



Community District Education Council 26

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Shajid Ali Mohammed	Bobby Thind			
Dilip Nath	David Wong			
Evelyn Schechter (Borough Appointee)	Shengchao Yu			
Olivia Esposito (Student member)			Website: www.cdec26.org	

Community Education Council District 26 (CDEC26) Minutes December 17, 2015

Location: M.S. 74 61-15 Oceania Street, Queens, NY 1136
Calendar Meeting

Reviewed and Approved on January 28, 2016

I. CDEC26 meeting called to order and roll call at: 7:10 P.M.

Present: Alan Ong (President), Wendy Pelle-Beer (First Vice President), Roy Menendez (Second Vice President), Leslie Rubenstein (Recording Secretary), Dilip Nath, Evelyn Schechter, Bobby Thind, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Michelle Liu (Treasurer), Olivia Esposito (Student Member)

Absent: Shajid Ali Mohammed (Excused), Wendy Pelle-Beer (First Vice President),

Also Present: Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26, Lori Butera, District Family Advocate, and Kim D'Angelo.

II. Sarah Strongone & Liz Accles: Lunch 4 Learning Campaign advocating universal free school meals for all NYC public school students.

Discussion included:

A. Statistics regarding number of students in households living below the poverty level;

B. Impact on Title I funding - if parents do not continue to complete lunch forms;

(Liz explained that there was no decline in submission of lunch forms.)

III. Superintendent's Report: Danielle Giunta presented the Superintendent's Report:

A. **Student winners of the "Respect for All" poster and essay contest were celebrated.**

B. **District Leadership Projects:**

1. First meeting of student council presidents took place shortly before Thanksgiving.

- Student leaders learned about communicating and bringing ideas back to their own schools, where they will all present at PTA Meetings. Students were excited to reach out to the community.

- Parents were also supportive and facilitated transportation of students to the meeting.

2. Assistant Principals are also leading groups of teachers who are aspiring to become school leaders.

C. **Parent Engagement:** Lori Butera and Kim D'Angelo shared the following:

1. NYC Reads 365 Program was introduced: pamphlets with bookmarks and suggested reading for each grade level were made available.

2. A Workshop on winter craft workshop for District 26 –December 5th.

3. Family Science Night - January 14th; PC/PC Joint Professional Development Session for Presidents' Council and Parent Coordinator - January 12th.

IV. Council Member (CM) Reports:

- A. **CM Leslie Rubenstein:** Ryan Middle School and PS 26 - Dilip and Alan added information regarding contact with 107th Precinct regarding traffic issues.
1. The school needs include:
 - M.S. 216 Ryan- Electrical upgrade; more space - all classes are capped; traffic safety;
 - PS26: Air-conditioning in common areas (auditorium; cafeteria); electrical outlets in the newly renovated library.
- B. **CM Evelyn Schechter:** PS/IS 266, MS74 and MS172: Remarked on the well-kept schools; individual character, etc.
1. The school needs include:
 - PS/IS 266: Field house and bathroom facilities on the athletic field;
 - MS74: Electrical upgrade
 - MS172: Air-conditioning for summer use; more arts/music programs
- V. ***CM Roy Mendez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16. CM Dilip Nath seconded the motion. All were in favor.***

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Business Meeting

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II. **Approval of November minutes:** CM Tarvinder Thind (Bobby) motioned to approve the November minutes and seconded by CM Evelyn Schechter. Motion passed unanimously.

III. **President's Report:**

A. CDEC26 President Alan Ong introduced a "Traffic Safety Survey" that was compiled by CM Michelle Liu. After discussion among a variety of parties, CM Leslie Rubenstein suggested a need assessments should be conducted by the CDEC or Superintendent.

B. Participatory Budget process has begun.

IV. **Committee Reports:**

A. Rezoning Committee Report by Dilip Nath:

1. Committee participated in conference call with DOE on December 16th.
2. Preliminary rezoned map was presented to the committee but is confidential.
3. DOE solicited information regarding safety; socio-economic make-up of each zone; etc.
4. Next meeting will be a face-to-face meeting in January or February. Dilip will follow up with a request for one of the following dates: 1/20, 2/03, 2/10.

B. Committee discussed the Lunch 4 Learning proposed resolution. CM Leslie Rubenstein made a motion to approve the Resolution. CM Shengchao Yu seconded the motion. Resolution was unanimously approved.

C. AA was approved and will begin work January 4th.

D. CM Evelyn Schechter asked about hiring a grant writer for District 26. Superintendent Giunta explained that there is an office dedicated to grants at the Borough office. They can help with any grant that the District is interested in applying for.

V. **Public Comments:**

- A. Mary shared that scholarship information is available for UFT Scholarships.
 - B. Jim Gallagher asked for more involvement in the Participatory Budget process and suggested reaching out to legislators who are compiling their budget requests.
- VI. CM Dilip Nath motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by CM Shengchao Yu. Motion passed unanimously. CDEC26 meeting adjourn at 9:11 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Leslie Rubenstein (Recording Secretary)
