



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 3

**6:00 P.M. Annual Meeting**

**6:30 P.M. Business Meeting**

**7:00 P.M. Calendar Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019**

P.S. 163 - 163 W. 97<sup>th</sup> St., NYC 10025

*(Approved at the Aug. 7, 2019 Business & Calendar meeting by all CEC3 members present at the time of the motion)*

### Calendar Meeting:

❖ **Call to Order 7:10 P.M.**

- ❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Lisa Byrd, Naveed Hasan, Lucas Liu, Michael McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright, Teddy Tawil, student member  
**DOE Staff:** Ilene Altschul, D3 Superintendent

❖ **Introduction of New Officers**

- **President:** Kimberly Watkins
- **1<sup>st</sup> VP:** Kristen Berger
- **2<sup>nd</sup> VP:** Dennis Morgan
- **Treasurer:** Lucas Liu
- **Secretary:** Sharmilee Ramudit

❖ **Introduction of CEC3 ELL Candidate - Assietou Sow**

Ms. Sow was introduced as the ELL candidate. She is a native French speaker, a lawyer, has children in D3 schools. She has organizational experience and has an avid interest in being on the Council and advocating for families in public schools.

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. June 19, 2019 Joint Calendar Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved by all Council.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. WA: Informed the Council of Jewish Home Life EPA issues with construction around PS163. There was also a zoning issue as to whether there was enough space to build. There was not and the developers have challenged the ruling against them. It is an on-going issue.
2. LC, Co-Vice President MSC PA, speaking on behalf of the MSC PA: Dates and steps for addressing the issues at MSC were requested from Supt. Altschul and to date, have not been forthcoming. Faculty have said that they are uninformed as well.

Supt. Altschul: Met with faculty on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Executive Supt. Rosales has been on vacation and there is little communication about next steps until she returns. However Supt. Altschul has spoken to many families and is putting together an action plan report. She assured the speaker that that MSC is a high priority.

There are no definitive answers on teachers that are leaving. Open market for Teacher transfer requests closes August 9<sup>th</sup>; after that the school does not have to release the teacher. Numbers of teachers requesting transfers will be available in August and we will inform families. Next steps will be a collaborative decision made by Exec. Supt. Rosales and Supt. Altschul.

3. Joe Negron & Jeff Liu, KIPP Beyond Middle School: Said they know that there has been tension and disapproval of the KIPP Middle School and said that they have a vested interest in all schools in D3 doing well and schools demographic becoming more reflective of the district.

❖ **President's Report**

- President Watkins said that in conversations with several council members, they are looking into potential to use a tech device and/or some way to interface with the public so questions could be posed to Council other than by being physically present. She would like to see it come to fruition.

❖ **Superintendent's Report**

- There will be no new Principals appointed for the 2019-2020 school year at this time. There will be 4 new APs at M333, M191, M291, M247
- She is interviewing for Family Support Coordinator and Family Leadership Coordinator mid-August for a September hire, due to the retirement of DJ Sheppard,
- The Kindergarten Enrollment and Waitlist data were shared and discussed with the Council (*on file*). PS180 added an additional Spanish Dual Language K classes for a total of 2.
- PreK Applicant data was shared (*on file*). There was a decline in district applicants as well as decline in citywide numbers. The shift and seat reductions are a result in changes in NYCEEC contracts.
- K-8 Retention data was shared (*on file*). D3 Retention Rates are good.
- Middle School Regents data was shared (*on file*). M.S. 149 is the only middle school that does not offer algebra. 76, 149 and Center School do not offer science.
- Harlem Stakeholder meetings. Next year the plan is to work with a consultant for 4-5 meetings to support D3 Harlem Stakeholder meetings

*Council Question: What is the difference between Harlem Stakeholders and the Harlem El Barrio Initiative?*

Supt. Altschul: The Harlem El Barrio Initiative goal is to get community initiative.

They also support us in our work with the Harlem schools. The Harlem Stakeholder meetings have been happening for two years now and have provided an opportunity for discussions among all constituents for addressing the needs of our Harlem Schools.

- Aug. 8-9, next session of the State Integration Grant meeting in Albany.
- Equity and Access update, the Superintendent will have the information next year.
- Principals have identified their focus for the Equity team for 2019-2020.
- Implementation Plan update (*handout*)
- Year End Summary (*handout*)

❖ **Old Business**

1. MSC Update was addressed under public comment #2.

❖ **New Business**

1. CEC3 Strategic Planning 2019-2021. The Council should think about next steps after reviewing the document.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. TM: Charters have an affirmative duty to engage with their community. He's a parent of 2 children in D3 schools and does not know much about liaison engagement with his school and he is a member of the school SLT. He also wanted to commend the Harlem Stroll and wondered if perhaps we can engage the dual language community in the same way.

❖ **Roll Call Vote - CEC3 ELL Candidate** Assietou Sow

1. Ms. Sow was elected as CEC3 ELL member by all Council members present at the time of the Roll Call Vote:

Naveed Hasan- Y, Lucas Liu-Y, Dennis Morgan-Y, Sharmilee Ramudit-Y, Kim Watkins-Y, Eric Wright-Y (6). (*Absent: Kristen Berger, Lisa Byrd, Mike McCarthy*)

❖ **Adjournment 9:10 P.M.**