



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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**Calendar Meeting, 6:30 P.M.**

**Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019**

P.S. / I.S. 76 – 220 W. 121<sup>st</sup> St.

### Calendar Meeting Minutes

(Approved at the October 25, 2019 CEC3 Calendar Meeting by all Council members present (9))

#### ❖ Call to Order 6:50 PM

#### ❖ Roll Call of Members Lisa Byrd, Lucas Liu, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Assietou Sow, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright (7)

Late: Kristen Berger 7:10p, Teddy Tawil, 7:10p, Deirdre Garrett Scott, 8:00p, Naveed Hasan 8:44p,  
Excused Absence: Mike McCarthy

DOE: Christine Loughlin, D3 Superintendent IA, Tracy McClaire, D3 Family Liaison Coordinator

DOE Facilities: John Shea, Chief Executive Officer School Facilities, John Hessian, Deputy Director  
Facilities - Manhattan, Bernie Orlan, Director School Facilities, Tim George Director School Facilities-  
Manhattan, Aramis Rodrigues, Joe Lazarus, Director of Facilities – Brooklyn N.

#### ❖ DOE Department of Facilities on Lead Paint and Remediation

##### 1. John Shea, DOE CEO School Facilities:

- i. Mr. Shea assured everyone that Environmental Safety protocols are always met or exceeded and lead testing program data is made public.
- ii. There are 8000 classrooms housing children in first grade and younger.
- iii. If a classroom is affected, action is taken immediately and the room is closed.
- iv. All affected classrooms were remediated and results were posted.
- v. After-school programs classrooms are also being checked.
- vi. After remediation dust samples are taken by professionals, both in and out of the room and sent to a lab.
- vii. Use of lead paint was banned in 1968.
- viii. All school buildings built before 1985 have been tested.
- ix. In June, the Mayor mandated rooms be checked 3x/year
- x. [Jshea3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:Jshea3@schools.nyc.gov). 718-349-5410

#### ❖ Public Comment

1. CK, PS180: We need a higher level of transparency. Parents need to know everything.
  - 1.1 JShea: The Mayor and the Chancellor are fully committed to that.
2. S, PS166: It's unclear online how extensive or little each classroom was affected. Do we know what kids tested positive for lead?
  - 2.2 JShea: The tested rooms show up in our website data. We would not have data on children who tested positive for lead that would come from the NYCDOH.
3. AS: How long between notification of lead and start of work?
  - 3.3 JShea: If area is less than 2 sq. feet it will be covered up immediately, if a larger area, remediation will take place within a week.

#### ❖ Approval of Minutes

1. Aug. 7, 2019 Calendar Meeting Minutes motion to approve was called and seconded. Approval was carried by all council members present.

❖ **President's Report**, President Kim Watkins

- The Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> Priorities in Education Town Hall was a joint effort with Alliance in Education, CEC3 & CEC4 and Sen. Brian Benjamin.
- CEC3 will begin collecting donated school supplies and distribute where needed.
- Call for CEC3 committees volunteers
- CEC3 Meet & Greet in October will include D3 enrollment data presentation
- Model CEC will continue this year
- Civics for All program is being rolled out
- Citywide nursing shortage is ongoing. D3 has multiple schools that do not have a nurse, i.e. O'Shea complex of 3 schools and the school adjacent, PS87 did not have a nurse.
  - Ann Marie Ashman, Deputy Director Nursing NYCDOH, reported that 105 new DOH nurses will be placed in schools in mid-Oct.
- Resolution against withholding of recess for punitive reasons passed by other CECs, CEC3 should read and consider doing the same.
- Bruce Monteleon, D3 Welcome Center will be invited to speak at next meeting

❖ **Superintendent's Report**, IA Christine Loughlin

- IA Superintendent Loughlin started Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> in District 3. She gave a brief introduction of her extensive 24 year career with the NYCDOE. She comes to D3 from position as Deputy Superintendent in D31, Staten Island
- She has been meeting with stakeholders, visiting D3 schools, meeting with UFT & CSA and familiarizing herself with D3 perspectives while working with her team to create a coherent instructional focus to support struggling schools.
- All schools will institute social emotional learning.
- She needs and welcomes feedback.

❖ **Old Business**

1. CEC3 Amended Bylaws final draft approval roll call vote will be called at the end of the meeting.

❖ **New Business**

- i. SDAG (School Diversity Admissions Group) Recommendations - The council will elicit feedback from parents to aid in positioning themselves to possibly make a statement. Council would like to make the greatest impact and discussed whether a statement was the way to do it. It was noted that the statements goals and visions need to be in partnership with the community; that it is important to hear from constituents before a statement is made but how to obtain effective community engagement was up for debate. It was hoped that with the citywide diversity grant, a third party consultant could be brought in to help with outreach. IA Supt. Loughlin said there is a second round and she will obtain more information.
- ii. Council discussed SDAG shortcomings: it contained no information on charter school impact. Norther Manhattan has 15, 20, 30% charter school saturation. It is narrowly focused and does not address diverse student population, it gives no information on what the phasing out of G&T programs will do; it doesn't address improving academics and there is no community impact information in report; the report tells what not to do; it is more important to beyond G&T

❖ **Public Comment**

1. EC, Anderson School: Instead of eliminating G&T, expand it. There should be a consensus to accelerate all enrichment programs.
2. CC, PS166: Does not support SDAG. The DOE is dealing with economic stratification, supports expanding G&T.
3. CT, Anderson School: SDAG would close accelerated learning programs without trying anything else. 'Scorched earth' approach. The community was not consulted. We do need to work to make access to these schools more equitable but support goals not report.
4. LL, PS165: Some of voices we won't here are the charter school parents who chose those schools. Reconfigure empty seats for.
5. AT, Anderson School: White and Asian students perform 2x as well as Black and Asian kids. That's a travesty. Is this the plan that helps us get there? It's a political plan.
6. DN, PS165: G&T is worthwhile, don't disband it.
7. SC, PS165: G&T could be better managed...*(muffled)*
8. EN, PS165: First report on directly integrating schools was in 1966. You would have to move a lot of students around to different places because the boroughs are unevenly integrated.

9. CG, MS54: The tactic seems to be to suppress the parent voice. Parents are not willing to come forward and express their opinion for fear of being called a racist..
10. JK, MS54: In agreement with prior statement
  - The council will have conversations with liaison schools and PTAs. Council needs to compile the SDAG information and at the next CEC meeting, discuss setting up a working group. We need to move forward with getting responses from the wider community and 'wider community' has to be defined. If any additional meetings on this are held, parents need to be represented.

#### ❖ **School Liaison Report**

- PS191 Liaison Watkins reported that Principal Lauren Keville is leaving. Monday will begin the transition plan with new principal.
- PS199 Liaison Watkins reported that the ongoing construction project next to 199 closed the playground down due to debris.
- PS75 Liaison Byrd is concerned about the after school program classrooms which cannot be used due to lead. Will meet with the after school director.
- PS149 & PS185 Liaison Dennis Morgan said that Participatory Budgeting next cycle under Councilmember Perkins is due by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. 185 is waiting for their tech funding. PS149 did not get any participatory budgeting last year but can apply this year. 149 has not received anything from Reso A..
- West Prep Liaison Wright reported that the students who were unmatched and were grouped together and were supposed to be and expected to be at West Prep, it did not happen.
- PS84 Liaison Sow met with the principal and toured the school and will meet to talk next steps. She was very impressed with the well behaved, polite students.
- MS247 Liaison Sow will meet with principal next week.

#### ❖ **Committee Report**

1. Excellence and Equity, Co-Chair Morgan reported that the meeting notes will be posted to the website. Parent feedback is coming. He will meet with IA Supt. Loughlin to discuss Harlem stakeholders meetings.
2. Middle School, Chair Berger reported that there will be no appeals to middle school, students will be waitlisted instead. There will be an in-depth waitlist conversation in January. She met with IA Supt. Loughlin to discuss the Middle School Directory that D3 produces.
  - Oct. 3 Middle School Forum, PS 180.
  - Oct. 11 Middle School Committee meeting, Joan of Arc.
  - Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Middle School Fair, Joan of Arc.
  - Middle School Tour dates and sign up will be posted to website
3. Multilingual, Chair Liu reported that the Dual Language Working Group continued over the summer. The next Dual Language Committee meeting will be Sept. 26 at Joan of Arc. Focus on challenged dual language programs.

#### ❖ **Public Comment**

MD, CB7: CB7 submits priority budgeting to City of New York. CB7 calling for CEC3 share of \$2m School Diversity Grant. They are pushing on ADA compliance so D3 gets its fair share. CB7 pushing for a citywide participatory budgeting program that should be equitable.

#### ❖ **Roll Call Vote**

1. CEC3 Amended Bylaws.
  - i. The motion to approve was called by CEC3 Pres. Watkins
  - ii. The motion was seconded followed with a roll call vote
  - iii. The CEC3 Amended Bylaws was approved unanimously by all council members present: K Berger, Lisa Byrd, N Hasan, L Liu, D Morgan, S Ramudit, A Sow, K Watkins, E Wright (9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain).

#### ❖ **Adjournment 10:30 PM**