



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

154 West 93rd Street New York, New York 10025 - Room 204 Tel (212) 678-2782 Fax (212) 678-2804 Email: CEC3@schools.nyc.gov

Joseph A. Fiordaliso
President

Nan Eileen Mead
First Vice President

Zoe G. Foundotos
Second Vice President

Kristen Berger
Secretary

Kimberly Watkins
Treasurer

Council Members: Noah Gotbaum
Daniel Katz Lucas Liu

Theresa L.C. Hammonds Pradnya Joshi
Vincent Orgera Vacant, *Student Member*

Ilene Altschul
District 3 Community Superintendent

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Wednesday February 24, 2016

Calendar Meeting (6:30 PM)

Joan of Arc, 154 West 93rd Street
(Between Columbus & Amsterdam Avenues)

Calendar Minutes

(Approved at the March 30th, 2016 CEC3/CSD3 Jt Calendar Meeting)

❖ **Call to Order 6:42 PM**

❖ **Roll Call of Members:** Kristen Berger, Joseph Fiordaliso, Zoe Foundotos, Noah Gotbaum, Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu, Kim Watkins. A Quorum was reached.

Absent: Teresa Hammonds, PJ Joshi, Vincent Orgera

DOE: Ilene Altschul, District 3 Superintendent, DJ Sheppard, District 3 Family Advocate

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. The CEC3 Council approved the January 20th, 2016 Calendar Meeting minutes by a unanimous vote of the members preset at the time of the vote (8-0).

❖ **SCA Presentation**

Lorraine Grillo, President & CEO, School Construction Authority
Michael Mirisola, former Project Support Manager, currently Director of External Affairs
Joseph Bova, Chief Project Officer, Manhattan
Steven Tuozzolo, new Project Support Manager

1. **WESS:** SCA has been working to come to favorable conclusion with landlord at WESS. SCA has a verbal agreement and all of the paperwork has been drafted. Sign and seal expected within the next week. SCA has worked with WESS principal to plan phasing of the project. Work is to be done during the summer and after school hours.
Mr. Mirisola reported that during the summer, renovations will start with a few rooms on 1st floor: kitchen and room next door will begin ASAP and SCA expects café & temporary server for the next school year, all on 1st floor. Basement and 3rd floor work will begin during the school year and will be conducted after hours and on weekends; SCA will get an emergency contractor in for the 1st floor work this summer (already on call), in Sept., the work will go to a regular contractor. Summer 2017- cafeteria & kitchen for work, bulk of the work will be complete by Sept 2017 the entire project will be completely done by Jan 1, 2018.
Funding capital for WESS is presently at \$20-25 million. That number is down from maximum because negotiations have the landlord responsible for certain fixes in the building that initially were in the SCA's budget

If you have any questions, please call Karen Butler at the CEC 3 office @ 212-678-2782 or email CEC3 at CEC3@schools.nyc.gov

Anyone wishing to speak during the Public Comment Portion of the Calendar Meeting must sign in by 8:00pm.

BIDS: The bid process and review slows progress significantly. Before a bid for the work can be submitted, a term sheet for lease must be signed. Ms. Grillo believes a lease extension is 20 +/- years. SCA will return to CEC3 with drawing etc. for scope of work as it is being revised. Ms. Grillo said that City Council Member H Rosenthal's letter for eminent domain helped get the lease negotiation; the SCA thanks her & Assembly Member L Rosenthal for their support.

2. **Riverside Center site**

Ms. Grillo reporting - If "typical" process is followed there is "no way" building could be ready by 2017. SCA had anticipated receiving the building in January of this year, not July, as is now expected. They are pulling out all stops to get it done as soon as possible. The plans for the building remain the same as SCA presented to the Council last year. SCA will report back to CEC3 in a couple of weeks. One Council member noted that we passed a resolution to move PS 191 into the new building by Sept. 2017.

3. **PS 145**

First VP N Mead received an environmental report on soil samples tested Jan. 2015, report was delivered Jan 2016. Certain chemicals, pesticides and organic material levels are in excess of recommended limits but those levels don't violate any state law, has the 145 community been officially notified and is there work that needs to be done to remedy situation? District 3 Superintendent Altschul confirmed that the principal and parents received notification in a timely manner.

Mr. Mirisola - The report lagged because environmental testing goes on for at least 1 year. This is standard operating procedure when boilers are removed. The work is done after hours and the area has to be wet down, at this point the work has been done and is complete. The temporary boiler will tentatively be removed in July.

4. **PS 859 HVAC**

The SCA will see how they can bring in additional air on a temp basis until they get funding for a new contract for a permanent, dedicated, new unit for the rooms in the basement. Much of SCA funding is ear-marked for already started projects. Monies must be reworked to find various solutions that are different from the original contract. This project started small and has expanded significantly; the basement temporary ventilation issue is a completely different project from the permanent fix. Perhaps in FY (2016-2017) July the SCA will be presented with additional funding.

5. **PS 191** – There is a heating upgrade in place.

Mr. Mirisola introduced Robert Vogel, new Facilities Manager for DOE to note difference between *Maintenance* e.g. leak in roof that is under warranty and *SCA Capital Projects*, e.g. leak in roof not under warranty. Maintenance is first call before contacting SCA.

6. **SCA Programs**

- 10% for ART Programs in new schools
- Industrial Hygiene Department: asbestos removal, PCBs, soil remediation, etc.
- Business Development Program: Mentors small, locally based, women and minority owned businesses.
- RESO A Projects: Discretionary funds from electeds that go to projects like auditoriums, sound systems, playgrounds, science labs, things SCA may not be able to fund.

7. **Presentation 2015-2019 Capital Plan: (On file)**

Adopted 2015, the FY 2015-2019 budget of \$13.5B. A Proposed January 2016 Amendment increased budget to \$14.9B, an increase of \$1.4B from 2015.

Blue Book Working Group - looks at capacity and utilization in school buildings; use of a new formula helped to expand seat needs from 50,000 seats to 82,000 seats. The Mayor added additional funding for 11,800 new seats, jumping seat funding to 44,000 seats.

Money came from RESO A funds (City Council and the Borough President appropriations), additional reimbursement for standing projects and Renewal School Based Health Center funding- many new schools will be classified as Renewal Schools.
Additional 1 year of Capital Investment Projects added for renovations.

- Capacity Program: \$5.6B for seats
- Capital Investment Projects: \$5.6B
- Mandate Programs: \$3.7B, i.e. code compliance, PCB abatements, boiler upgrades, insurance.
- New Capacity: creating 44,000 new seats \$4.4B
- Pre-K Admission: \$670M, creating 7600 new pre-K seats.
- Class Size Reduction: \$490M - identifying schools with severe needs, e.g. schools with overcrowding, removing temporary classroom units (TCUs), 4,900 new seats added,
- Facility Replacement: \$62M. 46,201 new seats in all 5 boroughs to be added. The need is for 80,000 but NYC has limited real estate resources. SCA is working to find real estate with City Planning and are at the table with Bronx rezoning, in Jamaica, Queens, and other boroughs, in L.I.C. working with developers to include schools in new developments.
- New School Construction: PS 342, 692 seats
- 52 capital improvement projects in District 3 totaling \$66M which includes exterior masonry & modernization, boiler conversion, lighting fixtures, roofs.
- RESO A is for smaller projects and/or upgrades: HVAC, technology, playgrounds, libraries, curtains, seats in an auditorium, particularly for several projects the Council identified. SCA does not fund these kinds of projects. \$100M in Capital Plan for ADA upgrades, up from \$50M in 2015. e.g. bathroom upgrades but not for a major plumbing overhaul. PS 75, 76, 87, 113, 149, 240, will be getting bathroom upgrades if not already started.

❖ 1st Public Comment (SCA Presentation)

Ira Mission: Thanked the SCA in advance for not missing Beacon deadline and hopes that in summer of 2017 he can say the same thing.

Eric Sheffler: Thanked the SCA for their urgency and responsiveness to WESS; concerned about work over the summer and whether work will be finished on 1st floor and kitchen by school year start. SCA responds that the kitchen will be started in the summer and finished in approximately 1 year. Kitchen will be worked on throughout school year. The kitchen will be unusable during that period. Serving area will be open for warming food but no cooking will be done. Summer 2017 the cafeteria will begin renovations. Jan. 1, 2018 all renovations complete.

Christine Crestwell: Wants to see breakdown on what landlord is responsible for at Riverside Center building. SCA still processing but will have plans for building ready the end of March.

Andrea Steinkamp: PS 199 is one of the most overcrowded schools in D 3. Are they on bathroom list? SCA President responds that the school needs additional bathrooms, not just cosmetic upgrade. It is a space issue and they will be looking at it.

Council Treasurer K Watkins: Blue Book Working Group has PS 199 capacity at 642. Is that Blue Book's most accurate numbers? SCA responds that it is. Q: Based on number of schools over 100% capacity, PS 342 has 692 capacity, is that the updated number? SCA responds that there are schools that are over and schools that are not over 100% capacity; SCA breaks down schools into zones within a district. They have not as yet identified additional need in District 3 but SCA is funded for 692 seats in PS 342. More of breakdown can be found in the Capital Plan sub-districts.

❖ President's Report

1. Proposed Resolution to Amend CEC3 FY 2016 Budget
 - a. Move money from Events line.to P-card to support events CEC3 is working on.
2. Draft Resolution to urge SCA completion of Riverside Center Building by Sept. 2017 to be considered later in the meeting.

❖ Superintendent's Report

- Katherine Witzke has been appointed as principal at PS 9.
- Jessica Jenkins appointed as principal at WESS.
- Conducted the SLT consultation at M149 Sojourner Truth
- Wadleigh - waiting to proceed to the SLT consultation.
- 62% of all visits have been completed. 53/83 visits have been completed by D 3 Superintendent and Cynthia Dickman, District 3 Assistant Superintendent
- Pre K application closes on March 4th
- Parent Testing meeting is tomorrow, February 25th at 6:00 p.m. at JOA

- WESS Admission Data (*on file*)

Current class: WESS tried for diverse population based on applicant pool. Total applicants: 677. 409 of whom placed first or second and 32% of the 409 matched in total. Of all ethnicities, of the 65% ranked 1st or 2nd, 32% got an offer, of the 18% Hispanic students ranked 1st or 2nd, 33% got an offer, of 8% African American students ranked 1st or 2nd, 32% got an offer, of 18% students who got free or reduced lunch, 27% got an offer. Council Member feels K-8 schools were not considered enough in the diversity equation and could not access WESS and it possibly affected the diversity of WESS. There is concurrence that parents of K-8 students have to go out of their way to access middle school information although the urgency may not be as great for them as for those in K-5 schools. The Council commends WESS Principal Jessica Jenkins for her strong, committed efforts to have a strong, diverse and successful school. A Council Member feels the school does not reflect the demographics of district, but not for lack of trying.

Old Business

1. WESS Budget Items – report under SCA Presentation
2. PS 145 Environmental Report on Soil Contaminants – see SCA presentation above
3. Discussion of District Wide Priority Capital Improvements – Council will finalize list of capital improvements offline
4. Fair Student Funding Presentation (*on file*)

Matt Manner of Manhattan Field Support Center, works with D3 and D5 budgets. Overall DOE Budget is \$29.2B from city, state and federal funding,

 - \$ 6.3B - goes to pension and debt services.
 - \$11.7B – goes to schools
 - \$9.5B – personnel costs + pension and fringe benefits
 - \$3.3B – Pre-k and Special Ed contract schools, charter schools and non-public schools
 - \$3.2B – School Support = transportation, food, custodians, etc.
 - \$0.8B – Pre-K
 - \$0.7B – Central and Field administration costs.

DOE will receive \$2B less from New York State in FY 2016. The State has not fulfilled their Campaign for Fiscal Equity Obligation. There will be an anticipated increase in the Fair Student Funding floor from 82% to 87%, all schools presently funded *under* 87% will be *raised* to 87%. Schools will get additional funding to meet new ELL requirements Schools are given “weights” which equal how much they are budgeted. It is computed by grade level, need for academic intervention, need for special education, number of ELL and

portfolio schools. Fair Student Funding is based on student population, some populations, like those noted, require additional features.

❖ **New Business**

1. Amendment to CEC3 FY 2016 Budget – no discussion.
2. Urge SCA to complete Riverside Center Building Sept. 2017 –
Draft a Resolution requesting opening building By Sept. 2017. Council discussion on wording and suggested changes: change from “~~currently challenged~~” to “growing” and add “whereas families.”
Read into record as amended

❖ **School Liaison Reports**

1. 859 Special Music School –report under SCA Presentation

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Middle School – K Berger, Chair reporting: Committee met and meeting again on 22nd, there were 8 participants. They are revising mission statements.
2. Health and Wellness – T. Hammonds, Chair absent
3. Multi-Lingual – L Liu, Chair reporting: Russian language program moving forward, spoke to Council Members N. Gotbaum, Z Foundotos and First VP N Mead about their schools. The Chair pressed them on sustainability and is trying to temper their expectations a little bit. Asked D3 Superintendent if Chancellor has given dual language students more leeway to enroll? D3 Superintendent Altschul reiterates that students can enroll as long as the principal guarantee’s none of their zoned kids will be turned away they can take in other children for their dual language program.
4. Diversity – N Mead, Chair reporting: CSD3 Library Survey Report – some libraries are great, some not so great. The majority of schools that did not participate in the survey were Middle Schools and Title 1 schools. Committee would like to reopen survey to the district to capture more responses. Request to Superintendent Altschul that she possibly query principals as to what they want in a library. Admissions policies – time to critique A101. Recommend a working group or collaboration between committees. Same issues re admissions policies seem a constant. Elementary and where Middle Schools are zoned.
5. Zoning – K Watkins, Chair reporting: Met twice in February. They are prepping for informational sessions on Mar. 1 and Mar 15. Dr. Russo, PS 145 has been very helpful with offers of refreshment, childcare. Translation services. Four panelists: Lisa Donovan-Parent D1, Mahalia Watkins of Inside Schools, Michael Alves-Expert, Rene Kathawala, Lawyer & D3 Parent. Goal is to compare and contrast Controlled Choice with where the current structure sits and look at different ways the outcome can be achieved.

❖ **2nd Public Comment** – none

❖ **Council Voting Item:**

1. Resolution to Amend CEC3 FY 2016 Budget. No objection from Council on motion to waive reading of the resolution. (*on file*) Motion passes.
Be it resolved that Community Education Council hereby confirms the transfer of \$1,500 from the Events line to CEC3 P-Card in order to support CEC3 hosted events.
Roll Call Vote: The Council Members present at the meeting voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the CEC3 Resolution to Amend CEC3 FY 2016 Budget. (*On file*)
2. Resolution to complete the school facility in Riverside Center by September 2017 as amended
Roll Call Vote: The Council Members present at the meeting voted unanimously (7-0) to approve the CEC3 Resolution as amended to complete the Riverside Center Building by September 2017. (*On file*)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45pm