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CSD3 Presidents' Council & CEC3 Joint Calendar Meeting

Wed., Jan 23rd, 2019

6:30 PM

P.S. 452 - 210 W. 61st St.

Minutes

(Approved at the Feb. 13, 2019 CEC3 & CSD3 Presidents Council Joint Calendar Meeting by all Council present)

- ❖ Call to Order 6:42P
- ❖ **Roll Call of CEC3 Members** Kristen Berger, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Genisha Metcalf, Jean Moreland, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudith, Kim Watkins
Late: 6:47p Daniel Katz, Deirdre Garrett-Scott
DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, D3 Superintendent, DJ Sheppard, D3 Family Liaison Coordinator
- ❖ **Presidents' Council Roll Call** - quorum not met
- ❖ **CEC3 / Presidents' Council Joint Business**
Event Announcement: Screening tomorrow of 'America to Me' at MS 54
Harlem Schools Summit will take place Sat., April 6 at PS185
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes**
 1. Nov. 20th, 2018 Calendar Meeting minutes approved by all council members present.
 2. Dec. 12, 2018 Calendar Meeting minutes approved by all council members present
- ❖ **President's Report**
President Watkins stated that at the last meeting CEC3 verbally agreed not to pass a resolution on Mayoral Control. Gov. Cuomo announced at State of the State address that he would be working on a timeline for Mayoral Control. Suggestion was made to write a letter with points instead of a resolution. Member Ramudith volunteered to draft a statement.
- ❖ **Public Comment** - none
- ❖ **SCA Capital Plan Discussion** – Mike Mirisola, SCA, Steve Tuozzolo, SCA, John Hession, Director, Manhattan District Field Support
Council, with SCA and prior to SCA presentation, reviewed a spreadsheet of D3 schools and SCA past projects which Pres. Watkins compiled (*on file*). Discussion included
 - i. MS859 Special Music School ongoing ventilation problems. The SCA responded that there is nothing more they can do and short of totally renovating or finding a new location for the school the problem is not fixable. CEC3 859 Liaison Liu asked about possibility of moving school. Supt. Altschul responded that they have not had a request to move school.
 - ii. PS452 boiler upgrade is not on the list of SCA projects but SCA met with Principal Parker and they are looking to mobilize March/April.
 - iii. WESS cafeteria has been completed but they do not yet have gas service. Approval of the sprinkler system is needed first.

- iv. PS 87 boiler project in works. Window project is in design stage.
- v. O'Shea Complex – no boiler upgrade.
- vi. PS9 Library has been completed
- vii. PS166 has a maintenance issue, it is not SCA job
- viii. PS84 Roof Garden is in construction. Auditorium A/C is Reso A funded.
- ix. Joan of Arc exterior work is ongoing. Looking at end of 2019 for scaffolding to be removed.
- x. PS75 boiler upgrade is almost finished.
- xi. PS 163 TCUs have been removed. The Garden is complete
- xii. PS145 boiler upgrade will begin within one month once Con Ed inspects. Looking at March 1.
- xiii. PS165 has a temporary fix on the roof. Second job, asbestos abatement, will start in summers. Roof job is about 2 ½ year starting in spring. Demolition will begin in Summer
- xiv. PS241 Reso A funded playground removed and resurfaced
- xv. PS/IS 76 Reso A replacement of AstroTurf which was a tripping hazard
- xvi. PS185 lighting box in auditorium

❖ SCA Presentation (*on file*)

SCA presenters Mike Mirisola and Steve Tuozzolo, recapped the SCA PowerPoint presentation of the 5 year Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2024 looking at highlights of SCA work which included additional public school seats and capital improvements such as lighting fixtures replaced or boiler conversion projects. SCA does major capital improvements in NYC public schools. What is not funded by the SCA may be a Reso A funded project.

❖ Public Comment

1. SJ: A disabled child, male with a para-female, does child get taken to boys or girls bathroom? She suggested creating a gender neutral stall in bathrooms.
2. Question about disabled child having to go clear around the school to gain entry into the school building. SCA responded that they'd had an engineer look at the building and a ramp could not be built due to pitch height.
3. LK: Can you look at seats on a more granular level? SCA responded that you can look at middle school level by district.
4. MD, CB7: There are more schools in D3 than in CB7 which has 1/3 the number. D3 ranks below median for schools that are accessible; D3 is 16%, 50% would be equitable.
At least 2 schools are under threat of outside nearby construction, PS75 & PS163. The SCA offered their expertise to mitigate problems should construction be restarted.

❖ Superintendent's Report

- Principal Scott Parker and PS 452 were recognized and honored as a Blackboard School
- PS76 has been designated a CSI School (Comprehensive Support and Improvement School). The Superintendent completed day 2 of the State Integrated Intervention Team Review IIT visit.
PS 76- Comprehensive Support and Improvement School
 - This designation is based on the performance of All Students in the school on the 2017-2018 State Tests and the designation lasts for 3 years.
 - There are up to 5 ways that in which an elementary/middle school can be identified as a CSI School, all of which look at performance and short term growth (1 year) first and then see if there are other issues with long term growth, or absenteeism.
 - For PS 76, it ended up on the list for poor student performance in ELA and Math, high chronic absenteeism, and poor long term student growth (All Level 1 out of 4). In short term growth the school was ranked at a level 2 (out of 4). This means that there was better growth for students when comparing the 2018 test to the 2017 test, but over a longer period the student progress is not as great. In addition, the school has a high number of students who miss more than 10% of instructional time. Overall, performance of all students on the 2018 State Tests ranked in the bottom 5% of all schools in the State.

As a Result:

- The School will undergo a Comprehensive Diagnostic Needs Assessment (happening now)
- Develop an Annual plan
- Provide professional development connected to the plan

- Conduct an annual review of the plan
- Conduct surveys of parents, teachers, and students to get feedback on the plan.
- The school will be eligible for supplemental allocations of resources from NY State, but not guaranteed.

Target Support and Improvement School

- D3 has no schools currently identified as TSI schools, but this designation is based on poor performance of a subgroup
 - Council asked for an update but *recording quality too poor at this point due to room acoustics. It was unclear what update Council wanted from Supt. Altschul*)
- Wednesday, Jan. 16 the Superintendent met with First Deputy Chancellor Cheryl Watson Harris and Executive Superintendent Marisol Rosales and shared the work we have been doing. They were very impressed with the collaborations between the Superintendents and the CECs across Manhattan. Executive Superintendent Rosales shared the Chancellor's goals and her goals. One initiative is that through a collaborative effort with the Manhattan Borough Office and the District Office, Instruction Rounds will be conducted at 2 schools –PS76 and PS149 around the schools' problem of practice.
- Kindergarten interest in the Dual Language Italian Program at 242 has increased with overwhelming interest.
- The pre-K application will open in early February, and the deadline for families to submit their application is March 15.
- Equity Workshops for 4 Parents from each school with the Center for Racial Justice in Education
 - January 29th 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. (Lafayette Academy) and 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Community Action)
 - January 30th 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. (PS 242) and 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. (PS/IS 149)

❖ Old Business

1. The High School Admissions Resolution (*on file*) was re-presented after being reworked and edited from last month's presentation. The resolution is read into the record.
 - Council weighed in on the resolution with several council members being conflicted, remarking that the issue of admissions must be addressed but being hesitant about 'grouping' issues, feeling that some of the 'asks' in the resolution are 'stand-alone' items, that grouping these items into a resolution dilutes the focus.

❖ New Business ~ none

❖ School Liaison Reports

1. MS258, Liaison S Ramudit – ongoing discussions about segregation and Jim Crow after study of 'To Kill A Mockingbird.'

❖ Committee Reports

1. Charter School Committee, M McCarthy, Chair: Next meeting Feb. 4 at PS180 at 6:30 pm
SUNY received an application for KIPP Charter School but it has not been approved yet and KIPP has not indicated its' specific location in D3.
Charters get their student lists from the City of New York which provides them directory information.
'High Flyer' Charter schools are allowed to seek renewals wells in advance of their renewal expiration date. Revision to a charter can happen as often as they want.
2. Equity & Excellence – Harlem Summit Planning session Wed., Feb. 6 at. PS 242 at 6:30pm

❖ Public Comment

1. MC: How much information does CEC gather from PTAs? I would have liked to see the resolution with more parent input.
2. JK: The Resolution is diplomatic re SHSAT and brings to the table critical concepts. He objects to Mayor's proposal.
3. HG: You don't know what your constituents believe (*with respect to resolution*)
4. CG: These questions were previously raised in the High School Admissions Committee meeting.
5. AG: Time is universal, opportunity is not. The resolution is thoughtfully done and addresses more than specialized high Schools.

❖ Roll Call Vote

1. The motion is called by Council President for the roll call vote on the High School Admissions Resolution
2. The motion is seconded
3. Roll Call Vote:
D Katz, Yes; L Liu, Yes; M McCarthy, Yes; Jean Moreland, Yes; K Watkins, Yes.
K Berger, No; G Metcalf, No; D Morgan, No; S Ramudit, No; D Garrett-Scott, No.
(5 Yes, 5 No, 0 Abstain)
4. The resolution does not pass.

❖ Adjournment 10:08P