



Community Education Council District 20

April Calendar Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

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

Excused:

Unexcused:

I. Meeting Called to Order: Steve Stowe, President

II. Roll Call: Joyce Xie, Recording Secretary

III. New Business

a. Public Speaking Session

- Teachers, parents, and students spoke on their experiences with the new HMH Curriculum. Majority of which argue that this new uniform curriculum is not one size fits all and limits students' full potential. A parent spoke about their recent issues with the bus system for their child with IEP.

b. Presentation from Office of Language Access

- William Roberts and Araina Sepulveda-Moreiras guided parents and school faculty through the NYCPS Translation Services. With over 180 languages spoken in NYCPS, the OLA is dedicated to supporting staff and families with effective communication.
- Top non-English languages in all NYCPS are Arabic, Bangla, Chinese, French, Haitian Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu.
- In District 20, the top 5 languages (aside from English) is Chinese, Mandarin, Russian, Arabic, and Cantonese
- The OLA consistently attempts to raise awareness through advertisements in schools, grocery stores, laundromats, robocalls, emails and postcards
- Council members asked questions regarding staffing, budgeting, type of events they assist in, assistance with translation during the admissions process, and student volunteer and internships.

c. Report of Superintendent

Chancellor's Priority One and D20 DCEP Goal One - The Chancellors priority is to have all students read well. In District 20, this priority will be met through the implementation of the HMH Reading and Into Literature Program. Using screener data and diagnostics to inform teachers on best decisions. On track to meet our EOY goal of a 5% increase of at and above on the Acadiance Reading Composite Score

Curriculum Overview: Dr. Lucia Perez-Medina, Senior Achievement Manager -Into Literature was implemented in D20 as this curriculum touched on all the major components around the science of reading. Into Literature was vetted and approved as a high quality instructional material by NYCPS. The program offers students different ways to demonstrate that they understand the concepts

Teacher Implementation Celebrations - In regards to the successful implementation of the NYC Reads program in D20, teachers and principals from J.H.S. 259 William McKinley and I.S. 187 Christa McAuliffe were celebrated for their work. This includes Principal Janice Geary

d. 2nd Public Speaking Session

- Some parents share their support for HMH, noting that it offers diverse literature, helps students learn critical thinking and has a proven success record.

e. City Wellness Action Committee Update

CEC member Tamara Stern provided the community with an update from the NYCPS Citywide Wellness Advisory Council. The CWAC works with schools, DOE offices, and City and community partners to create programs to support student well-being and teach healthy living habits at a young age.

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

Calendar Meeting Minutes unanimously approved

V. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn - Elizabeth Chan , Second: Joyce Xie

- I. All in favor

- b. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM

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

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

Submitted by Kevin Vizhnay, Administrative Assistant