

DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL
Calendar Meeting

Wednesday August 19, 2015

8:45 P.M.

Joan of Arc Complex

154 W. 93rd St.

1. Meeting Called To Order – 9:53 P.M.

2. Roll Call

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

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

3. Approval of Minutes - The Council unanimously approved the minutes from the July 15, 2015 Calendar Meeting and the July 15, 2015 Annual Meeting. The Council accepted the June 17, 2015 Calendar Meeting Minutes in the record as only 4 members of the previous Council were present.

4. Public Comment

a. Mark Diller- CB7

- i. Suggested that the first notification to the P.S. 191 families regarding their status on the New York State's Persistently Dangerous Schools (PDS) list be a letter from the CEC3 about the situation.
- ii. Updated the Council on the Riverside Center School stating that 900 is the number of units in the first 2 buildings and that the new school is in the first building.
- iii. Announced that Participatory Budget is coming to CB6 and CB7. The first meeting will be on October 14th at the Riverside Branch Library. He suggested the CEC3 School Liaisons share this information with their schools.

b. Andrew Davis, PS 199 Waitlist Parent

- i. Asked that an additional kindergarten class be added to P.S. 199 to accommodate families on the waitlist.

c. Laura Schuller, PS 199 Waitlist Parent

- i. Asked that an additional class be added to P.S. 199 to accommodate waitlisted families.

d. Laurie Golub, P.S. 199 Waitlist Parent

- i. Asked why there has not been a push for rezoning, stating that CEC3 is as accountable as DOE. Her daughter is now 22 on the waitlist and has no school to attend in the fall which starts in 3 weeks.

e. Adam Murphy, PS 199 Waitlist Parent

- i. Suggested the renting annex space to accommodate students zoned to P.S. 199. And she suggested to move Anderson, a Citywide School, and to expand P.S. 452 to accommodate the overcrowding in the P.S. 199 Zone.

- f. Wendy Hetter, P.S. 199 PTA
 - i. Stated that the DOE should be held accountable for the overcrowding issue.
 - ii. She is advocating for families that are experiencing overcrowding and safety issues. Putting more students in P.S. 199 will adversely affect the quality of education at the school.
 - iii. She will submit a letter from the PS 199 PTA President for the CEC3 records.
 - g. Kasja Reaves, P.S. 191 Parent and PTA Officer
 - i. Spoke on the placement of P.S. 191 on the NYS PDS list. The goal is to have the school removed from the list,
 - ii. She expressed worry that the DOE is giving empty promises by not notifying parents about the designation and by the DOE offering P.S. 199 Waitlist Families seats at P.S. 199.
 - h. A parent raised the question why DOE sent out letters inviting P.S. 199 Waitlist Parents to P.S. 191 when the DOE knew about the PDS designation.
5. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20

Submitted by Mary Kane, Administrative Assistant, CEC 3