



Community Education Council District 20

May Calendar Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 8th, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

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

Excused:

Unexcused: Elizabeth Chan

I. Meeting Called to Order: Steve Stowe, President

II. Roll Call: Joyce Xie, Recording Secretary

III. New Business

a. Opening Remarks

Principal Ruth welcomed all attendees to the meeting and the in-person attendees to her school. Students gave a presentation about healthy eating habits, cleaner environmental practices, and overall healthy living.

Public Speaking Session

- A representative provided community updates on behalf of Council Member Aviles, including the Department of Transportation (DOT) initiative to redesign the truck route network to enhance safety, visibility and traffic congestion. The public feedback portal is now open.

b. Report of Superintendent

Summer Rising Update - The director of the Summer Rising program Angela Faloy, provided an overview of this program including transportation, K-8 academic model and Community Based Organizations programming, and statistics related to District 20. SR is a partnership between NYC Public schools and Department of Youth and Community Development to provide free programming to students in grades K through 8. Students from both public and private schools are eligible to apply. There is a total of 110,000 seats available for the 2024 program. Certain students are given priority this includes but is not limited to, students with academic needs, students in 12-month IEP programs, students in temporary housing and foster care. Transportation systems include Metrocards, school buses, and reimbursable rideshare. SR aims to offer 6,742 seats to students in D20, a total of 6,656 students were matched into a program (K-8). Council members asked questions regarding waitlisted students, acceptance rate, IEP students matching rates, and the inclusion of D75 students.

Highlighting Principal and Teacher Leadership in ELL Program - Principal Leadership Development are monthly programs that provide training and

professional development supporting English language learners in NYCReads and literacy curriculum implementation. Teacher leaders from all schools across D20 are invited to engage in professional development, specifically around literacy (Learning Labs). The teacher leaders from these learning labs aid in molding the professional training provided to other teachers in the district. P.S. 229 and P.S. 69 were celebrated for their outstanding efforts.

District 20 Math Support Action Plan - In order to meet Chancellor's priority three, Heather Derebegian and Jaime Wraspir, District Achievement and Instructional Specialist provided an overview for the D20 Math Support Action Plan. Chancellor's priority three asks that all students have a high-quality academic experience. Jaime and Heather support mathematical instructions for K-8 in District 20. Learning together and sharing best practices by inviting teachers and administrators across D20 to meet is one of the ways they aim to improve student learning and find the most effective mathematics teaching practices. Council members asked questions regarding students who are excelling, how parents are involved, and curriculum changes. District 20 will also meet this goal by providing district wide targeted professional developments on NGLS mathematical practices and curriculum implementation to principals, assistant principals, math teachers and ENL teachers. The overall goal is to have a 3% increase in proficiency and 5% decrease of students performing far below proficiency on the NYS Math Exam. D20 is on track to meet this goal based on data from iReady.

c. Introduction to CEC 20 Members

- Newly appointed members Fabiola Mendieta-Cuapio and Sabrina Mcnamara gave introduced themselves to the community. Council member Fabiola Mendieta-Cuapio was appointed by the borough president and advocates for students in ENL. Council member Sabrina Mcnamara was appointed by D75.

d. Add CEC 20 logo to the P.S. 105 The Blythebourne School Mother's Day Event

- CEC member Joyce Xie requested that CEC 20 join the P.S. 105 Mother's Day Event and include the CEC 20 logo as a co-sponsor -

Steven Stowe - Yes

John Ricottone - Yes

Elizabeth Chan - Absent

Joyce Xie - Yes

Meifang Chen - Yes

Tamara Stern - Abstain

Wenming Chen - Yes

Yangqing Chen - Yes

Kevin Zhao - Yes

Maya Rozenblat - Yes

e. 2nd Public Speaking Session

Representative from Senator Iwen Chu provided updates to the community, including the newly approved NYC budget which allocates \$35.9 billion to general support in schools, libraries were granted a \$10 million funding, and upcoming events to celebrate AAPI (past). A representative from the Emergency Coalition to Save Education Programs, which advocates the preservation of city programs, encourages community members to continue to share their voices to state legislators to ensure these programs remain intact. Speakers shared their views on sex and gender education in public schools.

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

Calendar Meeting Minutes unanimously approved

V. Adjourn

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

I. All in favor

b. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM

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

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

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