



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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*District 3 Community Superintendent*

## DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL Calendar Meeting MINUTES

Wednesday July 15, 2015

7:00 PM

Joan of Arc Complex  
154 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St.

**Unanimously Approved by the Council Members Present (10-0)  
at the August 19, 2015 Calendar Meeting**

### 1. Meeting Called To Order –7:45 P.M.

### 2. Roll Call

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

**Excused Absence:** Theresa Hammonds

**DOE Staff:** DJ Sheppard, District 3 Family Advocate

### 3. Introduction of New Officers

- a. Joseph Fiordaliso, the newly elected CEC3 President for 2013-2015 introduced the newly elected officers and welcomed the new council members :

President: Joseph Fiordaliso

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Nan Mead

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Zoe Foundotos

Secretary: Kristen Berger

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### 4. Council Business

- a. **CEC3 Strategic Planning 2015-2017 Discussion** (Handout on File)

- i. Council Members were asked to review the 2013-2015 Strategic plan.  
ii. The Council decided to place the Strategic Plan on the August agenda for further discussion.

- b. **CEC3 FY 16 Budget Resolution** (Handout on File)

The CEC3 Resolution to adopt the proposed CEC3 Budget for 2015-16 was read into the record by the CEC3 President Joseph Fiordaliso.

- c. **Draft Resolution on Elementary School Overcrowding in District 3** (Handout on File)

- i. Noah read the edits to the resolve and the Council discussed.

### 5. Liaison Reports

- a. P.S. 75
  - i. Council Member Foundotos reported that P.S. 75 is facing major construction across from P.S. 75 (Williams at 720 WEA and 711 WEA) Challenges must be filed by early .
  - ii. Per the PTA President, the school is considering negotiating with developers to get concessions for the school.
  - iii. The question of the Council writing a letter of support for P.S. 75 was raised.
  - iv. CP Fiordaliso added that Council already passed a resolution in support of Council Member Levine’s legislation
- b. P.S. 166
  - i. Council Member Gotbaum reported that the 89<sup>th</sup> Street Playground is mired in a lawsuit with Landmark’s West joining the suit.
  - ii. The suggestion was made for the Council to pass a resolution in support of P.S. 166.

## 6. Public Comment

- i. Joli Golden, Anderson Parent
  - 1. Spoke in support of Anderson as a District 3 school and expressed concern regarding the suggestion of removing citywide schools from District 3 at the June CEC3 Meeting. She expressed relief that the language was removed from the Overcrowding Resolution.
- ii. Josephine Kuo, Anderson Parent
  - 1. Spoke in favor of Anderson remaining in its present location
- iii. Delia, Anderson Parent
  - 1. Spoke in favor of Anderson remaining in its present location
- iv. Bo Wen, Anderson Parent
  - 1. Expressed concern that Anderson was going to be moved from District 3.
    - a. The Council stated that there are no plans to move
- v. Christina Kang, Anderson Parent
  - 1. Expressed surprised that language was presented at the June CEC3 meeting to remove Anderson, a citywide school, from district 3. And expressed relief that the wording has been removed from the resolution. Expressed that school also suffers from overcrowding limiting the number of classes across the grade.
- vi. Kai Shen, Anderson Parent
  - 1. Spoke in support of Anderson as a District 3 School.
- vii. Elliot Bergson, Anderson Parent
  - 1. A large population of Anderson students is District 3 kids. Anderson belongs in District 3 and is a part of District 3. He raised the point that Anderson needs support of the Council.
- viii. Ira Mitchneck, P.S. 9 parent
  - 1. There are many different solutions to solving overcrowding.
- ix. Teresa Arboleda, CCELL

1. Remarked that when she was on the CEC3 there was an Anderson parent on the Council.
  2. She thanked the Council for including the wording in resolution that refers to District 3 as most diverse and most segregated district.
  3. She noted that the Chair of Multilingual Committee does not need to be the ELL Member of the CEC3. And she offered her assistance.
- x. Stephanie Kaufman, Anderson Parent
1. Spoke on the history of the Anderson when it was moved from P.S. 9 Building into O'Shea Building.
  2. She stated that moving Anderson will not solve the overcrowding issue.
- xi. Hernando Cortina, Anderson Parent
1. Spoke in support of Anderson staying in District 3.
- xii. Deborah Lopez, Anderson Parent
1. Involved District 3 Parent spoke against wasting energies on fighting to remove Anderson from its location in the District.
- xiii. Diane Heath, Anderson Parent
1. Spoke to overcrowding at Anderson and the numbers of students wanting to get in. Class sizes are increasing.
  2. She expressed Disconcert that Anderson's needs were not being taken into account when discussing overcrowding.
- xiv. Eric Shuffler, P.S. 199 Parent & WESS Parent
1. Remarked that moving Charter Schools and asking for space studies will not help overcrowding in the lower portion of district.
  2. He expressed the need for the Council to get to the next level beyond rhetoric or bashing charters in order to solve overcrowding issue.

**7. Vote on Resolution**

- a. The Council Members present at the meeting voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the CEC3 Resolution to adopt the proposed CEC3 budget for 2015-16.
- b. The Council Members present at the meeting voted unanimously (9-0) to approve the CEC3 Resolution on Elementary School Overcrowding in District 3.

**The Calendar Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 P.M.**

*Submitted by Mary Kane, Administrative Assistant, CEC 3*