



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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Wednesday, May 11th, 2016

Business Meeting (6:30 PM)

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

Minutes

(Approved June 1st, 2016 Business Meeting)

❖ Call to Order 6:41

❖ Roll Call of Members

Present: Kristen Berger, Joe Fiordaliso, Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu, Vincent Orgera, Kimberly Watkins.
A quorum was met (6)

Excused Absence: Noah Gotbaum, Theresa Hammonds, PJ Joshi

Late: Zoe Foundotos arrived at 6:48 P.M.

❖ Approval of Minutes

1. April 11th, 2016 Business Meeting Minutes were approved by a consensus of all Council Members present at the time (6-0)

❖ President's Report

1. President Fiordaliso requested Council feedback on Council Resolution A-101 before the next Calendar meeting.

❖ Superintendent's Report

- 90% of all visits have been completed. 75/83 visits have been completed by the Superintendent and Cynthia Dickman PLF.
- Elementary and Middle School summer school begins on July 7th and ends on August 11th.
- Middle School admissions meeting for 4th grade families on Thursday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m. at PS 75
- Results of Lead testing in school's water supply – *embedded in New Business*
- Middle school admissions timing overview:
 - a. Elementary schools are finishing entering middle school appeals for families this week.
 - b. Middle schools will be reviewing their appeal applicants and conducting their evaluations (for screened schools) until May 25th.
 - c. Appeal results will be out by mid-June.
 - d. There are seats at M076, M149, M165, M180, M191, M247, M256, M415, M421, and M860 but things are still shifting with the appeals process still underway.

❖ Old Business

1. Testimony on City Council Hearing on Dyslexia

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.

Member K Berger testified on behalf of CEC3 before the City Council on Resolution 1027 asking NYC Mayor and NYS Governor to support a resolution at the state level calling on more training on dyslexia for teaching staff.

❖ **New Business** (5 minutes)

1. Year End Event June 15th 2016
 - a. Format – Proceed with basic format as in past
 - b. Awards – Council will think about doing Recognition Award honorees. Nominate someone who leads by example in the elected, principal, and parent category.
 - c. CSD3 Presidents’ Council elections are at 5:30. The Joint CEC3/CSD3 Calendar meeting will begin at 6:30. Childcare will be provided. . Remind liaison school PTAs to vote in the Presidents’ Council elections.
2. Results of Recent Lead Testing in Schools’ Water Supply
 - a. Opportunity Charter located in 241 had 6 incidents of elevated lead in tested water samples. Faucets are tested first thing in the morning after having been off for extended time, this takes place weekly. Testing started 2002. The Superintendent passed out letters (*on file*) to Council that went to all schools regarding lead testing in schools’ water supply. Superintendent Altschul will inquire further about 241 elevated samples. John Hession, new D3 Facilities Manager.
3. Middle School Placements
 - a. Member reports that parents were asking for the percentage of students who got their 1st, 2nd or 3rd middle school choice. Results will be out by summer. Superintendent Altschul believes percentage is about the same as last year, 70 +/- 1st choice, 85% combined for 1st and 2nd choice. Member reports that many students, whose first choice was Computer, didn’t get in and didn’t get it as an alternate either. The Superintendent doesn’t have the numbers but reports that it’s dependent on how the school was ranked; schools that fill with first and/or second choice are WESS, COMPUTER, 54 and MOTT Hall II, the most competitive. If you don’t get in as 1st choice you won’t get into other school as a second, and if you listed them as 3rd and 4th choice, they don’t even look. You will be placed in a school you did not list. A best student/school match is tried for. Then appeal process starts. Member’s liaison school, 87, had a large number of students who did not get into 1st choice Computer. Superintendent Altschul doesn’t think it’s more than usual. WESS had one less section. WESS has 90 seats this year compared to 145 seats in the past. WESS’ intake will remain at 3 sections going forward across all grades. Lot of seats at 6,149,165,180,191,247, 256, 415 Wadleigh, West Prep, 860 FDA II, 5 of which are K-8. President Fiordaliso requests middle school seating capacity data, present and historical, for last 2 years. Superintendent Altschul will comply when data is published.
4. Gifted and Talented Capacity
 - a. There is concern over the high number of qualifying scores, more than 300, for Gifted and Talented programs to the number of openings. Superintendent Altschul said that many children test with no intention of going. .The Chancellor is not looking to increase any K programs in G&T. The entry grade will be Grade-3. Kids can retest if they don’t get in in K. The Superintendent will get figures on what numbers applied and what numbers qualified and how they compare.
5. Letter/Resolution regarding D3 representation on Blue Book Working Group
 - a. Members N Mead & K Watkins reported that Blue Book Working Group numbers were recently revised. It’s unclear if District 3 was represented in revision discussions. Superintendent Altschul forwarded the numbers to SCA but got no answer. Deputy Chancellor Elizabeth Rose is working toward getting a better answer as to rational. CEC3 needs representation on the Blue Book Working Group. CEC3 has not been in touch with L Grillo, SCA, on this specific issue. CEC3 will draft letter to L Grillo re Blue Book CEC3 representation and review at next meeting. Pres. Fiordaliso will call L. Grillo and ask for a D3 person on Group. Capital Plan Due Tues. 6pm
6. Mayoral Control

- a. Mayor De Blasio and Chancellor Farina were in Albany to make case for an extension on mayoral control. The second hearing is Thurs., May 19 at 11AM at the Senate Office, 250 Broadway. Vote hasn't been scheduled yet. PTAs and Council should discuss if anyone wants to take specific position on its continuance or not.
Last time Mayoral Control was up for renewal the Mayor's office reached out to CECs for support for extension. They are asking for 7 years extension. Council questioning approval of long term extension. Member Katz notes that Albany exerts power and control over what can and cannot get done in NYC schools. If mayor is eliminated, Albany will probably exert more control. CPAC couldn't reach consensus on mayoral control. PEP has 6 mayoral appointees (13 which is 5 and 8). ECC Resolution on Mayoral Control will be recirculated to Council. Council will further discuss Mayoral Control.
7. July/Aug. Date for FY 16-17 Budget ratification
 - a. For next business meeting come up with draft FY 17 budget.
8. Scheduling for 2016-17 meetings
 - a. Pres. Fiordaliso and CEC3 Administrative Assistant Karen Butler will come up with draft meeting dates to avoid member conflicts.
 - b. Select dates for July/August CEC3 meeting.

❖ School Liaison Reports

1. WESS
 - a. Member would like Council support for drafting a CEC3 Letter supporting free lunch for all schools including not-eligible 6 – 12 schools of which WESS is one. Only stand-alone middle schools in District 3 are eligible for free lunch program. Computer, 54, Mott Hall II, West Prep. 256, 258, 247, 250. City Council is pushing for universal free lunch to come to every school. Council unanimously approves by quorum (6-0) drafting and sending of free lunch for all letter.

❖ Committee Reports

1. Middle School, Kristen Berger, Chair reporting: The next Middle School Committee meeting is Monday June 6th, 9am. Approved new mission statement. They generated an email to asking for more information on middle school application process for parents delineating certain points and making information more clear in middle school handbook. Asking for all tour dates to be published on same date. Suggestions asked for on how to do that for parents lacking online access because signup is done same way. Parent Coordinators are suggested as the information point. Setting aside slots for walk-in parents. Set aside slots for reduced lunch parents to call parent coordinator to register. .
2. Health and Wellness, T Hammond, Chair, absent. Member N Mead reports that Chair Hammond requested speaker for May 25th meeting.
3. High School Admissions, Zoe Foundotos, Chair, reporting: Friday, first task for Task Force meeting at MBP Gale Brewer's office. . Saturday, HS Admission Workshop for 7th Grade Families at PS 180 from 10 – 12noon. Stanley Ng on Specialized. HS, Michael Kraft on non-specialized HS, Elissa Stein, PTA co-President at Brooklyn Tech filling in on smaller details. Tutoring information, high school representatives attending.
4. Multi-Lingual, Lucas Liu, Chair, reporting: Russian Dual Language program has an event at Columbia Univ. Superintendent Altschul and Milady Baez will attend. They met with 191, they are talking to 145. Looking at other areas they can address that have lasting value.
5. Diversity, Nan Mead, Chair reporting: No meeting scheduled for May. Members Kim Watkins & Nan Mead are going to CB7 Educational Resource Fair.
6. Zoning, Kim Watkins, Chair reporting: Core members of Subcommittee on Data met April 21st to discuss exercise in zoning in 2017. Discussion with Sara Turchin, DOE Director of Planning, the Zoning meeting has been moved from the 5th to Monday, May 23rd 9 AM. Hope to get more understanding on scope of rezoning. Subcommittee feels strongly that by 2017 PS199 should be reduced to 5 K classes and proceed with rezoning to 191, expand that zone and potentially prepare the site and moving of the school. There is continued discussion of

various options that relate those parameters and other schools that might potentially be involved. They asked Sara Turchin to get last data on last 3 years of applicants first choice by school.

❖ **Adjournment 8:36 pm**

CEC3 Action Items

1. Joe will send letter to Council to think about honoree Elected, Principal and Parent for Year End Event
2. Joe will call L Grillo and ask for a D3 person to be in on Blue Book Working Group Discussions.
3. N Mead will draft letter to L Grillo requesting D3 representation on Blue Book Working Group revision discussions Review letter at next meeting
4. Recirculate ECC Resolution to Council
5. Karen will put ECC Reso discussion on next Business Mtg agenda June 1st.
6. Council will use Google Calendar to select July/Aug meeting date(s)
7. Joe and Karen will draft 16-17 CEC meeting dates
8. Kim and Karen will meet to review CEC FY 16-17 budget plan
9. Karen will circulate FY 16-17 budget to Council
10. Kim will draft Reso approving CEC3 FY16-17 Budget
11. N Mead will draft and circulate off-line a Free Lunch for all Middle Schools letter
12. Karen will add D3 School Capacity Data discussion to agenda once received

Superintendent Action Items

1. Inquire about 241 elevated lead samples
2. Superintendent will get figures on what numbers G&T applied and # qualified and how it compares and get data.