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CEC3 Calendar Meeting

6:30 PM

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Zoom Meeting URL:

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Minutes

(Approved at Aug. 18, 2020 Calendar Meeting by all Council members present)

- ❖ **Call to Order 6:33 PM**
- ❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Lisa Byrd, Naveed Hasan, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Deirdre Garrett Scott, Assietou Sow, Eric Wright, Kim Watkins
Late Lucas Liu, 6:42PM, Teddy Tawil, student member 7:00 PM
DOE Staff: Christine Loughlin, D3 Superintendent
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes**
 1. 6.03.20 Special Calendar Meeting on Admissions minutes were approved by all Council present when the motion to approve was called.
- ❖ **Model CEC Mock Resolutions**
 1. CEC3, Principal Andrew Sullivan and Anthony D'Auria of MS258 hosted and invited D3 middle school students to participate in a student run CEC. The D3 Model CEC was comprised of students from District 3 Middle Schools who presented their own researched and written resolutions:
 1. Mock Resolution on School Segregation and
 2. Mental Health Resolution
- ❖ **President's Report**
 1. Advocates for Children Letter was signed by CEC3. It calls for appropriate funding for students. CEC3 will continue to advocate and work with different organizations.
 2. The final D3 Greens Schools Committee meets next week. The co-presidents participated in a national program on outdoor teaching.
 3. Sat. there will be meeting with Class Size Matters & NYC Kids PAC on schools reopening.
 4. July 22nd is the next CEC Business & Calendar Meeting
- ❖ **Superintendent's Report** – Christine Loughlin
 1. Supt. Loughlin acknowledged the impact of CovID on inequities across districts. She addressed racial injustice in our black and brown communities and committed to having courageous conversation on how to move forward.
 2. Trauma & Pedagogy will be addressed in September when supporting resources should be available. Blended pedagogy is being proposed for September but she is uncertain of the logistics. 150,000 parents responded to the survey on teaching preferences and a survey for teachers is coming next week.
- ❖ **Public Comment**
 1. AS: Special congratulations for student presentation. We need their ideas to raise the educational system.
 2. H: Advocate for children but keep screening and full rigor. Screening does have to have more flexibility.

Pres. Watkins: The Model CEC wrote their own resolutions. It is the student voice and we adults did not have input.

3. NP: What principals are involved with D3 Green Schools? How do we get involved?
4. CJ: How will DOE budget cut impact children and schools? How is DOE looking at districts disproportionately affected by Covid?
 - i. Supt. Loughlin: We thought it would be 9% but the Chancellor has said it will be 3% per school for all schools. Student bodies generate money and we will keep an eye on them. There is \$10 million in program planning supporting our schools in re-entry.
 - ii. Pres. Watkins: Tying funding to a school based on enrollments is not fair and is not working
5. M: Considerations of option to brick and mortar learning?

Supt. Loughlin: We are looking at different scenarios. 2 platforms at present under consideration so teachers and administrations can access work done by students.
6. B: What are some of the big things you would do.

Supt. Loughlin: Eliminating racial predictability & disproportionality. We can look at data based on the color of skin, where that student will fall; screens contribute to that. There are systematic racial structures and practices. It is not about taking a student of color and mixing them with white students.

Member Liu: How do we fill the gap of disproportionality in schools? That is the question.

7. IG: CEC members, politician send their children to highly screened schools. Who is the program designed for?
8. IlaG: Removing screens is not the way to do it in the middle of your child's school
9. SdiM: If a child works hard how do they become equal with another (who doesn't). Concerned about remote learning
10. JD: There are not enough good schools. You need to push kids to do well, you are not preparing kids for the future if they don't have screens.
11. MS: Now is not the time to remove screens for highly motivated and academically inclined students. How is a 65% grade equal to 100%. Don't eliminate opportunity for highly achieving schools.
12. DK: Has there been any data on the first class benefitting from the Middle School Diversity Initiative? Why scrap all that, give yourself time to assess it.
13. LW: Now is not the time to remove screens.
14. M: Standardized measures are not a predictor of future success. Rigor is not the answer. Change has to start at some point.
15. GS: Supports screened admissions. Middle School Initiative involved graduated change, adding randomization on top of pandemic response is not the way.
16. CT: Irresponsible for agency of change to use pandemic and social movement as reason for change.
17. C: This is what implicit bias and racism look like. People who benefitted from the system can no longer benefit, that is what radical change means.
18. M: It is too much of a binary to say that people who want to continue screens are against black and brown kids. To dismantle successful schools does not answer the problem. Make funding more equitable.
19. NP: Troubled by implicit assumption about kids, I've met many parents who want to go on tours but are lacking access to many things.
20. KO'C: How can we help minority kids meet screens. To say they cannot meet them is not true. Ridding screens doesn't solve the problem, it means leaving these kids to fail.
21. V, CCELL: Removal of screens is not the answer. Solution for diversity is to advocate for more students.

❖ **Old Business ~ none**

❖ **New Business**

1. July 22 & Aug 12 CEC3 meeting dates were approved by the council
2. The NYPD Resolution that was passed by several CECs before CEC3, is read into the record.

Council is hopeful the resolution will help to streamline the process. Currently, there are two accountabilities, the NYPD and SSOs. Some of the Council raised concerns re

impact on student safety, that the resolution does not call for shifting responsibility to DOE. Motion to replace “officer” with “Agent” was passed.

3. Resolution on Equity and Access is read into the record.

Correct version of Resolution on Equity and Access is read into the record.

CEC3 member Morgan said resolution was created after many discussions on diversity & access over many months. The committee did not want to put forth a ‘moderate’ resolution for change. Several members of the Council see this resolution as a first attempt to address the system in its entirety. Other members feel there is a rush to vote on it and it needs more thought, that we have not taken the ‘pulse’ of the community to vote on it at this time as well as that the language of the resolution in regard to screens and what the CEC3 expects the DOE to do with this resolution In opposition, it was said that we are sustaining these policies by not dismantling them.

Motion is called to have a roll call vote on whether to table the roll call vote of the Equity & Access Resolution to next meeting. Seconded by M McCarthy and approved by all.

❖ **Liaison Reports ~ none**

❖ **Committee Reports** – Due to the late hour, members with committee reports will forward a written version of the committee report to the CEC3 AA.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. JB: Wants to be in a school system where her children experience different peoples. This time calls for leadership and is a time to take bold steps.
2. CT: Has an issue with the process. Feels like resolution was presented in such a way as to silent voices in opposition
3. IG: Resolution language to take into account other minorities and should call out other districts that give students preference.
4. H: You haven’t socialized this at all. You are trying to force feed this to us.
5. ML: D3 parents agrees with H. Who does the CEC represent. Get more feed back.
6. LL: Not every school is rigorous, not every school is good for every child, not all Asians support screens. What is bad about schools offering rigorous education?
7. AM: Keep screens until there are more good schools out there. Majority parents want screens. This is why charter schools are popular.
8. DK: Outrageous to ask CEC members who have not previewed this to vote on it. Vote should be adjourned
9. M: In support of screens. Does not feel represented by this resolution. Committee should have a better sense of how D3 parents feel.
10. NP: Many aspects of our educational system are problematic. We need to bring in the voices of more parents.
11. AM: Why let people digest this resolution? Let’s talk to people and schools.
12. CR: Why are you trying to force this into a vote this evening? It does not make sense?
13. V: The resolution does not seem thought out. Why aren’t we calling out the DOE?
14. JW: Disturbed with how this was distributed.
15. LLev: Objects to approach, the resolution is too broad.
16. C: Didn’t hear anything about screened schools.
17. DA, Co-Pres CEC30: Table vote and call Special Meeting three days from now.
18. JB: Resolution has broad strokes, it doesn’t say how they should be implemented
19. Dr. Elster: You are doing a disservice by throwing in the screening issue. You’ve found a way to give all students an active choice (MS Initiative), see if it works.

❖ **Roll Call Vote:**

1. **Resolution on NYPD – 9 Yes / 2 No / 0 Abstain**

- i. Resolution passed by a vote of 9 Yes and 2 No
K Berger Y / L Byrd Y / N Hasan Y / L Liu N / M McCarthy N / D Morgan Y /
S Ramudit Y / D Garrett Scott Y / A Sow Y / E Wright Y / K Watkins Y

2. **MOTION TO TABLE Roll Call Vote on Resolution on Equity & Access to next meeting
7 No / 4 Yes / 0 Abstain**

- i. Motion did not pass by a vote of 8 No delay and 3 Yes delay:
K Berger N / L Byrd N / N Hasan N / L Liu Y / M McCarthy Y / D Morgan N /

S Ramudit N/ D Garrett Scott N / A Sow Y / E Wright N / K Watkins Y.

3. Resolution on Equity & Access – 8 Yes / 3 No / 0 Abstain

i. Resolution passed by a vote of 8 Yes, 3 No, 0 Abstain

K Berger Y / L Byrd Y / N Hasan Y / L Liu N / M McCarthy N / D Morgan Y /

S Ramudit Y / D Garrett Scott Y / A Sow Y / E Wright Y / K Watkins N

❖ **Adjournment 12 Midnight**