



Community Education Council District 20

June Calendar Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

Present: Steve Stowe, Joyce Xie, Yanqing Chen, Meifang Chen, Tamara Stern, John Ricottone, Wenming Chen, Kevin Zhao, Fabiola Mendieta-Cuapio, Sabrina Mcnamara

Excused: Maya Rozenblat

Unexcused:

I. Meeting Called to Order: Steve Stowe, President

II. Roll Call: Joyce Xie, Recording Secretary

III. New Business

a. Opening Remarks

President Stowe opened the meeting and introduced DOE staff and state officials present at the meeting.

b. Public Speaking Session

Senator Iwen Chu discussed her office initiatives to secure more funding for schools in her district and bills around e-bike safety. A member from the public discussed the lack of representation D75 students are facing in their schools. A representative from Council Member Zhuang shared the recent efforts from Zhuang's office to secure more funding for schools.

c. Office of District Planning

Each Year, ODP shares and reviews district planning information with each CEC to identify key planning needs and priorities. This data is used to inform the district planning process, including enrollment, demographics, and capacity. Since the 2018-2019 school year, total enrollment declined by 10% in District 20 schools. Despite this enrollment decline, 30 of the 54 of the buildings in D20 remain over-utilized. Four new school buildings that open in the 2024-2025 school year, which will add 1,500 seats in District 20. Council members asked questions regarding D75 seats, impact from immigration, possible reasoning of students leaving NYCPS, tracking enrollment and discharges, expansion of ASD programs, and more

d. Report from Superintendent Pretto

Dr. Pretto addressed concerns from a council member regarding transportation, bussing, and parking. Department of Transportation (DOT), manages parking designation for DOE employees. Regarding bussing, there are instructions in place to ensure safety procedures when students enter and exit buses.

Dr. Pretto introduced the [District 20 Newsletter](#), a new means to communicate with the community and to highlight the work being done in District 20. Dr. Pretto also discussed the prioritization of Chancellors Priority 2 - All Students Will Be Physically and Emotionally Safe for the 2024-25 School Year. An action plan will be presented in a future meeting once it is finalized. This will include initiatives to bring students, staff, and parents from all schools together to engage in culture education and celebration.

Discussions were held around Summer Rising, Safety Plans, and the loss of funding for the afterschool program NIA. The NIA afterschool program lost its state funding and will now be doing a paid per student model. Therefore, some schools have lost their after school programs.

IV. Old Business - Approval of the June 2024 Calendar Minutes

Calendar Meeting Minutes Approval Postponed to August Meeting

V. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn - John Ricottone, Second: Joyce Xie

I. All in favor

b. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

The full meeting recording is available here: [YouTube](#)

The Complete written Transcript is available here: [Transcript](#)

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