

Community District Education Council District 26

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SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES OF BUSINESS PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 7, 2008

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: MS 67, 51-50 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, NY -Rm B44A

The meeting of the Community District Education Council of District 26 (CDEC26) was called to order by Robert Caloras, President at 7:10 pm in Room –B44A.

Roll Call: Rob Caloras, Irene Cheung, Erik DePaula, Vincent Tabone, Jeannette Segal, Irene Fennell & Marie Pollicino

Excused: Patrick McShane & Mike Kaleda

Business Meeting

1. Review Budget Allocations
 - a. Council reviewed the budget allocations. Will make changes in allocations at the next meeting.
 - b. Erik spoke about having flyers printed and backpacked for the School Governance/Mayoral Forum meeting. Marie made a motion to accept the budget allocations as is & Erik seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept.
2. Bylaws -
 - a. Marie made a motion to accept the bylaws as is with no changes and Erik seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept.
3. Minutes – July, August & September
 - a. Marie made a motion to accept July, August and September minutes, Irene Fennell seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept.
4. CDEC Vacancy
 - a. Application distributed to council members to review. Applicant also applied for the City Council position. Council discussed setting up an interview with the applicant. Will get dates from the applicant and set up with council members.
5. Rescheduling School Governance/Mayoral Control forum date
 - a. Discussed having forum on Oct. 29th – members agreed unanimously.
 - b. Marian to send out “SAVE THE DATE” flyer to all.
 - c. Rob spoke about having flyers printed, delivering to all schools by council members and Marian plus backpacking by students. Requesting President Council to distribute and put on their calendar.
 - d. Invitations by e-mails (See attachment - A) Council members would like to know where the elected officials stand on this subject.
 - e. Post flyer on website
 - f. Vince spoke about advertising the forum with the courier, Chinese & Korean papers. Vince outlined the cost in the Courier (full page-\$800; ¼ page-\$300; ½ page-\$450). Irene Cheung will get rates from the Chinese & Korean papers.

Vince sent out a draft of what the ad would say to the members for their review (See attachment – B) and Rob would make the final decision. Marie made a motion to spend at least \$3500 for advertising for the October 29th meeting and Vince seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept. Deadline for getting information to the papers is October 14th.

6. Scheduled Meeting Dates – Marie made a motion to accept the calendar meeting dates for the CDEC and Irene Fennell seconded. Members voted unanimously to accept.
7. Rob informed the members that President Council did a handbook with informative information (calendar insert showing half days, testing dates, parent/teacher conferences and PC meetings). Rob will order one for each member.
8. Discuss Administrative Assistant salary increase. Rob have had conversations with others who stated that when the city union gets a raise, the Administrative Assts are suppose to get raises per Jackie Lipson.

Marie made a motion to adjourn meeting and Vince seconded. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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

Attachment - A

Distribution

Councilman Tony Avella
Assemblywoman Ann Margaret Carrozza
Borough President Helen Marshall
Senator Frank Padavan
Congressman Anthony Weiner
Councilman David Weprin
Assemblyman Mark Weprin
Senator Toby Stavisky
Assemblyman Rory Lancman
Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan
Councilman James Gennaro
Mayor Michael Bloomberg

Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent

Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate

Dennis Walcott, Deputy Mayor for Education & Community Development

Robert Jackson, Chairperson of City Council Education Committee

William Thompson, Jr., City Comptroller

Chancellor Joel Klein

Attachment-B



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Irene Fennell, Second Vice President
Erik DePaula, Esq. Treasurer

Jeannette Segal, First Vice President
Marie Pollicino, Recording Secretary

District 26 Council Members: Irene Cheung, Borough Appointee; Michael Kaleda,
Patrick McShane; Vincent Tabone, Esq.

Community Superintendent: Anita Saunders

PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, October 29, 2008
7:00pm - Sharp

Location – MS 67 - 51-60 Marathon Parkway - Auditorium
Little Neck, NY 11362

Your Community District Education Council (“CDEC”) representatives have resolved by a unanimous vote to host a public hearing regarding the status of Mayoral control of our public schools. It will be on October 29, 2008, at 7 p.m., at MS 67, 51-60 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, in the Auditorium

The current law giving the Mayor control ends this January 2009 and must be renewed or changed by our officials in Albany. Previously CDEC 26 adopted a resolution favoring continued mayoral control but building in what Council members considered necessary additional checks and balances to ensure the Mayor was more accountable. For a copy of CDEC26’s School Governance Report and Recommendation and Resolution visit www.cdec26.org

As your CDEC we want to hear from people in our community regarding this important issue. We have also invited our elected officials to hear us and to share their point of view. Please attend so you can be a part of the process that establishes the way our schools will be run.

Special invited guests:

Mayor Michael Bloomberg - City Comptroller William Thompson, Jr. - Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum - Congressman Anthony Weiner - Senator Frank Padavan - Senator Toby Stavisky - Borough President Helen Marshall - Assemblywoman Ann Margaret Carrozza - Assemblyman Rory Lancman - Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan - Chairperson of City Council Education Committee, Robert Jackson - Assemblyman Mark Weprin - Councilman Tony Avella - Councilman James Gennaro - Councilman David Weprin - Deputy Mayor for Education & Community Development, Dennis Walcott - Chancellor Joel Klein - Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent

*Members of the general public and especially parents with children in our area public schools are encouraged to participate in this important **PUBLIC HEARING**.*