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COMMUNITY DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL 3 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2017

P.S. 180

370 W. 120th St.

(Approved at the Oct. 11th 2017 Business Meeting by all Council members present)

❖ Call to Order 6:45 PM

- ❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Manuel Casanova, Inyanga Collins, Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu, Jean Moreland, Dennis Morgan, Kim Watkins
Mike McCarthy 6:50 PM, Genisha Metcalf 8:00 PM
DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, D3 Superintendent; DJ Sheppard, D3 Family Leadership Coordinator

❖ Approval of Minutes

1. Aug. 9, 2017 Business Meeting Minutes were approved by all Council members present.

❖ Old Business

1. Committees & Goals – Edits and/or additional commentary were requested to the distributed Draft CEC3 Mission and Goals document (*on file*). There were none, President Watkins therefore read the CEC3 Draft Mission & Goals Statement. The Statement will be posted to www.cec3.org.
2. Public attendees were reminded that CEC3 committees are ad hoc and that members of the public are equal members of the committee, their participation is wanted and necessary if successful goals are to be attained. Member Berger also suggested that Council members attend 2 committees regularly.

❖ New Business

1. CEC3 Meet & Greet Oct. 11 – it will be at Joan of Arc building (333 Manhattan School for Children) and all D3 Principals, PTA/PA Presidents and Co-Presidents, Presidents Council are invited. It starts at 5:30pm
2. Website/Newsletter/blog issue – CEC3 sent out its' first newsletter and is looking for ways to increase the email list, with 75,000 families in the district, CEC3 only has 1200 on their email lists. CEC3 will be establishing a blog but it is yet to be decided who will maintain it. It is a data blog for District 3 events.

❖ Committee Reports

1. Multilingual Committee – There is a Multilingual Committee Meeting next week, Wed., Sept 27 at 6:30 at Joan of Arc. It was pointed out that this meeting conflicts with the Middle School Principals' Forum at PS 76 on the same night. The Multilingual Committee will also have a table at the Oct. 24 DOE Elementary Admissions Enrollment Event.

❖ Liaison Reports

1. PS 165 – Member Liu attended the SLT meeting and stated that there are potential truncation complications.
 - o Supt. Altschul: We are awaiting approval to move forward with the truncation. I will speak to Principal Castellano to discuss with her community.
2. PS 241- Member Watkins met with the principal from 241. They talked about not having the rezoning exercise next fall's admission period because there hasn't been enough time to fully engage the Harlem community. Ms. Watkins wanted a meeting on Sept. 29th with the Principal and the DOE Office of District Planning however the response from ODP was that it's too early to have a meeting (about next fall).

- Superintendent Altschul responded that it's too early to talk about the rezoning and that what they would like to do with the additional year is plan strategically. If they are to develop a progressive school in Harlem, they want to engage with the community to find out what the families want: What the admission process would be? What the curriculum would be? Supt. Altschul has been in contact with Office of School Design to start having those conversations. They want to get out in the community and engage parents, including those who have younger children and would be interested in getting involved in creating and developing a school. There isn't a timetable yet, discussions have just started. They don't want to rush into a rezoning without having the time to develop a strategic progressive plan. As soon as those talks are started, CEC3 will be informed.
 - Council member shared that 241 would like to add preK in 2018 as a way to help boost enrollment.
 - ✓ Supt. Altschul remarked that they are not filling all the preK seats in the area as it is, so need is a factor, but it is this is something to be discussed.
- 3. PS 452 – Member Berger visited 452 and remarked that they love the new location in the former 191 building. Enrollment is robust and preK and Kindergarten are very robust. Busing however has had some issues with being on time. There are four routes, some stops are redundant.
 - Supt. Altschul has been in communication with Deputy Chancellor Elizabeth Rose's office and OPT. With the bus that makes stops at 2 schools, this will be changed into 2 separate bus routes as of Monday Sept 25th. They are trying to streamline the pickups. Their goal is to have everything ironed out by Mon. 9/25.
- 4. PS 191 – Member Watkins received a request from the PTA of the Riverside School for Makers and Artists, they are missing school crossing guards. Supt. Altschul responded that crossing guards are assigned by the precinct. Principal Keville has been in contact with the precinct. However, there is a shortage but Supt. Altschul will stay on top of it and keep pushing.

❖ **Adjournment of Business Meeting 7:18 PM**