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DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL

Calendar Meeting

CALENDAR MINUTES

Wed. April 26, 2017

6:30 PM

P.S. 199 – 270 W. 70 St., 10023

(Approved at the May 10, 2017 Business & Calendar Meeting by all Council member present)

❖ **Meeting Called To Order - 7:02 P.M.**

❖ **Roll Call of Members:**

Present: Kristen Berger, Manuel Casanova, Lucas Liu, Dennis Morgan, Vincent Orgera, Kim Watkins, Declan Saint-Onge, student member. A quorum was reached (6)

Late: Joe Fiordaliso 7:20 P.M. The meeting was chaired by Kim Watkins, 1st VP until 7:43 PM

Excused Absence: Daniel Katz, Dennis Morgan

Absent: Noah Gotbaum

DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, District 3 Superintendent

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. March 22, 2017 Joint Calendar Meeting Minutes were approved by all members present at the time of the vote. (6)

❖ **President's Report.**

1. 1st VP Kim Watkins introduced the motion to move Public Comment from its' present position on the agenda to after Committee Reports and before Liaison Reports. The motion carries.
2. Congratulations were offered to CSD3 Superintendent Altschul and Ira Mitchneck of Presidents' Council on the successful Science Fair.

❖ **Superintendent's Report**

1. Welcome Back to DJ
2. Carland Washington, Principal of West Prep Academy was honored at the 2017 Wellness in the Schools Annual Gala for his "outstanding work promoting health and wellness."
3. The Superintendent and her PLF Cynthia Dickman, have conducted a total of 67 school visits. 8 remaining visits.
4. Next year opening G and T class at PS 191 in grade 3 The process is that students who attend school or live in D3 received a letter if their grades for 1st and 2nd grade are consistent level 3 and 4 grades. Parents have until Friday to indicate if they are interested. If so, current grade 2 teacher will need to complete the application. Central will make the offers to the students and there will be a waitlist if more students are eligible and interested. *(Shared timeline on file)*
 - As of yesterday 57 applicants (16 students attending out of district schools but live in D3) received letters. Decisions will be communicated to families' mid-June.
 - They will be using TERC math program which is designed and sequenced to promote a deep understanding of mathematics.
 - For literacy, students will be engaged in reading and writing in a variety of genres. Students will engage in the writing process including drafting, revising, editing, and

publishing. Students will participate in book talks to deepen their thinking aligned with the Common Core Standards.

- Science and Social studies curriculum will provide students with hands-on opportunities and delve into inquiry studies.
- Students will participate in the arts and technology to enhance their learning across curricula areas.

5. Save the Date: Art Fair May 24th and 25th

6. May Parent Teacher Conferences: May 3- HS, May 17- Elem, May 18- MS

7. Summer School will run from July 5th to August 10th from 8:30-2:30 p.m. M163, M076, M054, M088 (Wadleigh and FDA II)

8. State Testing Math May 2, 3, 4

9. MS 256 name change to Lafayette Academy has been approved.

10. PS/IS 191 name change to Riverside School for Makers and Artists has been approved.

11. Rezoning Transfer Process – closed on April 7th. Families will receive notification early May if applied to the enrollment center.

12. PreK offers went out April 20th and families have until May 9th to accept and register. Second round opened on March 27th and is open until May 9th. Families will receive their offers in mid-June. (need information)

13. Offers are made in priority order:

- The PreK offers mirror the K priority structure for zoned district schools this year. However, that doesn't mean that no children will be placed out of district; it does mean we evaluated applications on the same priority basis for pre-K as for Kindergarten.

14. In general:

- *Criteria used for ranking students according to their selections*

Applicants receive priority at a program based on the following priority list by program type:

Zoned District Schools:

1. Students residing in the zone, who will have a sibling at the school in grades K-5 in September 2017.
2. Students residing in the zone, who do not have a sibling at the school.
3. Students residing in the district, who will have a sibling at the school.
4. Students residing outside the district, who will have a sibling at the school.
5. Students residing in the district, who do not have a sibling at the school.
6. Students residing outside the district, who do not have a sibling at the school.

- Every application, regardless of the applicant's priority or school type, is processed with the goal of a first choice offer. If placement is not possible (because of the number and priority of other applicants) at the first choice, we will attempt placement at the second choice and so on. If we are not able to place the family at any of the choices on their application, we give that family an offer to the closest possible program with an available seat.
- Additionally, offers are random within priority, such that if a program has filled seats with all priority 1 applicants and the number of priority 2 applicants is higher than the number of remaining seats, offers will be assigned randomly within priority group 2, with all families from priority group 2 that do not receive an offer being placed on the waitlist in front of all applicants from priority group 3.

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Zip Code	Total Apps	% Receiving Top 3 Choice
10023	235	62%
10024	246	52%
10025	358	70%

	Number of sections	# Seats
P.S. 9 Sarah Anderson (10024)	1	18
P.S. 76 A. Philip Randolph (10027)	2	36
P.S. 84 Lillian Weber (10025)	3 (up one – could add another)	54
P.S. 87 William Sherman (10024)	1	18
P.S. 145, The Bloomingdale School (10025)	3	54
P.S. 149 Sojourner Truth (10026)	2	36
P.S. 163 Alfred E. Smith (10025)	2 (SCIS)	36
P.S. 165 Robert E. Simon (10025)	2	36
P.S. 180 Hugo Newman (10027)	4	72
P.S. 185 - The Early Childhood Discovery and Design Magnet School (10026)	4 (SCIS)	72
P.S. 191 Amsterdam (10023)	4	72
P.S. 242 - The Young Diplomats Magnet Academy (10027)	1	18
P.S. 452 (10023)	3	54
Total	32	576

- The Superintendent will speak to PreK Enrollment regarding how many families are getting a seat outside of the district and report to Council.

15. Held stakeholder meeting today, April 26th, had a good discussion around thinking for Harlem and next steps. District Planning will present an overview at a CEC meeting in June to the community.

Council discussion and questions:

- In response to Council query re Kindergarten enrollment and wait lists, Superintendent Altschul, while not in receipt at the moment of the exact lists, responded:
 - PS 87 is working through their waitlist
 - PS 9 still has a waitlist. Last year they had 170 students on the waitlist of whom 97 attended.
 - PS 199 waitlist is minimal
 - PS 84 is setting up tours for families zoned for PS 9
- In response to Council query on PS 452 transfer numbers, Superintendent Altschul said she would have that information at the next Council meeting. Parents will be receiving their letters first week in May.
- Council would like a follow-up on Middle School admissions numbers,
- In response to Council query on the planned Library for the second floor of the O'Shea building, Superintendent Altschul responded that the principals of Computer and Dual Language Middle Schools are aware of it and are working on it.
- Council commented that the State and City still have not released enrollment numbers. Superintendent Altschul responded that her office checks daily.

❖ **Old Business**

- 2nd VP Vacancy
 - The nomination of Council Member Manuel Casanova to fill Zoe Foundotos vacant seat of 2nd Vice Present is formally put on the table by President Fiordaliso.

❖ **New Business**

- Resolution in Support of the Campaign for Educational Equity Campaign for NYC Families' Educational Rights (*on file*)
 - The Resolution was read into the record
- Resolution Calling for Streamlined Process for CEC Member Reimbursement (*on file*)
 - The amended Resolution was read into the record

❖ **Public Comment** – none

❖ Committee Reports

1. Middle School Committee, K Berger Chair:
 - There will be a Middle School Committee Meeting tomorrow at Joan of Arc at 6:30 in the cafeteria. It is a planning meeting for the Middle School Diversity Symposium on May 11. There will be four speakers representing schools or districts that have actively worked to integrate their schools. The moderator is a journalist from Chalkbeat
 - We are planning the second High School Admissions Workshops.
 - i. June 3rd for 6th graders
 - ii. June 10th for 7th graders
 - Chair Berger will be attending MBP Gale Brewer's High School Admission Task Force.
2. Multilingual Committee, L Liu, Chair:
 - There will be a committee meeting May 2 at PS 75 at 6:30 PM
3. Zoning Committee, K Watkins, Chair:
 - They are working on a compilation of Harlem Summit activities
 - Chair Watkins and Michael Kraft are taking the Advocacy Toolkit Workshop to PS 180 in May, no firm date has been set. They will also be doing "mini summits" in the Harlem community.
 - They are scheduling an event at the Jewish Community Center on 118th St. to target nursery school families.
 - Committee Meeting on May 31st to talk about these issues to produce a review that will probably be presented at the CEC June meeting
4. Charter Schools, K Watkins reporting:
 - Member Watkins informs the Council she will miss tomorrow's Middle School meeting because she will be presenting at the NAACP hearing on A Moratorium on Charter School Expansion at Harlem Hospital. She is presently working with NYS Regent Nan Mead and the DOE Charter School Office. Because Opportunity Charter truncation of middle school is on hold; Success Academy Harlem 4 space for 9-12 grade expansion is a concern as well.
 - President Fiordaliso references the letter CEC3 sent to the Chancellor protesting the charter renewal for Success Charter School. A response was received from the Charter School Office that they are interested in working with the CEC. The CEC3 will set up a meeting with the Charter School Office, perhaps inviting them to attend the May 10 meeting.

• Liaison Reports

1. PS 452
 - PS 452 Liaison, J Fiordaliso reports on ongoing discussions regarding busing options. Making certain it is available. Pickup times for bus are still in question and he is working with Jill Gabin on transition commitment for 452.
2. PS 180
 - PS 180 is having a Fair F.E.S.T. Saturday, April 29. From 10A – 2P
3. CEC3 Liaison Reassignment
 - The reassignment of liaison schools of resigned Council member Zoe Foundotos:
 - PS 75 – Vincent Orgera
 - PS 165 – Lucas Liu
 - PS 241 – Kim Watkins
 - MS 862 – Kristen Berger

❖ Roll Call Vote

1. Resolution in Support of the Campaign for Educational Equity Campaign for NYC Families' Educational Rights

- Motion is made to approve the resolution and seconded.
 - Resolution is approved unanimously by all Council members present at the time of the vote (7): Berger-yes, Casanova-yes, Fiordaliso-yes, Joshi-yes, Liu-yes, Orgera-yes, Watkins-yes
 - The motion carries
2. Resolution Calling for a Streamlined Process for CEC Member Reimbursement
- Motion is made to approve the resolution and seconded.
 - Resolution is approved unanimously by all Council members present at the time of the vote (7): Berger-yes, Casanova-yes, Fiordaliso-yes, Joshi-yes, Liu-yes, Orgera-yes, Watkins-yes
 - The motion carries
3. On the nomination of Manuel Casanova as 2nd Vice President of Community Education Council 3
- The motion is made to approved the nomination and seconded
 - The motion carries by unanimous approval of all Council members present at the time of the vote (7):): Berger-yes, Casanova-yes, Fiordaliso-yes, Joshi-yes, Liu-yes, Orgera-yes, Watkins-yes

❖ **Adjournment 8:10 P.M.**