



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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## COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 3 CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2017

P.S. 75

135 W. 97<sup>th</sup> St.

*(Approved at the Sept 19, 2017 Calendar Meeting by all Council members present)*

### Calendar Meeting:

#### ❖ Call to Order 7:15 PM

#### ❖ Roll Call of Members Kristen Berger, Manuel Casanova, Inyanga Collins, Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Jean Moreland, Kimberly Watkins

Excused Absence Dennis Morgan

**DOE Staff:** Ilene Altschul, D3 Superintendent; DJ Sheppard, D3 Family Leadership Coordinator

#### ❖ Approval of Minutes

1. June 21, 2017 Joint Calendar Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved by all Council present.
2. July 19, 2017 Calendar Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved by all Council present.

#### ❖ President's Report

Thank you to Member G Metcalf for attending Harlem Town Hall with State Senator Brian Benjamin and Mayor DeBlasio. Thank you to Member L Liu for attending the Chancellor's Breakfast at the Educational Council's Consortium last week.

#### ❖ Superintendent's Report

- Moving update:
  1. M452 is all moved in and getting set up
  2. M247Dual Language Middle School is all moved in and will provide the teachers time to come in and set up mid-end August
  3. M191 is expecting their move Aug 23-25
- WESS update:
  1. Behind schedule on the kitchen – they will operate with satellite lunches (like last year) for the first month of the school year. It is expected that the work will be completed by the first week of October.
  2. 3<sup>rd</sup> floor is complete which is great since they will move some of the classrooms for the high school courses they are offering to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Special Music School:
  1. Started working with Kaufman Music Center and DOE legal on the development of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). We are hoping to have an agreed upon MOU in September. The Superintendent met with the Board of Trustees and Lydia Kontos, Executive Director of Kaufman Music Center to assure them of Principal Banucci-Smith's and her own commitment to this partnership. Supt. Altschul will be overseeing it to ensure that there is open communication. She has set up quarterly meetings with Principal Banucci-Smith and Lydia Kontos and will be very involved in the discussions.
    - Superintendent Altschul, in response to Council question about where the 859 PTA stands on all of this said that she was not sure, the principal has been on vacation but will return tomorrow and she will touch base with her and report back to the CEC.

- Pre- Kindergarten:

FY14 FD Seats	FY15 FD Seats	FY16 FD Seats	FY17 FD Seats	FY18 FD Seats
429	1,079	1,441	1,356	1,435

1. The number of seats are in the District are up overall from last year.
  - Member Watkins questioned the number of seats as it doesn't seem like a big enough jump considering 4 extra sessions of preK were added.
  - Supt. Altschul said 4 sections were added at 84 and 3 sections at 452. She, too, questioned why there didn't seem to be a significant increase and the response had to do with the Community Based Organizations (CBOs,) their numbers may not have gone up, they may have actually gone down. The Superintendent does not have the exact number of seats from the CBOs. The CBO's are not going to maintain seats if there is not a need, if new families that live in that area are choosing to go to a new program.
2. 317 District 3 residents received out-of-district Pre-K offers. This number is consistent with what we would expect
3. 145 are currently registered at a pre-K program for Fall 2017 (as of 8/7/17). Of those registered, 35% are registered at D3 programs.
4. Students may be registered at programs other than their original offer due to waitlist movement or reapplying through round 2.
5. Of the 317 families:
  - i. 126 of those families were matched to a program that appeared on their application
  - ii. 97 of these families are registered at a Pre-K program, including 80 who registered at the site where they were offered, 12 at a program in District 3, and 5 at a different Pre-K site
  - iii. 191 of those families could not be matched to a program on their application, and so were offered a match at an out-of-district program
  - iv. 48 of these families are registered at a Pre-K program, including 2 who registered at the site where they were offered, 39 at a program in District 3, and 7 at a different Pre-K site

- Kindergarten Waitlists:

1. PS 9 is at 14 (would have been down to 3)
2. Waitlist at PS 87 of 12
3. Waitlist at PS 166 of 15
4. The largest area with the greatest need for preK is in the 77/78/79<sup>th</sup> St. area.
  - In response to Council question about ease of communicating to parents that there are available seats, Supt. Altschul said she would reach out to the Office of Enrollment.

- Andrew Sullivan is the Interim Acting Principal at Community Action

- PS/IS 180- Principal Lana Fleming is retiring as of August 28th

- Dual Language Middle School- Caitlin Caldwell is resigning from the DOE and has accepted a position in Monroe, NY

- Vacancy candidate names have been submitted. Central must vet and approve and then an announcement will be made.

- Summer School – last day is Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. Principals are making the promotional decisions. Letters are mailed out on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

- District 3 data, the Superintendent will bring to the CEC3 September meeting; are waiting on the results of the NYS tests.

- Office of Enrollment Family Welcome Center- satellite office at JOA – August 30<sup>th</sup> opens to the public and closes on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

- ❖ **Public Comment**

1. Principal Afriye gave Council and attendees an update on FDAII located in Harlem on 114<sup>th</sup> St, serving grades 6 – 12. With the increase of charter schools in Harlem, FDA II has been impacted in their enrollment, their middle school enrollment is down 50%as well and charter schools are actively recruiting. Over 80% of their students are Title 1. In 2015, under the leadership of Supt. Altschul,

FDAII received a NYS Socio- Economic Integration Grant. With it, they have been able to implement programs.

- a. STEM Focus
  - b. Award winning Robotics Team in their High School and looking to expand it to the middle school.
  - c. This summer a program was launched at FDAII for rising 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to attend a STEM Camp where Robotics and Coding were offered in partnership with RoboFund. They served 30 students from schools 241, 242 and the French American Charter School. They will offer a Fall Saturday Robotics Camp for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - d. 6<sup>th</sup> graders were the top performing 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the D3 Spelling Bee.
  - e. 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 70% passed the ARPHA Regents. Principal Afrye has been on a district tour talking about the tremendous opportunities at Frederic Douglass Academy II, There are still seats available in the 6, 7 & 8 grades.
    - o Member Metcalf notes the PS76 offered a similar program but marketing was poor, what marketing support does FDII need to get the word out?
      - i. They went, with RoboFund, directly to schools to meet with parent coordinators and principals but because they went in June, time was short. For the fall program they will be starting marketing earlier. FDAII offers a lot of the same programs the “downtown” schools offer but principals and parent coordinators need to know that.
      - ii. Principal Afriye said that he is going to the Principal Forum and has been going to schools with the information on FDAII.
      - iii. Supt. Altschul noted that 114<sup>th</sup> St. has been transformed. It is not the tough block of yore, visiting the school will dispel some of the preconceived ideas about what it is. Supt. Noted that FDAII's supervision is under Supt. Donald Conyers even though it's a D3 school because of this FDAII does not have the same relationship with other D3 elementary schools. The goal of the grant was to impact the socio-economic status of the school and, while it has helped academically, it has not impacted the socio-economics of the school.
      - iv. They are able to do more outreach to schools this year.
2. Damon ? : Is a merger of 185 and 208 going to happen?
    - Supt. Altschul responded that they are discussing the possibility. Once it is brought out as a proposal all the information will be available.

#### ❖ Old Business

1. Lead in Water Testing Update (*on file*), John Hession, Deputy Director Facilities – Manhattan, Tim Geiger, Divisions of Facilities, Bernie Orlan, Director, Dept. of Health & Safety
  - Mr. Geiger: All schools were tested. 2600 outlets were tested. 96 outlets had exceedances and are being remediated. They replace all pieces and retest. If the results are not within limits, the outlet is kept out of service and work continues. If fixtures do not come back within acceptable limits, it is removed. This is a rare.
    - i. Half of schools in D3 are finished. They stay in the school until it is all finished. The other half is being worked on
    - ii. Outlets are not turned on until a backpack letter is sent home.
    - iii. Complete: 9, 44 (awaiting retest), 84, 145, 149, 140, 165, 166, 191/342, 199, 837, 859 annex
    - iv. In-progress: 54, 75, 76, 88, 87 (some remediation to be done), 113, 241, 118, 144, 163, 180, 185, 166 (should be in service by start of school)
2. Zoning Transition
  - i. 342 materials are still at the 191 old school but will be moved in shortly. The 342 building itself is ready.
  - ii. Expansion of 84 just started. They have all the appropriate furniture for the younger population.

- iii. 452 needs painting and cleaning which will happen before first day of school
- iv. 165, new hire custodian in Oct.
- v. 166, pointing problem, rain comes in, asbestos abatement .because of water damage.

❖ **New Business.**

❖ **Committee Reports**

- 1. Multilingual Committee – next meeting is Aug. 22, at PS 163
- 2. Sept. 27 Principal’s Forum at PS 76.
- 3. Oct. 10 Middle School Fair at PS 242.

❖ **Liaison Reports**

❖ **Public Comment**

- 1. Mark Diller, CB7: PreK enrollment should be married up with rezoning issues and enrollment issues. . We need to find out who we are losing from the system. Deputy Supt. Elizabeth Rose did this once in the past. He is happy to work with someone on compiling the data. Open Meeting Law requires all people to be admitted to a CEC meeting. Feels the fact that they have to sign in with security should be fixed.
- 2. Ross Friedman: Are the district scores for reading and math available.
  - Supt. Altschul responded that the release of those scores is much later than last year. When released they can be found on the NYCDOE website and she will let everyone know once they are available. Newspapers also put it out.

What do waitlists look like since rezoning?

- 199, no waitlist – down to 5 sections from 6. Class size is 25 in K
  - 191, 2 K sections, they have more students than previously. All preK is full
  - 452, down because families received new zone school offers, to 87 or 199. Full K and PreK. 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades are most down.
  - Supt. Altschul will see if Office of District Planning can provide the numbers since she is speaking anecdotally.
- 3. Marisa Maack, Chief of Staff, Council Member H Rosenthal: Shout out to DOE Facilities who have done a fantastic job
    - Member Katz announced that if Council is interested in an official Council statement about SUNY’s proposed change to Charter School Teacher Certification the regulations were posted on July 27, which gives us to early Sept. to vote on it as we only have 45 days. Please review and offer feedback. If this passes it will allow charter schools to relieve their staffing problems and have a possibly more deleterious effect on public schools. Member Katz says that is can be a letter in order to come in by the time allowance.
    - Member McCarthy feels Council should go on record and do a resolution even if Council does send a letter.

**Adjournment 9:00 PM**