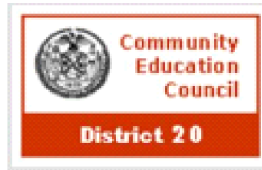


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Community Education Council District 20

October Calendar Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Steve Stowe, Li Ping Jiang, Maya Rozenblat, Joyce Xie, Kevin Zhao, Jennifer Hu, Vito LaBella, Jona Isufi

Excused: Elizabeth Chan, Marie Brugueras

Unexcused: Ghada Amin

Guests: Jamie Dollinger & Perry Stein, Office of District Planning; Donovan Swanson - Borough President Office, Sergey Chuprik - Comptroller Office, District 20 Superintendent Dr. David Pretto, Family Leadership Coordinator Bill Chin, Family Support Coordinator Sylwia Jasinski,, CSA Representative Lisa Fung-Fernandes

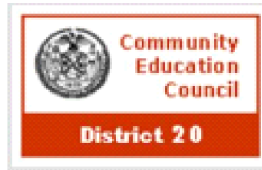
I. Meeting Called to Order: Steve Stowe, President

a. Roll Call: Vito LaBella, Recording Secretary

II. New Business

- a. Report of Office of District Planning:** Jamie Dollinger and Perry Stein from the ODP presented the data overview and supplemental materials for District 20. Enrollment is declining with elementary schools showing the fastest rate. Most families left the City. In terms of other alternatives in the City, D20 retention rates for ES are high and MS relatively high. Elementary schools are still overcapacity but this should reduce by 2024 when new capacity opens. MS capacity is now balanced. In the next 6 months or so, they will start the process of programming for the new Middle School scheduled to open on 86th street in 2024. ODP is waiting to see how the new Class Size Law will be implemented before they consider further analysis. No updates on the site at the former Santandar Bank site on 5th Ave. ELL students drop off significantly in MS from ES. Discussion with Superintendent on the challenges of finding qualified MS bilingual teachers. Travel distance to MS in the District discussed. ODP presented data showing the percentage of students at zoned schools that lived less than and more than a mile from their MS.
- b. Report of Superintendent Dr. David Pretto -** ELA and Math State test scores presented. District 20 is 4th in the City in both categories. ELA improved at the highest rate of increase in the City. Math dropped 7%, comparable to other Districts. Following a literacy push, the District is shifting more focus to Math. Specifically training of Assistant Principals, AP's visiting and sharing instructional ideas among schools and utilizing "Principles to Action: Ensuring Mathematical Success for All". Regents test results were shared showing slight declines from pre-pandemic but generally good results for District 20. Summarized his listening tours - key themes he heard from parents were safety (primarily issues around the schools, not inside), after school programming and rigorous /

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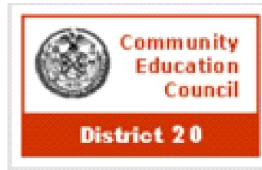
accelerated programming. Superintendent shared the process of deciding which Middle Schools would reinstitute academic screens. He is asking MS to share the rationale for a screen and that it should include programming in all 3 years, not just 8th grade. Schools must submit their recommendations to him and he will decide by October 18th. MS Admissions opens on October 26th. Finally he updated on the proposed change to the grading policy in District 20. The previous formula was 45% exams, 30% class participation and 25% homework / projects. The proposal he is making would shift this to 45% exams, 25% classroom assignments, 25% projects (distinguished from classroom assignments by multi-day nature, among other things) and 5% homework.

- c. **President Steve Stowe** - the proposed by-law reform will not be voted on
- d. **Public speaking** - members of the public spoke on various topics including advocating for tutoring to help students make up learning loss, school funding cuts, D75 programs need more funding, asked for updates on dyslexia screener, mandatory D75 member will be added to CEC's next term, need to expand equity inclusion programs, many schools don't have funding for therapists and ICT's, exams don't always capture a student's true ability, need more representation of IEP interests on CEC, remove lottery from admissions and Bring back state test scores.
- e. **Resolutions** - Council discussed and voted on 1 resolution.
 - a. Vote on Middle School Screens Resolution
 - i. Stowe - Yes
 - ii. Hu - Abstain
 - iii. Chan - Excused
 - iv. Brugueras - Excused
 - v. Zhao - Yes
 - vi. Jiang - Yes
 - vii. Xie - Yes
 - viii. Rozenblatt - Did not respond when asked for vote
 - ix. Amin - Unexcused
 - x. Isufi - Yes
 - xi. LaBella - Yes

III. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn-Steve Stowe, Second: Vito LaBella
 - 1. All in favor

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b. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

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Submitted by Steve Stowe, President