



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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Wednesday January 6, 2016

Business Meeting

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

MINUTES

Approved at February 3, 2016 CEC3 Business Meeting

❖ Meeting called to order at 6:50pm

❖ Roll Call of Members

Present: Nan Mead, Joe Fiordaliso, Zoe Foundotos, Kristen Berger, Daniel Katz Noah Gotbaum, Theresa Hammonds, P.J. Joshi, Lucas Liu and Kimberly Watkins. A quorum was present.

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

❖ Approval of Minutes

1. December 9, 2015 approved unanimously by all members present at time of vote
(*N Gotbaum and T Hammonds not present*)

❖ President's Report

- President Fiordaliso recognized, Gus Ibsen from Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal's office. G Ibsen requested that the council support L Rosenthal and other local elected officials in their letter to request that PS/ IS 342 be named after Madeline Polayes (a long time Upper West Side activist. Council agreed to raise it at the January 20th calendar meeting. *Letter on file*
- President Fiordaliso gives his apologies in advance that he cannot attend the January 20th Calendar Meeting, Vice President Mead agrees to preside at that meeting.

❖ Superintendent's Report

- Sadly the Superintendent shared the passing of two District 3 staff members: Margaret Marnier, Parent Coordinator of PS 87 passed away on December 30th and Andres Reyes, Guidance Counselor for 25 years at PS 145 passed away on December 26th

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

They both were much appreciated by their school community and will be remembered for their commitment and dedication.

- The Superintendent completed 18 PPO visits and Cynthia Dickman has completed 20 and have provided feedback to the principals.
- Level 1 has been conducted for M149. Level 1 for Wadleigh has been scheduled. Superintendent conducted the level II for PS 84, 9 and WESS.
- Kindergarten connect opened on December 7th and closes Jan 15th
- The Superintendent provided copies of the information sheet from the office of enrollment that will be shared with families who are zoned and applied to schools that historically have a waitlist: PS 199 and PS 87- *document on file*
- Pre K application opens on January 25th through March 4th
Manhattan information session is being held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016; 6-8pm JHS 167 Robert F. Wagner 200 East 76 Street
- DLT is holding a Title I training for core SLT members on January 12th at 4:30 p.m. at JOA
- DOE held stakeholder meeting at M191 and will be holding stakeholder meeting with M199 on Friday 1/22
- Equity and Excellence- Superintendent provided information sheet from DOE Council briefly looked at the goals and next steps
- As per CEC request, Superintendent distributed copies of **Quality Review Rubric**.- *document on file*

❖ Old Business

1. AA Transition Update-

- K Butler is ready to start unfortunately her start is still being worked through in Human Resources and the council hopes she will begin shortly.

2. ELL Member Candidate Update:

- Vincent Orgera in attendance, council members had opportunity to ask him basic questions. V Orgera attested to his passion for education and interest in becoming a council member.
- Council to vote on his appointment at January 20th Calendar Meeting

3. SCA Capital Budget Hearing Update-

- Council requested SCA at their January 20th Calendar meeting, SCA will not be able to attend until February as their Capital Budget has not been written yet.
- Secretary Berger to circulate letter requesting SCA to use every effort to open the new school building at Riverside South as soon as possible and aim for a September 2017 opening rather than the projected September 2018 opening. The council remains concerned that the WESS lease is renewed and extended shortly.

- Council to request SCA to present Capital Budget Hearing Update at February Meeting

4. PS 199 Stakeholder Meeting Update

- Meeting scheduled January 20th

5. PS 163 Noise Reduction

- PS 163 continues to pursue Introduction 420 for mitigation of construction noise around school buildings. They have currently secured a one year noise reduction around their school.

❖ New Business

1. DOE Stakeholder Meetings-

- Council 1st Vice President N Mead and Councilmember N. Gotbaum attended the Stakeholder Meeting for PS 191 on December 18 2015
- N Mead and N Gotbaum reported that the meeting was well attended by DOE staff, local elected officials, the school was represented by Principal Keville, 191 PTA President and Vice President as well as SLT co-chair & PreK teacher, S Blum.
- The first portion of the meeting was spent discussing the PDS and persistently negative perception of the school. There was agreement that this perception needs to be addresses and is not helped by ongoing negative press about the school.
- Although the 191 SLT expressed a preference for a paired school solution with 342, DOE does not support it. An alternative is a shared zone with 342. A super zone that would include 199 has been rejected by 199 SLT.
- DOE was asked by the electeds to come up with more funding for the school. Principal Keville is struggling to pay down debt accrued due to enrollment loss and servicing high needs students. She wants to hire more support staff and expand programming.
- There was consensus that simply moving the school to the new building, while a positive, was insufficient. Debt forgiveness was specifically requested.
- Follow Up items include:
 - Possible OORS data crunching to compare this year's numbers with last year's without violating FERPA;
 - Continued discussion of possible 342/191 shared zone, with or without controls;
 - the 199 meeting in January; continued feedback from 199 community;

- developing a marketing and PR strategy for 191 that includes targeted media and social media;
 - a possible second stakeholders' meeting with 191 (requested by one of the electeds);
 - more direct engagement from Amsterdam Houses to determine whether / how to split into 199 zone;
 - Olivia Ellis (Title I) to visit 191;
 - Continued discussion of a rezone to the south to shrink 199 zone;
 - Budgetary support discussions for 191 that include debt forgiveness (requested by one of the electeds).
- Superintendent Altschul commented that the district is working diligently with the administration and teachers on improving pedagogy.
 - N Mead and N Gotbaum to provide written notes for the next CEC Calendar meeting

2. Legislative Breakfast- 1/29 9- 11am at PS 242-

- Logistical issues reviewed: Venue, capacity, seating layout
- Some council members raised possibility of having school leadership assigned seating near their local elected officials to facilitate conversation. K Berger to invite Regents, Violet (CSD3 office) to make name badges. All will be happy to have new AA on board to help coordinate this event.

3. CEC3 2016 Policy Agenda

- The council would like to take a more proactive policy approach. It would be helpful to have council members develop a policy issue of two that they would like to see action on.
- Council member to report to next CEC meeting.
- Lobby day is coming up in March, council to stay abreast of the issues and see how or if it would like to be involved.

4. WESS Lease negotiations

City council member H Rosenthal is writing a letter calling for use of Eminent Domain to secure WESS lease. Council may write a similar letter- J Fiordaliso & N Gotbaum to pursue

5. FSF Budget Presentation Update

The presentation will be done at the February CEC3 meeting

6. School Safety and Protocols

- Council Member K Watkins discussed that the NYSED Student Support Service Department had released the incident report data (VADIR) for the

past school year. Council requested that CEC get a briefing on what protocols are in place for all of the schools.

- Superintendent Altschul explained that incident report data is discussed at schools' SLT and their Safety Meeting. Frank Jordan (Borough Safety Director) reviews all of the OORS reports monthly, schools concerned about incidents work with the Manhattan Field Center (Stephanie Saunders). The MFSC does walk throughs and visits to the schools to make sure that all safety protocols are in place.
- School Safety Committee- Superintendent Altschul confirmed that PTA president must be a member- It is expected to meet monthly and meeting attendance is uploaded onto OORS site. OORS data is to be shared at that meeting without identifying students.
- All principals & AP's were trained on OORS reporting over summer. Any school that has a concern has done 1:1 with the Borough Safety Director to make sure incidents are being reported accurately.
- This Friday, the Superintendent is hosting another district wide meeting with principals regarding OORS reporting. An overall goal is that there is evidence that a school is being proactive in addressing incidents
- Councilmember Watkins questioned if the reporting process is changing with the advent of ESSA as this specific reporting process was stipulated in NCLB. Superintendent Altschul was unsure.
- Council members questioned the supports that a school receives after hitting a threshold after the first year. Superintendent Altschul reassured the council that they work actively with those schools and they are highly monitored.
- Superintendent Altschul is checking to see if Frank Jordan (Borough Safety Officer) can come to the CEC January 20th meeting
- Council members Liu and Berger reported that a few parents in some schools are more concerned about catastrophic events

❖ Committee Reports

1. Health and Wellness- will get meeting date

2. Multi-Lingual

Councilmember L Liu reported: - Russian language program proposal is proceeding, L Liu remind multilingual committee that demand for program has to come from within the district.

Council member Liu is willing to look for schools that may have space but it is incumbent on those proposing the Russian language program to find the appeal Councilmember Liu has invited DOE to present at next ML committee meeting on requirements to introduce a language or dual language program

3. Diversity

First Vice President N Mead reported that the committee is currently tracking data which they are concerned is poorly presented on the Quality Snapshot

4. Zoning

- Treasurer K Watkins reported that the committee met in December. The subcommittees are now titled 'data subcommittee' and 'solutions subcommittee'
- "Data Subcommittee' met with DOE and received a large data cache to analyze and work with.
- Zoning Committee looking at putting together panel or information sessions on zoning options.
- PS 75 presented a letter to the committee that has been circulated and asks committee to take Controlled Choice for formal consideration
- Council Member Mead questioned why a panel on zoning solutions would include a three school solution when PS 199 has already stated that they would not want this configuration.
- Zoning committee is working on a survey or panel to find out what all constituents want.
- DOE did say they would like the zoning exercise to expand other schools potentially 87, 9 & 166.
- Council member Watkins attended FACE training on Zoning- noted that implementation for 2017 should be worked on by March 2016 at which point the CEC should have zone maps. The DOE is very interested in pursuing more aggressive changes and doing so earlier.
- Council member Hammonds raised the need to reference back to DOE wide diversity agenda
- Zoning committee to put together a "Zoning Glossary of Terms"

❖ **Liaison Reports**

- **PS 149**-Council Member K Watkins attended SLT meeting. The school has developed partnerships with the Yankees & Stamford University
- **Special Music School**- Council Member Liu did a walkthrough of the school with M Kraft (CCHS) and SCA to look at the ventilation system. The school is located in the basement, current HVAC system will not meet their needs. Councilmember Liu will put together letter and would like support to move it up list of priorities
- **PS 180** –J Fiordaliso reports the playground open!

❖ **Adjournment 9:35pm**