

Community District Education Council District 26

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SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES OF BUSINESS PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, December 18, 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, Erik DePaula, Jeannette Segal, Irene Fennell, Marie Pollicino, Patrick McShane, Irene Cheung & Vincent Tabone

Present – Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent; Lori Butera, District Family Advocate

Business Meeting

1. Minutes – October 7, 2008, October 29, 2008 & November 13th
 - a. Vincent made a motion to accept all three months, Patrick seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept.

2. *President's Report*

- a. Rob attended a CPAC meeting at Borough Hall regarding Mayoral Control, several members of Community Board 11 were present. In attendance was Betsy Gotbaum, Public Advocate who spoke on Mayoral control. Also in attendance was Jeany Persaud, member of the Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council and was invited to come to the February CDEC meeting and speak.
- b. Community Board 11 (Education Committee) made recommendations to the Mayoral control report which have not been adopted as of yet. Community Board will be having a presentation on Mayoral Control at their January 5th meeting.
- c. President elect Obama has chosen Mr. Duncan from Chicago to become the Secretary for DOE.
- d. Article – interview of Mr. King who overseas China's 2 trillion dollar surplus. People no longer want math and science they want to go to law school. Mr. King graduated from Duke Law School.
- e. A junior at Bayside High School has won a citation as the grand prize winner of the Annual Essay Contest on Traditional Independence sponsored by the Association of Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of NY. (Article in the NY Law Journal).
- f. Ranking of high schools – Townsend High & Queens HS for the Sciences at York College.
- g. 19 out of 26 districts do not offer enough gym time.
 - Requirements – kindergarten thru 3rd grade – every day (120 minutes each week)
 - 4 – 6 grade----- 3 times a week
 - 7-12----- 3 times a week in one semester & twice a week in the second semester.

Old Business

1. Discussion to set up interview with prospective applicants (Dave Kerpen & Dina Quandamatteo) in January.

New Business -

Superintendent's Report – Anita Saunders

- ELL Success Grant - \$75,000 – PS 173 (Principal – Molly Wang)
- Ballroom Dancing Contest

Fall Finalists – Columbia University
December 16, 2008 - PS 133, 159

Fall Winners –
Silver Medal – PS 159
Gold Medal – PS 133 – to perform June 20, 2009 - in the “End of Year Grand Finals” – Citywide – World Financial Center
- Playground Redevelopment (including removal of TCU’s) – PS 173
Initial design and planning meeting – December 10, 2008 (Principals, custodians & PTA presidents met)

Lori Butera – District Family Advocate

1. Dec. 17th – SLT training at PS 173 – next training will be January 17th.
2. Internet Safety Workshop on Dec. 22 in D25
3. District family Day in April for parents–Ballroom dancing.
4. Channel 13 – “Learn to Read” workshop
5. Coordinating a workshop with Beth Levy (Professional Developer) on Literacy in the Home at PS 133 in January.
6. February 10th – President’s Council & Parent Coordinators workshop meeting regarding Grant Writing.

Rob made a motion to adjourn Business meeting and Patrick seconded. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Calendar/Public Meeting

Rob called public meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

Speakers:

1. A parent at PS 26, Ms. Sachs spoke to us about the deplorable condition her child endured during last year's early heat wave. Ms. Sachs stated that there is a need for air conditioning in the schools since it became unbearably hot. She explained that the school has applied for grants but the wiring is antiquated and can not handle air conditioning.

SCA response: Air conditioning is not capital project electrical upgrades are for power only. The SCA will send a representative to visit the school

2. Jeffrey Slivko Principal of MS 172 is asking for a voltage upgrade in electrical/air conditioners for his school as his school becomes overheated during the warmer months to the point where he has had to call ambulances for children due to heat exhaustion along with moving classes to other locations within the school.

He also stated that the Learning Environment is part of the report card and that Health and Welfare is important to learning.

The SCA will bring back the recommendations to the Capital Plan.

3. Guest Speakers – School Construction Authority Representatives

Monica Gutierrez, Community Relations Manager & Gordon Tung, Chief Project Officer of Queens

Monica spoke on the following:

>2005 – 2009 Capital Plan Accomplishments

- _ Capacity Projects
- _ Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
- _ Resolution A (Reso A)

>2010 - 2014 Capital Plan

- _ Looking ahead - upcoming projects
- _ Your input and comments

2005-2009 FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN CAPACITY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Seat Need: 441

Project/building Name	Number of Seats	Occupancy Date
In Process		
ECC @ American Martyr School	211	September 2009
Completed		
PS 94 @ Little Neck Jewish Center	88	September 2007
Total District 26 Seats Sited	299	

142 Seats have not yet been identified and are included in the 2010 -2014 Capital Plan.

2005-2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

To date, contracts awarded include over **\$131 million*** for all categories in this district.

This illustration includes five highlighted categories:

Project Category	Number of Projects
Science Labs 2	2
Building Envelope	36
Electrical	1
Playground	2
Gymnasium	2

*This total includes all projects in the community including high schools and special education.

Capital Improvement Projects

JHS 74 Exterior Modernization – PS 133 Exterior Modernization – PS 188 Exterior Modernization

RESOLUTION A (RESO A) ACCOMPLISHMENTS

To date, contracts awarded include over **\$6.5 million*** for all categories in this district.

This illustration includes three highlighted categories:

Program Category	Number of Projects
Electrical Upgrades	1
Auditorium Upgrades	9
Playground Upgrades	2

*This total includes all projects in the community including high schools and special education.

RESOLUTION A (RESO A) PROJECTS

Resolution A (Reso A) projects are school-specific capital improvement or enhancement projects that are funded by individual grants from the Borough Presidents or members of the New York City Council. (PS 205 Auditorium Upgrade)

LOOKING AHEAD... 2010-2014 CAPITAL PLAN

- > Plan Overview
 - Capacity
 - Capital Investments

2010-2014 FIVE YEAR CAPITAL PLAN CAPACITY – MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS

Seat Need: 416

Project/Building Name	Name of seats	Neighborhood
Not sited		
PS – Project #1	416	Bayside/Auburndale
Total:	416	

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS 2010-2011**

Project Category	Number of Projects	Appropriate Project Costs (in millions)
Accessibility	1	\$4.00
Electrical Systems	1	\$0.76
Exterior Masonry	1	\$1.96
Fencing	1	\$0.47
Windows	2	\$7.14
Safety Systems		\$0.48
Gymnasium Upgrade		\$0.40
Low-Voltage Electrical System		\$1.62
Paved Area – Blacktop		\$0.92
Paved Area – Concrete		\$1.10
Reinforcing Cinder Concrete Slabs		\$2.51
Flood Elimination	2	\$1.65
Floors	2	\$4.20
Total:	18	\$27.21

CEC BUILDING COMMENT FORM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL BUILDING FORM

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BUILDING COMMENT FORM

DISTRICT # _____
NAME _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____
STATE _____
ZIP CODE _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____

TOP / RESOLUTION		BUILDING ID #	BUILDING NAME	SCHOOL NAME	DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM	LOCATION
TYPE OF WORK	1					
	2					
	3					
	4					
	5					
OTHER RESOLUTION						
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The CDEC asked for a recent demographic study on the area and how the decimation of data is used and that D26 is in need of a high school and the attendees were informed that there was no plan to build one at this time. Also the CDEC requested project updates quarterly from the SCA.

Rob made a motion to adjourn meeting and Marie seconded. Council voted unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.
 Respectfully submitted by Marian Mason, Administrative Assistant, CDEC 26.