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MINUTES OF BUSINESS & CALENDAR/ PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 22, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.
@MS 67-51-60 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, NY – Room B44A

1. **Meeting Called To Order – 7:10 p.m. by our President, Jeannette Segal**
2. **Roll Call -**
Present: *Council Members* - Ricky Chan, Vijayalaxmi Hegde, Jeannette Segal, Daniel O’Gallagher, Susan Shiroma, Hong Keng Tan & Lucy Vieco
Late – Pankaj Kapur & Michelle Fields
 Also in attendance was Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent & Lori Stein-Butera, District Family Advocate

BUSINESS MEETING

3. **Minutes** – Jeannette asked the council had they had an opportunity to read/review the October 20th minutes. Daniel requested a change be made on page 9 under New Business School visit from PS 215 to PS 216. Daniel made a motion to accept the October 20th minutes and Vijay seconded. Council agreed unanimously to accept the minutes.
4. **President’s Report – Jeannette Segal**
 - a. Attended the Chancellor’s meeting (Partnering with parents a conversation with Chancellor Walcott) - very well attended and organized. All questions were put on paper. Jeannette questions consisted of the Feb. Town Hall meeting invitation & the overcrowding. Jesse Mojica was introduced as the Executive Director for Family Engagement & Advocacy. The Chancellor spoke about the Common Core Curriculum. At the parent-teacher conference it was stated that tool kits (resources for parents) were handed out to schools to give out to the parents. The Chancellor spoke about the five (5) main topics related to the Common Core Curriculum.
 1. Communication in developing a two way dialogue with parents
 2. Encouraging parent involvement
 3. Creating & welcoming schools
 4. Collaborating effectively (discussions with all members of the community)

b. Reminded council that there is a Nov. 30th meeting with the Queens Borough President and the CDEC presidents.

c. Attended PS 94 and presented awards from a non profit organization. Principal presented Jeannette with a gift from her 5th grade students. Students were given a project to: design, market and build from recycled material. Catalogs were also created. Awards are given out each month to students who volunteer in their community.

d. Did a school visit at PS 98?

e. Attended a SLT meeting at MS 67 – teaching students to learn good manners

School Visits

1. Michelle Fields school visit to IS/PS 266 – need for school aides – budget cuts – network upgrade needed – literacy & math coaches.

2. Ms. Kapur – school visit to PS 115 on Nov. 14th – toured school – community helping school – gifted and talented students put in one room – ELL money needed.

3. Mr. Tan – School visit to MS 74 –budget cuts- two teachers laid off –assistant principal needed

School visit to PS 205 – budget cuts – art & music teachers needed – school shared with D75.

4. Ricky Chan – did a follow up school visit at PS 203 – budget cuts

5. Daniel O’Gallagher – follow up school visit done at PS 178 – would like to bring in male role models – speed bump needed to be replaced in front of the school (reached out to the DOT & community board)

6. Lucy Vieco did a follow up school visit at PS 188 – auditorium seats needed – fire department concern that too many papers are being hung on the walls

Anita stated that the Fire Department is going around to all the school surveying and making principals and take down exhibits. Principals have been given violations.

7. Vijay will set up school visit with PS 186 – Attended various workshops

October 25th – Chancellor meeting – Lucy Vieco & Susan Shiroma attended this meeting. Kathleen Grimm was also in attendance to speak on the Common Core Curriculum. David Coleman –writer of the Common Core Standards also spoke. The concern is “how will the teachers be trained”?

8. Susan stated that there is a Common Core information website.

Susan spoke about the PEP meeting held at Frank Sinatra

Susan spoke about the movie “Parent Power” – voice of the parents from the Bronx.

Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at PS 173 – celebrating the new playground-won a Blue Ribbon-also attending the ceremony was: Anita Saunders, Judith Chin & Mary Vaccaro.

Anita stated that the school has a dual language program.

5. Budget – nothing new

6. Old Business

a. December meeting changed from the 15th to December 6th

b. Chancellor meeting – three dates given to the Superintendent (15, 28 & 29th)

Feb. 15th chosen for Chancellor’s meeting (will send out flyer for the Town Hall Meeting) location to be announced.

New Business

1. Guest speaker David Kazansky (Be Brave Against Bullying) will not be coming due to the weather conditions.

2. Dial A Teacher representative arrived late due to weather conditions and requested that we reschedule.

3. Capital Plan Recommendations

a. Council reviewed the 2011 Recommendations list submitted by the principals.

November 2011 Priority Listing		
	School	Recommendations/Requests
1	PS 186	1. New lights in hallways and corridors. The lights are all old and have the carcinogenic materials in them
2	PS 18	1. New Boiler System 2. Replacement of tile floors in all hallways and main entrance 3. Kitchen Upgrade – 4. New lighting
3	PS 26	1. New PA system. Our system only works sporadically. This is not a safe situation. 2. Air conditioning for the gym, auditorium and lunchroom is also needed 3. Need the air conditioners. 4. New seats in the auditorium
4	PS 115	1) All bathrooms must be replaced since they are 65 years old and are not functioning properly. 2) Plumbing upgrade 3) Water fountain in the kindergarten playground is not working and must be replaced. 4) Irrigation system is needed to sustain the plants, shrubs and trees. 5) Fencing is needed to protect the landscaping project
5	PS 188	1. New PA system and 2. Building-wide clock system
6	PS 162	1. Flood Elimination/school yard 2. Bathroom upgrade 3. Window upgrade to match existing windows for Gym and Auditorium 4. Climate control upgrade 5. Classroom closet doors - replaced 6. Interior & Exterior Door replacement
7	PS 41	1. Upgrade electrical system 2. Increase bandwidth (speed in which data comes in & out of the building)
8	PS 31	1. Auditorium Upgrade- new seating, flooring, stage, drapes for windows, new curtain on stage, lighting, sound system 2. Computer Lab - Overall Electrical Update.
9	PS 98	1. Upgrading of our electrical capacity and the installation of air conditioners in our auditorium 2. Purchase of Smart Boards for 4 classrooms (K-1) 3. Replacing the floor on the 2 nd floor hallway 4. Painting the auditorium 5. Upgrading the video system and replace broken screen in the auditorium
10	PS 133	1. Electrical upgrade to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights 2. Window and closet repairs 3. Library Upgrade 4. Waterproofing and Pointing of Building 5. Increase “Bandwidth”
11	PS 173	1. Upgrade electrical system 2. Auditorium improvements Install remote controlled theater projection screen Upgrade sound system to include border strip lights on stage, a sixteen channel console sound board, and eight body microphones
12	PS 205	1. Electrical upgrade to support the SMART Boards
13	MS 158	1. Technology upgrade (wireless upgrade as well) 2. Upgrade auditorium sound system 3. Laptop computers[MACS] on a cart for each floor 4. Classroom electrical outlet upgrade to add additional duplex receptacles for computers and Smart board technology and air conditioners 5. Replace four zone valves for heating plant upgrade 6. Classroom and office lighting fixture upgrade from T12 single pin bulbs and ballasts to High Efficiency bulbs and reflectors
14	MS 172	1. Classrooms refurbished –cabinetry resurfaced (worn and broken); replacement of electrical outlets; replacement of worn and broken furniture; lights replaced. 2. Window replacement 3. Replace zone valves for heating plant upgrade 4. Classroom and office lighting fixture upgrade from T12 single pin bulbs and ballasts to high efficiency bulbs and reflectors. 5. Internet and wireless upgrade 6. Low voltage upgrade for PA and alarm systems 7. Upgrade fire doors (to automatic, magnetic)
15	PS 203	1. Replace/upgrade all fluorescent lighting through out the schools 2. Upgrade all stairwell lighting 3. New Auditorium Seating 4. Replace broken/chipped stairwell steps 5. Upgrade building internet service to FOIS (* to support all the smart boards already in place, etc) 6. Upgrade sound/microphone system on auditorium stage

16	MS 74	1. Upgraded P.A. System 2. Upgraded elevator
17	MS 216	1. Painting the Auditorium (including removal of acoustic tiles) 2. Sound system in Auditorium 3. Projection system- Auditorium and Library 4. Floor Tiles- first Floor Hallways
18	PS 191	1. School yard needs to be resurfaced
19	PS 46	1. Classroom, stairwell, kitchen and bathroom walls above 10 feet and ceilings urgently need to be repaired and painted. 2. Upgrade of the auditorium sound and projection system – our current system is about 10 years old and needs to be replaced 3. There is a need for additional water spigots and fencing for the exterior of the building
20	PS 221	1. Broad-band width upgrade 2. Electrical upgrade
21	PS 213	1. Bandwidth Upgrade 2. Sound System for our Auditorium is not working well 3. Library furniture is in need of repair or replacement 4. Auditorium seating is in need of repair 5. New Boiler System
22	PS/IS 178	1. EVPL upgrade, gives schools more broadband width 2. Technology upgrade: Install Smart Boards in the elementary classrooms
23	PS 159	1. PA system upgrade
24	PS/IS 266	Bandwidth upgrade
25	MS 67	No requests or plans
26	PS 94	No issues that could be rectified with capital funding

Motion to adjourn business meeting by Lucy and seconded by Michelle. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Public Meeting followed

Roll Call -

Present: *Council Members* - Ricky Chan, Vijayalaxmi Hegde, Jeannette Segal, Daniel O’Gallagher, Michelle Fields, Susan Shiroma, Hong Keng Tan, Pankaj Kapur & Lucy Vieco

Superintendent’s Report

- Welcome
- National Blue Ribbon Ceremonies – PS 159, 173
- New Playgrounds
 - P31 – Grant via Helen Marshall
 - P173 – SCI & Capital Funds
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – excellent turnout

Quote:

“To be really great in little things, to be truly noble and heroic in the insipid details of everyday life, is a virtue so rare as to be worthy of canonization.”

*Harriet Beecher Stowe
American Writer*

Lori Stein Butera – District Family Advocate

1. Strong Father’s, Strong Daughter’s workshop set up (40 fathers signed up so far) at PS 115
2. PS 188 – Winter Craft workshop

3. Attended the President's Council and spoke on bringing a film in "Race to Nowhere" (parents who push their children very hard to the point where some commit suicide, depression and etc). Students and principals have been interviewed. Francis Lewis representative stated that they want to bring the film in. President's Council has offered to sponsor this film.
4. President Council having a camp fair – inviting different camps to come and talk about their summer program.
5. Two (2) books of Beyond the Bake Sale have been distributed to the President's Council and they have been advised that the book stays within the PTA upon leaving the council.
6. Note- student from Cardozo High School (Maria Iskaros) attended the meeting.

Speakers

1. Irene Fennel – regarding an IEP issue – cannot get the OTE voucher-problem in the system. Anita is aware of the problem and stated that she is getting notices/letters and they are trying to resolve this problem. Jeannette asked that Irene Fennel e-mail her the information.

Motion to adjourn by Ricky and Vijay seconded. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by Marian Mason, *Administrative Assistant, CDEC26*