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Administrative Assistant: Natalia Mondesir

Community Education Council District 20

June Business Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Steve Stowe, Vito LaBella, Marie Brugueras, Li Ping Jiang, Jennifer Hu, Elizabeth Chan, Jona Isufi, Joyce Xie, Maya Rozenblat, Ghada Amin

Excused: Kevin Zhao

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Steve Stowe, President
 - a. **Roll Call:** Natalia Mondesir, Administrative Assistant

- II. **Old Business**
 - a. Approval of May Business Meeting Minutes
 - i. Change the dates requested for the Superintendent Town Hall
 - ii. Minutes unanimously approved

- III. **Changes to the Open Meetings Law (OML)**
 - a. Natalia Mondesir attended the FACE OML Presentation on Monday, June 6th
 - b. There are some major changes with how councils hold their meetings in the near future
 - i. All meetings will be held in person.
 - ii. Hybrid meetings will only be allowed once a council has passed a resolution and amended the bylaws to detail how the meetings will be run. It will take about 2 months to put this into effect.
 - iii. The guidelines must be posted on the CEC's website
 - iv. Meetings MUST be recorded and linked to the website within 5 days (and kept for a minimum of 5 years), the transcription of the meetings must be available if requested.
 - v. The number of people required for quorum has not changed, but they must be in person. Until the resolution is passed and the amended bylaws are approved, virtual members will be marked as absent.
 - vi. There are limitations to when a council member will be allowed to attend virtually and they MUST be identified, visible, and heard throughout the meeting
 - vii. Minutes must indicate which members are virtual.
 - c. Many AAs brought up the difficulties with a hybrid meeting (translators, auditorium acoustics, Wifi, microphones picking up background noise, etc.)
 - d. FACE provided the link to the meeting recording and the OML Website
 - i. Session Recording: <https://parentu.schools.nyc/course/detail/737>
 - ii. Committee on Open Government Website which covers OML: <https://opengovernment.ny.gov/open-meetings-law>
 - e. Questions

- i. Steve Stowe clarified that the July meeting will be in person and any member who is unable to be there will be marked as absent
- ii. Jennifer Hu asked if the DOE is planning to increase the CEC budget to purchase equipment to assist with holding hybrid meetings; if there will be anybody from the DOE to offer technical assistance
- iii. Steve Stowe asked Steve Wieser if there will be written guidance
- iv. Jona Isufi asked if the meeting times would change when they are held in person
- f. Natalia Mondesir mentioned that the previous council would hold meetings at a public library during the summer (before she was hired), but in 2019-2020 summer meetings were still held at schools
- g. Jennifer Hu's goal is to present the amended Bylaws at the August meeting

IV. Open Discussion

- a. Maya Rozenblat is trying to get in touch with the DOE Coordinator for Adult English Language Education
 - i. She is currently out with a family emergency
 - ii. Would be asked to speak on opportunities for parents to learn English remotely over the summer
- b. Marie Brugueras is in touch with Council Member Mathylde Frontus
 - i. She would like to attend PS 127's Student Ambassador Ceremony on June 21st
 - ii. CEC members are invited to attend the event and speak with the Council Member
- c. Maya Rozenblat brought up that she has been getting complaints that the principal of one of her liaison schools has not been responding to parents and asked what she should do
- d. Steve Stowe

V. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn-Steve Stowe, Second: Kevin Zhao
 - i. All in favor
- b. Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir
Date: June 10, 2022

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May Calendar Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 pm

Present: Ghada Amin, Steve Stowe, Vito LaBella, Maya Rozenblat, Li Ping Jiang, Elizabeth Chan, Jennifer Hu, Joyce Xie, Jona Isufi

Excused: Kevin Zhao

Guests: Dr. David Pretto, D20 Superintendent; Dr. Joseph O'Brien, D20 Deputy Superintendent; Sylwia Jasinski, D20 Family Support Coordinator; Marie Buro, Senior Grants Officer; Juvanie Piquant, Community & Education Liaison for Council Member Rita Joseph;

I. Meeting Called to Order: Steve Stowe, President

- a. **Roll Call:** Natalia Mondesir, Administrative Assistant

II. Old Business

- a. Approval of May Calendar Meeting Minutes
i. Minutes unanimously approved

III. Juvanie Piquant, the Community & Education Liaison for Council Member Rita Joseph

- a. Steve Stowe made a motion for the Community & Education Liaison for Council Member Rita Joseph to say a few words, Second: Elizabeth Chan

IV. Federal Stimulus Funding & Contracts For Excellence

- a. Marie Buro, Senior Grants Officer, gave the presentation
b. Presentation is usually given in the Fall, want to get a head start on gathering public comments
c. Comments will be collected until **July 5th**
i. Send them to ContractsForExcellence@schools.nyc.gov
d. Questions from the Council
i. Steve Stowe asked what changes could be made from public feedback, what should the comments focus on, what would be most beneficial to focus on, and who does the feedback go to, what is the process to make this money tangible
ii. Elizabeth Chan asked why there are so few seats in Summer Rising when there is money for the program
iii. Jennifer Hu asked if the money for afterschool programs applies to 3-K and Pre-K as well
iv. Steve Stowe asked what is the purpose of feedback in this case as money has already been designated, clarified that principals are responsible for allocating the money, if

feedback will be shared with schools or Superintendent's office, who exactly receives the comments

V. Report of Superintendent

- a.** Dr. Pretto acknowledged celebrations happening this month: Pride Month, P.S. 247 and P.S. 682 were celebrated for their incorporation of the DESSA screener in their curriculums, J.H.S 62 Culture Fest, congratulated schools for their celebrations of Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) month,
 - i.** Highlighted 20K160 who had a full suite of activities
 - ii.** P.S. 105 conducted a parade and the students performed at Tweed Courthouse at the Chancellor's office for an audience of central leaders and other elected officials around the city and the State
- b.** Hidden Voices Series will include AAPI resources
 - i.** Part of the Passport to Social Studies Curriculum
 - ii.** Piloted in Fall 2022, complete in 2024
- c.** Principal Appointment
 - i.** Dianne Gounardes retired as Principal of the D20 Early Childhood program
 - ii.** Danielle Bennett and Lauren Napolitano were appointed as Early Childhood Principals
 - iii.** Lauren Napolitano spoke in recognition of the appointment
- d.** Review of the end-of-year data:
 - i.** 93.1% attendance, second highest in the city
 - ii.** Final screeners were conducted
 - 1.** Reading Assessment: 89% complete; 54% at or above grade level
 - 2.** Math: 57% at or above grade level, improved from Mid-year
 - 3.** Early Childhood Literacy: focused on second graders, 62% at or above benchmark, 2% decrease from mid-year
 - iii.** DESSA Screener
 - 1.** 93% of children have been assessed to be fall in either the typical or strength ranges
 - 2.** Above city average
 - iv.** Legal mandates for Services
 - 1.** 89.3% of students with disabilities have their IEPs fully served
 - 2.** Related Services: 98%, all services in addition to classroom instruction
 - 3.** ELL Program Services: 98%
 - 4.** Former ELL Program Services: 99%, get services for 1-2 years after passing the New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT)
- e.** High School admissions offers were made available
- f.** 3-K offers were mailed on Monday, June 6th
- g.** Family Inquiry form will be sent home by schools
 - i.** Due at the end of the year
 - ii.** formerly known as the lunch form
 - iii.** information on these forums determine the schools' title one eligibility status
- h.** Questions from the Council
 - i.** Elizabeth Chan asked what the higher-ups are discussing about the safety of the students in light of the recent shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, TX

- ii. Jennifer Hu stated that there has been confusion on the difference between a soft and hard lockdown; asked for clarification on a Chalkbeat article on a discussion of whether or not to lock the schools doors and only allow entry to people with appointments
- iii. Ghada Amin asked if there are any videos that show parents what is happening during a lockdown; if classroom doors are locked from the inside or outside
- iv. Steve Stowe asked how are children with sensory issues accommodated during a lockdown, asked what is the determining set of circumstances to call the NYPD and who makes that determination
- v. Tamara Stern, Presidents' Council President, asked is all schools have an emergency protocol if they have to evacuate in a hurry
- vi. Steve Stowe asked for clarification on the chart depicting the Reading academic screener, what the experience has been with recovery services over the past year, is there any way to track the efficacy of how efficient recovery services were at helping kids recover from learning loss
- vii. Elizabeth Chan stated that every parent should have a contingency plan with their children if their school needs to evacuate the building
- viii. Li Ping Jiang asked if Pre-K students qualify for P-EBT program in the summer

VI. President's Report

- a. Steve Stowe stated that some of the pictures from the Legislative Breakfast are online
- b. Impact of the Mayoral Control legislation
 - i. Has been extended for 2 years
 - ii. The number of Panel for Educational Policy members has been increased from 15 to 23
 - 1. 5 members elected by CEC presidents, one for each borough
 - 2. Process for doing that will start in July, and it will conclude by August 15
 - iii. Of the 13 mayoral appointments, one parent must have a child with an IEP, one parent must have a child in D75, and one parent must have a child who is an English Language learner
 - 1. The Mayor can still fire appointees
 - iv. CECs will have 12 members
 - 1. Law is unclear as to whether the 12th member will be added at the next election in 2023 or special election immediately
 - 2. Provision to add a second student member
- c. DOE must render a written response to any resolutions passed by CECs within 30 days
- d. CEC representative is now a mandatory member of the District Leadership Team (DLT)
- e. Provision to mandate a minimum of 3 Superintendent candidates to be interviewed
- f. CECs will be involved in the hiring of Parent Coordinators as well
- g. Class size Reduction Bill- by 2027:
 - i. K-3 class size capped at 20 students
 - ii. 4-8 capped at 23 students
 - iii. High school classes capped at 25
- h. Questions:
 - i. Li Ping Jiang asked when the council will be getting the meeting dates for FY22-23

VII. Superintendent Evaluation form

a. Members sent their completed form and comments to Steve Stowe

b. Vote:

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| 1. Steve Stowe- Yes | 7. Jona Isufi- Abstain |
| 2. Jennifer Hu- No | 8. Li Ping Jiang- Yes |
| 3. Elizabeth Chan- Abstain | 9. Maya Rozenblat- Yes |
| 4. Vito LaBella- Yes | 10. Joyce Xie- Yes |
| 5. Marie Brugueras- Yes | 11. Kevin Zhao- Excused |
| 6. Ghada Amin- Yes | |

i. Motion passes with 7 Yes; 1 No; 2 Abstain; 1 Excused

c. Jennifer Hu spoke on why she voted against the completed form

VIII. Public Speaking

a. No one signed up on the form

b. There were no participants with hands raised

c. Li Ping asked if we have a location for next month's meeting and when we would get an email about it

d. Maya Rozenblat asked if there were any updates on the M.S. 936 admissions

IX. Motion to add a five minute discussion on M.S. 936

a. No objections

b. Ghada Amin (interpreted) stated that the school was established as a requirement in the community, but parents are surprised that students will have to take a test for admissions without an announcement to the parents and guardians or a vote, parents are no longer part of the decision, parents did not get to give their opinion, they don't get spots at schools like McKinley

X. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn: Steve Stowe, Second: Jennifer Hu

i. All in favor

b. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir

Date: June 10, 2022