

## **Community District Education Council District 26**

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### **MINUTES OF BUSINESS & CALENDAR PUBLIC MEETINGS**

**Date:** Wednesday, October 27, 2010

**Time:** Calender Meeting, 7:00 P.M.; Business Meeting, 8:00 P.M.

**Location:** MS 67 – 51-60 Marathon Pkwy, Little Neck, NY -Room B44A

The meeting of the Community District Education Council of District 26 (CDEC26) was called to order by Rob Caloras, President at 7:10 pm.

Roll Call: Marie Pollicino, Pia Alexander, Ismael Fuentes, Rob Caloras, Irene Fennell, Dina Quondamatteo, Ricky Chan, Irene Cheung & Susan Shiroma

Excused– Jeannette Segal

Also in attendance was Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent & Lori Butera, District Family Advocate

#### ***Business Meeting***

##### **1. President's Report**

a. Rob spoke about the UFT Dinner on October 12<sup>th</sup> in which Rob, Ricky & Jeannette attended. Rob spoke about a lawsuit filed by the UFT regarding the Teacher Data Reports that are pending and it's being released as part of FOIL (Freedom of Information Law).

Mary Vaccaro – discussed the UFT's issue regarding the Teacher Data being released is that it's based on a value added number that doesn't necessary take into account the ESL or Special Education students that are in the classroom affecting there number and the reports may also have incorrect information. The DOE had also sent a letter to teachers telling them that the Teacher Data Reports were being used just among teachers. The UFT feels that this is why there was never a push by the DOE to correct any inaccuracies within the reports, now all of this data will be made public. Tenure decisions will inevitably be made based on this data. In Los Angeles, the Teacher Data Reports were made public and some teachers committed suicide due to the embarrassment and tremendous backlash over their scores. There is currently a Teacher Data Report Hotline and there will be a Suicide Prevention Hotline in place leading up to and after the hearing date set for November 24, 2010.

## **2. Budget -**

- a. Per Ricky – no activity change
- b. P-Card (not available as of yet)
- c. Susan suggested getting a new shelving rack for the notices. Rob suggested putting \$300 aside to purchase.
- d. discussed buying a new digital recorder for the minutes (will discuss at the next meeting)

Pia spoke about purchasing snacks for the Bayside HS pumpkin festival which is open to all children. Ricky will look into it.

**3. Minutes** – Rob made a motion to accept the minutes September 30<sup>th</sup> as is. Council unanimously agreed.

**4.** Discussion of meeting dates – November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, January 19, 2011 & February 10<sup>th</sup>. Anita stated that Kathleen Grimm called and would like to do the presentation in regard to the Capital Plan either in November or December.

**5. School Liaisons** – Pia stated that Ismael will be coordinating with her at PS 133. Council requested that Marian add the Parent Coordinator's email and cell phone numbers to the liaison listing. Lori Butera said that she will help Marian with this. Susan Shiroma suggested that Marian compile a separate list to be sent out to council members of the PTA meeting dates for the year as they are updated and available and given to the CDEC at our meetings to help liaison's get to the meetings.

Susan Shiroma stated she would like to have her award certificates prepared and ready to go for all of the PTA Executive Committee Members at her schools. She will contact Marian directly for this. There was a lengthy discussion in regards to protocol for attending PTA meetings at our liaison schools.

**New Business** – Ricky stated that he is trying to reach out to the new Senior Grant's Officer.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

### **Speakers:**

**William Pollicino** brought up an issue about his son's school PS 98 in regards to the use of AXE (spray) in the school in the hallways, spraying and playing with it by spraying it on other children. The Principal was notified by Peter Pollicino and he is doing more research to try and get these sprays banned from school.

Rob suggested that he come and speak out at our meeting when Dr. Platt presents at our November meeting in regard to wellness in schools.

**Susan Shiroma** asked that we should do everything that we can to reach out to ELL parents at our schools to fill the vacancy for the CDEC council. She would like it on the record that in accordance with the Chancellor's regulations, the council should actively fill the vacancy with an ELL Parent. Rob gave his opinion of this new ruling in which he feels it is unconstitutional to hold a seat for an ELL parent. The debate is that the CDEC is setting aside a seat for an ELL parent. Ismael expressed his feelings that this is not good also. Very lengthy discussion on this topic.

**Superintendent's Report**  
**CDEC Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 27, 2010**

- Welcome
- DOE Translation & Interpretation Unit – free telephone services extended until 8:30 P.M. – October 28, November 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16 – 718-752-7373-extension 4 (open school nights)
- Progress Reports - Presentation  
District 26 Schools
- Capital Budget – FY2011- 416 seats planned for elementary schools, Bayside/Auburndale area. (Extensions to existing buildings being considered.)
- Gifted & Talented - Applications due November 17, 2010 for school year 2011-2012, grades K-3
- NYS ELA Test – grades 3-8, May 3-6, 2011 (Extended one day)
- OFIA (new name for OFEA) Office of Family Information and Action, Director, Ojeda Hall
- Network Cluster 2 (Judy Chin retired) – Charles Amundsen, Cluster Leader
- PS 205 – Nationwide Competition “Disney Planet Challenge” – Winner 1st round; Science Teacher, Frances Bosi – Hands-on environmental science program
- PS 186 – UFT Award – Principal, Dolores Troy-Quinn - Most Collaborative School in the Borough of Queens – UFT Chapter Chairperson, Hannah Fiasconaro
- Quality Reviews
  - MS 172 – October 21-22
  - PS 186 – November 22-23
  - PS/IS 266 – December 7-8
  - PS 18 – January 10-11
- Election Day – November 2, 2010 – Professional Development Day for teachers; students not in attendance

**Progress Report**  
**NYS ELA and Math 2010**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
PS 18	PS 94
PS 26	PS 98
PS 31	PS 115
PS 41	PS 162
PS 46	PS/IS 178
PS 133	PS 186
PS 159	PS/IS 266
PS 173	MS 67
PS 188	MS 158
PS 191	MS 172
PS 203	
PS 205	
PS 213	
PS 221	
MS 74	
MS 216	

Rob made a motion to adjourn. Council voted unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marian Mason, Administrative Assistant, CDEC 26.