



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 3 Wed., Mar. 6, 2019 6:30 P.M. Business Meeting Joan of Arc Complex - 154 W. 93rd St.

Business Minutes

(Approved at the April 17, 2019 Business & Calendar Meeting by all council members present for the motion to approve)

❖ **Call to Order 6:40 PM**

- ❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Jean Moreland, Dennis Morgan, Deirdre Garrett Scott, Kim Watkins (8)
Late: Sharmilee Ramudith 6:46p, Genisha Metcalf 8:04p
DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, D3 Superintendent, DJ Sheppard, D3 Family Liaison Coordinator

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. Feb. 13, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes were approved by all council members present.

❖ **President's Report**

1. The president attended the SUNY KIPP Charter School Committee Hearing on Mar. 4, they voted to authorize the new KIPP Charter. Charter request now goes to the NYS Board of Regents next. DOE is not authorizing any new charters.
2. The Council moved to change the CEC3 March 20 Jt. Calendar meeting to March 21st due to a Mayor DeBlasio and Chancellor Carranza Town Hall on the 20th to which Manhattan CECs are invited.
3. July-August 2019 CEC3 meeting dates were approved;
Tues., July 16th, 2019 for Special Calendar-Business & Calendar meeting and
Wed., Aug. 7th, 2019 for Business and Calendar meeting.

❖ **Superintendent's Report**

- Citywide Diversity Grant was extended, Supt. Altschul will be applying and is awaiting feedback from her team and CEC members. D3 grant responses was handed out to council.
- Dr. Fergus, author of 'Solving Disproportionality' joined the equity teams at PS 163 and MHII to give feedback on what they are doing and how to become better in tune with what's needed.
Implicit Bias Convening with Office of Equity and Access for team of 8 will meet Friday, March 8th: The Superintendent and her team as well as Principals Washington MS421, Berry PS87, Lowe, MHII and Parker PS452.
Discussion ensued on benefits of having a parent attend.
- The Superintendent is considering having a district equity conference sometime in June, using some of the money from the Diversity Grant. It would be about 200 people.

Discussion on how best to explain the difference between existing equity groups to parents who have expressed confusion about the several equity groups.

- District-aligned Cross-Functional Team has added four new instructional aides supporting only District 3: Saudia Mahamed, Special Education Compliance; Marisa Schoenfeld, Literacy Instructional Lead, Ann Iparraguirre, Math Instructional; Charles Stanton, Academic Policy and Performance.
- PS 149 is no longer a Renewal school but will continue to receive the same level of funding. A community meeting is scheduled for March 13th at 5:00 p.m.
- The Superintendent held a Harlem Stakeholder meeting March 1st at PS 185, it was attended by DOE Office of Enrollment, data from it will hopefully be received by the next meeting which is at PS149, April 16th at 9:30 a.m.
- The Parent Testing Workshop was held February 28th, about 100 families attended. March 19th is tentatively the date for another session.
- School survey for parents/guardians, students and teachers and support staff is now open. It will close April 3.

❖ **Old Business**

1. Harlem Schools Summit is Saturday, April 6, 9 am at PS185. Flyers have been sent to the printer. Eventbrite reservation site is active. Several legislators have confirmed attendance, Sen. Robert Jackson is a panelist.

❖ **New Business**

1. The Council agreed on a school marketing strategy whereby printed materials will be donated to enrollment challenged schools. Council members are urged to reach out to their liaison schools. The three Schools working with Harlem El Barrio, 185, 242, 76, will get printed banners. \$3000 per school for 18 schools has been set aside from the Diversity Grant.

2. Improving Struggling Schools – The council moved to consider a more strategic approach to struggling schools and it was requested that members respond to council on document by Member Morgan.

Supt. Altschul suggested that council members should schedule visits to the schools to see exactly what's happening. There are schools below 110th St. that are struggling as well.

Trust has to be developed with schools.

Members Morgan and Watkins will compile a mission document.

Suggestion is made that every council member should have a liaison Harlem school.

❖ **School Liaison Reports**

1. 859 – Liaison Liu reported that Karen Goldmark will visit the school to check out the HVAC situation

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Equity & Excellence, Co-Chairs D. Morgan and G. Metcalf reported on Harlem Schools Summit above.
2. High School Admissions, J Moreland, Chair reported that going forward, Member Garrett-Scott will be Co-Chair with her. There is a committee meeting at PS76 tomorrow at 6:30p. They are discussing strategies for parent engagement.
3. Multilingual, L. Liu, Chair reported the committee has started a letter writing campaign. There is no real vision of what dual language program will be. They will meet with Deputy Chancellor Hydra Mendoza to come up with a vision.
4. Middle School, K. Berger, Chair reported there will be a committee meeting March 19.

❖ **Adjournment of Business Meeting 9:05 PM**