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CEC3 High School Admissions Committee Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2018, 6:30 PM
The Computer School, Rm 335
100 W. 77th Street

❖ *Attendance: Jean Moreland, CEC3 High School Admissions Committee Chair, Kim Watkins, CEC3 President, Kristen Berger, CEC3 Vice President, Sharmilee Ramudit, CEC3 Member, Caitlyn Letterii from Assembly member Rosenthal's office, and 9 community members*

1. Update on Current Admissions Cycle:

1. Applications due date extended until December 14th for 2019-20 school year. Offer timeline should not be impacted. Guidance counselors still have time to review.
2. Millennium changed its admissions to remove Manhattan priority at the second level. It continues to have priority to the neighborhood south of Houston, but after that will be city priority. This could affect D3 students as Brooklyn Millennium will still retain Brooklyn priority, and fills all of its seats that way. Now D3 and other Manhattan students will have to compete with the overflow from Brooklyn, along with other boroughs. This is an example of what's wrong with the admissions, changing admissions for a highly sought after school without notice, in the midst of the admissions cycle.
3. Disabled access priority: this year schools that are accessible will prioritize applicants with accessibility needs. Screened schools will continue to rank students, but highly ranked applicants with accessibility needs will get priority over other highly ranked applicants if the building is an accessible one.
4. Spoke to HS Superintendent Vivian Oren. She said the superintendents are not very involved in admissions discussions at all. In fact, she is not usually invited to meetings where admissions changes are discussed. They have more to do with the daily running of the high schools, the programming, the principal's concerns etc. If a principal wants to change their admissions policies or screening, they would make a proposal to the enrollment team. Enrollment would do simulations for them and help them, and ultimately approve or deny the changes. She is superintendent for some of the schools that have D2 priority and the principals have privately expressed a desire to get rid of it.

2. Follow up on Specialized HS Admission proposal

1. After offers are made to the 7%, and potentially all do not accept, what happens to those seats? Confirmed that these would go into the lottery portion for the rest of the seats. Other questions on our spreadsheet submitted to enrollment have not been returned yet.
2. Booker T will have a community meeting open to all D3 schools on December 11 to review the Mayor's proposal again. Hoping for DOE attendance, but not confirmed.
3. Sharon Just passed out copies of her letter, containing data on high schools with AP Stem classes that she would like the CEC and/or parents to sign on to and send to officials.

3. CEC3 Draft Resolution

1. Read through the draft resolution and committee members commented.
 - i. The city should either get rid of the admissions priorities in the other districts or give us the equivalent.
 - ii. Where are the seats that would replace the high level math and science that D3 students wouldn't have access to under the new proposal (drop in D3 offers to SH if 7% proposal enacted)
 - iii. Sharon Parker: School report cards are out, expanding some successful D3 schools would help. Manhattan Hunter Science (early college school), Frank McCourt (CUNY college now, progressive format), Special Music school