



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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CEC3 Calendar Virtual Meeting 6:30 PM Wed., Sept. 23, 2020

Minutes

(Approved at the Oct. 21, 2020 Calendar Meeting, as edited, unanimously by Council members present)

Calendar Meeting

- ❖ **Call to Order 6:40 PM**
- ❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Lisa Byrd, Naveed Hasan, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Deirdre Garrett Scott, Assietou Sow, Kim Watkins, Erick Wright
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes**
 1. Aug. 18, 2020 Calendar Meeting were approved by all Council members present at the call for the motion to approve.
- ❖ **President's Report**
 - President Watkins informed attendees that the meeting was about schools reopening.
- ❖ **Superintendent's Report**
 - Supt. Loughlin reported that 4200 D3 students were fully remote and 8200 students had opted for Blended learning.
 - 10th & 11th grades at WESS are fully remote and 9th grades are attending 8:30 – 11am.
 - She reviewed the changes in curriculum. It has been a multilevel approach in terms of protecting students and staff members. She reviewed school entry protocol, those entering must show health results.
 - Number of confirmed cases (3) of Covid – 2 in one school, 1 in a different school
 - The DOE has okayed the hiring of substitute teachers
- ❖ **Public Comment (from students)**
 1. AM: Has a 10th grader at SMS. What is time frame with resolving problems with SMS?
 - Supt Loughlin: Priority is being given to SMS, but priority is the pandemic at the moment.
 2. Ilinca: 11th grader at SMS. Basement was originally a storage facility not made for classrooms. HVAC does not work. There is no sunlight. Thank you, Lucas (Liu), for advocating for ventilation since 2015.
 - Supt. Loughlin: Students will not go back into building until problems are fixed. The SCA is working on it.
 3. FL: Senior at SMS. Advocating for a permanent space.
 4. LL: WESS/242 – What is the biggest concern?
 - Supt. Loughlin: It's difficult to have a coherent teaching models when we have so many teachers who are not in the building. The biggest concern is coherence of instructions in blended learning model.
 5. MBP Gale Brewer: We have \$12 million that was sat on by the DOE and is now available. It should be given for whatever is needed.

6. KA: SMS. Need date to begin conversation for permanent relocation of school.
7. JV: SMS...(unclear)
8. NG: At Town Hall Deputy Chancellor Goldmark said conversation would happen in 5 days.
9. SA: Teacher, SMS. Thank you.
10. LL: 4500 elementary school teachers were hired. 4500. 4500 middle school teachers were hired. How many in D3?
11. KM: You have major trust issues.
12. AL: Benefits of live streaming are not as great as they should be.
13. Council Member Helen Rosenthal: SMS has never made sense in the basement of MLK. It must be taken out. We've lost opportunities in zoning and rezoning to do that. Location must be made a priority. I urge the DOE to not put SMS into MLK. It does not belong there.
 - o Supt. Loughlin: We are not going to put students back into a space that is not ok with kids.

Council Discussion:

- Where does D3 stand in terms of devices?
 - o Supt. Loughlin: We can provide devices. Some schools have regular basis incidents where students don't have devices.
- Are children on laptops during in-person learning? Response from another council member was that it has been found to be so. Children and parents want live instructions. In person learning via device is not optimum. Families will keep children home if students are on devices while in in-person learning.
 - o MBP Brewer suggested doing live-streaming but was informed that schools don't have the bandwidth
- Students in temporary housing still have challenges connecting to Wi-Fi.
 - o Supt. Loughlin: Temporary Housing, NYCHA and Foster Care families have been prioritized
- Member reported that Outdoor Learning is stymied by permissions for use of school yard which is dedicated 24/7 but no one know who gives final permission for use. The Parks Dept. has said that tents should be taken down every night and that isn't realistic.
 - o MBP Brewer called (Parks) commissioner and said to let her know of other big issues on the topic.

❖ **Old Business ~ none**

❖ **New Business ~ see above**

❖ **Liaison Reports ~ none**

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Special Education Committee – Co-Chair Ramudit reported on the 9/21 meeting where they talked about day one school reopen class size.
2. Charter School Committee – Chair McCarthy reported they have not met yet. He Reported that Success Academy has 2 or 3 charters in D3 and they are up for a 5-year renewal in October. In one instance they are looking to add students. In all of NYC has 11% of Charter Schools, the northern part of our district has 3% of them.
3. Middle School and Equity & Excellence Committee will be holding a joint meeting Tues. 9/29. The topic is School Tours for Next Year.
4. High School Admissions Committee, Chair E Wright. Will schedule a meeting. They have not had one yet.
5. D3 Green Schools reported that permission was granted for certain things for outdoor spaces even though the City has given it's okay.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. LL: There are parents who are unhappy with the fact that specialty programs are not being offered.
2. KH: PS185. Principal Jane Murphy is retiring.

❖ **Adjournment of Calendar Meeting 9:55 PM**