preK for all
 - vi. 0.7B – central & field
 - vii. 11.6B less for NYC than their Campaign for Fiscal Equity
 - viii. Fair Student Funding is the largest source for principals
 - Not every school is funded at 100%, the lowest they could be funded this year is 90%. The DOE website, under Fair Student Funding, shows what each school is funded.
 - Mr. Manner remarked that under a District / Charter Partnership, 108 district schools and charter schools that are collocated have applied to share programming and/or resources. There are none currently in D3.

❖ **School Liaison Reports**

1. PS 859 – Liaison L Liu reported that they are trying one more attempt to get the HVAC working. The suggestion to move those classrooms without A/C to another part of the school was vetoed by the principal who doesn't want to spread her school too wide. Mr. Liu queried Superintendent Altschul as to whether the existing high school in that building could rearrange their space? Superintendent Altschul replied that she has been trying to arrange a walk-thru of the space.

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Middle School Committee, Kristen Berger, Chair, reporting:
 - i. The next meeting is April 6th at 9AM at Joan of Arc Complex.
 - ii. The Middle School Committee is putting together a Middle School Diversity Symposium, lining up an array of speakers, May 6th is the tentative date.
 - iii. The committee looked into state testing and middle school admissions, specifically: what happens if a child does not have state test scores? They found that schools adjust to the student.
2. Multilingual Committee, Lucas Liu, Chair, reporting:
 - i. May 2nd there is a meeting with Corinne Goldman. They are looking for extra funding as that will take some of the burden off the dual language teacher and since non-ELL students do not bring additional funding.
 - ii. Superintendent Altschul responded to Council question re getting more teachers to take on dual language saying that the union can't give incentives as there are set pay steps, as far as the DOE there are shortage areas and that sometimes having a specialty can get a new teacher into a school. The suggestion was made to reach out to Liz Espert (D3 UFT representative).
3. Zoning Committee
 - i. Focus has been on the Harlem Schools Summit which will possibly host between 120-125 attendees. It will be a forum for ideas. It will open with a performance by Laundry City, there will be 4 breakout sessions: 1. Advocacy Toolkit, 2. New Parent Boot Camp, 3. Enrollment Structures, 4. Partners for a Bright Future Harlem Tavern and Harlem Burger will donate food. The Wadleigh Choir will close the program.

❖ **Public Comment 2 – none**