



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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**Tues., Nov. 20th, 2018**

**Calendar Meeting**

**6:30 PM**

**PS 185, 20 W. 112 St.**

**Calendar Minutes**

*(Approved as edited at the January 23, 2019 CEC3 & CSD3 Presidents' Council Joint Calendar Meeting by all CEC3 council members present)*

❖ **Call to Order 6:40P**

❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Genisha Metcalf, Dennis Morgan, Jean Moreland, Sharmilee Ramuditi, Kim Watkins

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

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> CEC3 /CSD3 Joint Calendar Meeting Minutes were approved by all Council members present as edited with two type-os.

❖ **President's Report**

1. Success Academy Charter School is planning an expansion on the UWS. They have a renewal application for 300 additional high school seats. CEC3 is in opposition and urges people to work with their legislators to oppose renewal because no state legislator attended a recent hearing for approval of expansion.
2. UFT President Michael Mulgrew, at a dinner attended by Pres. Watkins, does not believe in the use of SHSAT as the sole measure for entrance to Special Ed High Schools. This has been the UFT stance for a long time.
3. CEC3 will be addressing recently received Capital Plan documents with the SCA, including the crumbling infrastructure of several D3 schools. PS165/MHII, PS166, Wadleigh and others.

❖ **Superintendent's Report**

- Facilities did a walk thru of 165/MHII. Deputy Chancellor Karin Goldmark, meeting with MFSC, SCA and Facilities. Are creating a clear action plan on what is the short term and what is the long term
- Introduction of George Georgilakis the new Interim Acting Principal at M075.
- Student Temporary Housing Coordinator (STH) - @ M076 and M145 are the schools in D3 that as a result of Chancellor Carranza's initiative to increase supports will hire a full-time community coordinator. These 2 schools were identified as having high numbers of students living in temporary housing, including students living in shelters and doubled-up accommodations.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Harlem Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for November 28<sup>th</sup> at PS 242 at 10:30 a.m.
- SIPP conference- updates  
Working on our Strategic Plan so that we will be invited to apply for Phase 2.  
Matt Gonzalez from Appleseed discussed potential next steps and increasing community engagement.

- Equity work- Office of Equity and Access- Dr. Fergus is working with the District Equity team on January 30<sup>th</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup>. Scheduling more dates for Implicit Bias training. 2 incubation schools will be M163 and M862 and M087 and M452 were also chosen and will be looking at school level disparity analyses.
- ❖ **DOE Office of District Planning Presentation** (*on file*), Jessica Meller & Reba Lichtenstein - The Office of District Planning, part of the DOE School Planning and Development, looks closely at school capacity, enrollment (K, K-5, 6-8, 9-12), overcrowding and under-enrollment in schools, demographics as to ELL, FRL and IEP, charter school space requests, and space allocation for new programs, changes to schools. They are governed by Chancellor's Reg. A-190. There are no consolidations planned for 2019- 2020
  - Council questioned the over (18 schools) and under (e.g. 452 in its present site) utilization of schools, high school consolidation (none planned) and capacity of various schools, i.e. Center School is at their capacity, the number of eligible high school seats in D3 was requested and will be forthcoming.
- ❖ **Harlem & El Barrio Educational Partnership & Harlem Visioning Presentation (HEB)** (*on file*), Fabayo McIntosh - Gordon – Superintendents of CSD3, 4, 5 and 6 were mandated by Chancellor Carranza with an initiative, the Harlem & El Barrio Educational Partnership, to strengthen and highlight community partnerships, rebuild relationships and trust with the DOE and to hear directly from the community. The goal is to generate increased interest and demand for high quality district schools by local Harlem and El Barrio families. Families of D3, 4, 5, & 6 will be sent/given and students back-packed, a survey to fill out and return in preparation for the four community conversations HEB will hold. Saturdays and evening The goal is to find out what parents want and need, e.g. which school wouldn't a parent send a child to. We need to have those conversations.
  - ~ Ms. McIntosh-Gordon will follow-up on The Dream Program to see if the Harlem Schools can be included.
  - Council discussion included lack of DOE transparency with regard to funding and the many funding streams, which make it hard for parents to make sense of it. In regard to HEB, what does parent 'engagement' really mean (response was that it looks different for different parents).
- ❖ **Public Comment** (was free-form, no one signed up and questions were taken ad hoc)
  1. DGS: Were several schools considered for middle school NEST program?
    - ~Supt. Altschul: Yes, there were walk-throughs of several schools.
  2. Patrick Joseph, Policy Expert, MBP: What is the time line for change? There needs to be some intense urgency. There is a prevalence of charter schools increasing their numbers, getting access to student information. We need to move from planning to action.
    - ~Ms. McIntosh-Gordon responded that they are in process of finding out what parents want and need and can move forward from there.
- ❖ **Contracts for Excellence (C4E) Presentation** (*on file*) Rosemary Tafaro, DOE Dept. Director of HR & Finance
  - Schools need to meet certain resources and initiatives to receive funds: Class size reduction, after school programs, teacher and principal quality initiatives, minimum high school structuring, full day preK and honor programs for ELLS. For Fiscal year '19, the total package is 531M = 348M Restricted Funds +183M Unrestricted Funds for Fair Student Funds. 348M, the largest category is Teacher Salaries. Schools are receiving the same allocations they received last year. For '18-'19 class size reduction is being targeted.
    - Council asked who is responsible for having an overview of all of the schools? We have schools that plainly don't have basic level of funding available? Who is responsible for looking at funding streams and reallocating funding streams?
      - ~ Ms. Tafaro said the utilization of the funding stream would fall to the superintendent and the principal since they are discretionary funds. Data

is gathered to show if progress has been made and if not, the principal can reallocate that funding.

❖ **Public Comment**

DGS: With NEST program, how can a school start one?

~ Supt. Altschul: A school must reach out to the Special Ed Office or the ELL office and they will see if there is a need for it.

DGS: Can there be SLT training in how to read the budget?

~ Supt. Altschul: We did SLT Roles and Responsibilities in Oct. and we can do follow up with Manhattan Field Support Center and Budget Office on training on how to read the budget.

❖ **New Business - none**

❖ **School Liaison Reports**

1. Kristen Berger reporting: 165/Mott Hall II building is in a bad state of repair, it is literally crumbling and has leaks. It makes it less competitive. At a meeting, the SCA committed doing some of the work. Facilities needs to do second half.

Supt. Altschul said she has requested a timeline for the work from the SCA and will be meeting with the point person tomorrow.

1.2 P.S. 242 Italian Dual Language Program was not included in the K handbook for 2019. They have applied for a grant from the MBP and will be able to print books

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Middle School Committee, Kristen Berger, Chair: Middle School Committee Meeting Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at Joan of Arc, 9am.

2. Charter School Committee, Mike McCarthy, Chair: Monday there will be another charter school hearing. Charter School Committee is working on composing a letter to SUNY addressing our ongoing concerns with ongoing expansion of charter schools in our district.

3. Equity & Excellence Committee, Dennis Morgan and Genisha Metcalf, Co-Chairs: Dec.18 is next meeting at Computer School, 6:30p. Dinner and a Socially Conscious Movie, screening episode 7 of America to Me. Dates have been posted for the Harlem Schools Summit Planning Sessions. First will be in Dec. at 185.

4. Sharmilee Ramudit reported on an internship in neuroscience and marine biology offered by BioBus

❖ 9:33p Motion is made to adjourn for Council Executive Session. Seconded by member Berger. 9:41p Council reconvenes.

❖ **Roll Call Vote**

1. CEC3 Candidate Election

1.1 The motion is called for the Council Roll Call Vote on election of new member.

1.2 Deirdre Garrett-Scott received 8 votes: K Berger, D Katz, L Liu, M McCarthy, G Metcalf, J Moreland, S Ramudit, K Watkins  
Kevin Garrelic received 1 vote: D Morgan  
Ilona Coleman received 0.

1.3 Deirdre Garrett-Scott was elected to CEC3

❖ **Adjournment 9:45p**