



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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## Middle School Committee Meeting Notes

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 , 6 pm , Joan of Arc Complex  
154 W 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, Room 204

**Attendance:** 15 people

### Planning for 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade High School Articulation Forum

Forum is scheduled for 6/3, 10am-12pm, at PS 180, for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students & 6/10, 10am-12pm, at PS 76, for 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. One speaker confirmed, outreach is ongoing with second speaker. A poll has gone out to principals asking them what they wish their families knew about high school admissions. A second poll is to go out this week to guidance counselors and family coordinators.

Committee to circulate poll to limited number of parents who are familiar with the High School Admissions process.

Committee to reach out to confirm all D3 high schools present material at concurrent fair (double check with Wadley & FDAll)

### State testing and middle school admissions

Committee member contacted all D3 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Middle Schools to confirm admissions rubrics for students who do not have state test results.

*Note edit: Original document stated that middle schools do look at 3<sup>rd</sup> grade test scores. It should read that they DO NOT*

All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade middle schools have confirmed that they adjust their rubric for student without test scores. *See attached*

### D3 Middle School Diversity Forum (Symposium)

The goal for the forum is to get the committee to produce a vision or goal statement to the CEC by late June 2017

The forum can generate a list of priorities for the district by collecting directed comment cards during the event. The committee may want to offer a draft vision statement and ask participants to edit and input to this statement on written cards. Comment from the forum is to be discussed and distilled in a Middle School Committee working group following the event.

The format is to be a panel of speaker to discuss ways to achieve greater diversity in schools. Ideally tailoring discussion to the choice enrollment policy of D3 Middle Schools. It was strongly articulated that the panel speak to the specifics of achieving greater diversity not simply the benefits of increased diversity.

Speakers could include: academics working in school diversity, administrators who have experienced working with programs to increase diversity, other CECs in NYC, NYC High School Students. K Berger to work with M Gonzales (NY Appleseed) to recruit speakers.

Format details. K. Berger to present overview of D3 demographic and enrollment information, Forum needs a moderator, logistical support in distributing and collecting comment from audience, assistance in advertising and promoting attendance at the forum.

Location & time: Early May is the target (Tentatively 5/6 at 10 am), CEC to speak with D3 Middle Schools for location (Wadleigh recommended).

Middle School Committee Welcomes comment and support for this event. Please email Kristen Berger at [kberger@cec3.org](mailto:kberger@cec3.org)