

Community District Education Council District 26

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MINUTES OF BUSINESS & CALENDAR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010

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

Location: MS 67- 51-60 Marathon Pkwy, Little Neck, NY 11004-Room-B44A

The meeting of the Community District Education Council of District 26 (CDEC26) was called to order by Robert Caloras, President at 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Rob Caloras, Ismael Fuentes, Dina Quondamatteo, Jeannette Segal, Irene Fennell, Esther Jung & Irene Cheung

Unexcused – Marie Pollicino & Susan Shiroma

Late – Pia Alexander

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

Business Meeting

1. Minutes – January 28th – Dina Quondamatteo made motion to approve the minutes, Ismael Fuentes second and council voted unanimously to accept as is.
2. **President's Report - None**

New Business

School Visits/PTA

1. Dina – informal school visit to PS 46 – will set up another visit with Esther Jung. No issues with the school.
2. Irene Fennell & Irene Cheung went to a PTA meeting at PS 162.
3. Ismael stated that Pia & he will be doing a school visit on February 26 at PS 213.
4. Jeannette, Esther & Pia- school visit at PS 133 – SCA construction on auditorium, new seats-evening of performance by the students for the parents and the community
5. Jeannette & Marie – school visit at PS 67 – SCA work done last year, work not completely finished (doors not installed -leak causing damage to music room – crack in the cement). Rob stated that the custodian needs to re-caulk around the foundation to stop water from seeping in. This is not a SCA issue. School received air conditioning in the gym & ceilings need to be fixed; electrical in the auditorium incorrectly done; security issue with a student which has been resolved; budget issues. School had a code BLUE drill which means a “student in distress”. Student Organization (SL) raised money using vending machines for office supplies. School paying for machines.
6. Jeannette & Marie – school visit at PS 98; incoming registration low for kindergarten students; happy with new custodian; no art programs; pupil personnel team was organized

where different teachers would come together, review and talk about students who are having issues to see how they can help the student (Children First Network).

Old Business

Rob outlined the recommendations for the Capital Plan as shown below. Council agreed to the changes.

TOP 5

Priority	B	Building Address	Name of School	Building ID	Description of Request (one request per line)
1	Q	195-02 69 AVENUE	P.S. 26 - Q	Q026	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
2	Q	81-14 257 STREET	J.H.S. 172 - Q	Q172	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
3	Q	214-43 35 AVENUE	P.S. 41 - Q	Q041	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
4	Q	41-77 LITTLE NECK	P.S. 94 - Q	Q094	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
5	Q	61-15 OCEANIA ST	I.S. 74 - Q	Q074	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights

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6	Q	40-20 235 STREET	P.S. 98 - Q	Q098	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
7	Q	248-05 86 AVENUE	P.S. 133 - Q	Q133	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
8	Q	46-35 OCEANIA ST	J.H.S. 158 - Q	Q158	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
9	Q	205-01 33 AVENUE	P.S. 159 - Q	Q159	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
10	Q	201-02 53 AVENUE	P.S. 162 - Q	Q162	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
11	Q	174-10 67TH AVE	P.S. 173 - Q	Q723	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
12	Q	252-12 72 AVENUE	P.S. 186 - Q	Q186	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
13	Q	218-12 HARTLAND A	P.S. 188 - Q	Q188	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
14	Q	85-15 258 STREET	P.S. 191 - Q	Q191	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
25	Q	53-11 SPRINGFIELD Blvd	P.S. 203 - Q	Q203	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
26	Q	231-02 67 AVENUE	P.S. 213 - Q	Q213	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
27	Q	64-20 175 STREET	J.H.S. 216 - Q	Q216	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
28	Q	57-40 MARATHON PKWY	P.S. 221 - Q	Q221	Electrical upgrade needed to enable proper usage of equipment, appliances and lights
29	Q	80-51 261 STREET FLORAL PK	P.S. 115 - Q	Q115	Needs plumbing upgrade
30	Q	86-35 235 COURT	P.S. 18 - Q	Q018	Needs heating upgrade-boiler

Rob – topic of discussion- reiterated a CDEC meeting where collective punishment of how it’s improper and Anita was going to bring it up at one of the principal’s meetings. Anita stated that it was brought up. Rob stated that a whole grade was punished because of two children. Rob’s concern is that it’s wrong and it’s a violation of the Chancellor’s regulation.

Anita stated that the principals have a good understanding that they are acting with the children’s safety and the whole school and they have to have some kind of control and management. Need to know what the situation involved. Anita feels that the principals and faculty in D26 do a great job.

Budget – Pia Alexander (Treasurer)
As of February 11, 2010

**COMMUNITY ED
 COUNCIL BUDGET**

CEC #26

**Budget FY 10
 20,000**

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	QUICK CODE	OBJECT CODE	ACTIVITY CODE	LOC Code	AMOUNT SCHEDULED	EXPENDED TO DATE	BALANCE
General Supplies	062641	198	0514	QS26	8,950	2,562	6,384
Procurement Card	062641	198	0518	QS26	2,000	2,000	0
Stipend Reimbursements	062641	496	0519	QS26	1,300	182	1,118
Local Travel and Food Expenses	062641	451	0515	QS26	5,700	2,076	3,624
Copier Maintenance	062641	612	0516	QS26	850	835	15
Educational Consultant	062641	686	0520	QS26	1,200	300	900
Scheduled Sub-total							
TOTAL					20,000	7,955	12,045

NOTE : General Supplies includes: photocopying (198), printing (101), postage (117) , subscriptions and publications (198)

Pia spoke about the copier being replaced at MS 74, room 128. Mary Vaccaro stated that we could have the copier that she gave to MS 74 in which they were not happy with it and no longer want it. Marian will check with the Budget Officer to see if it’s okay for the CDEC to take over the service/maintenance contract.

Tabled – voting on the vacancy – clearance not received yet.

Discuss Ballroom Dancing celebration date – April 13th

Will celebrate newly elected Assistant Principal at PS 221.

Will present certificates, pens and backpacks to students. (Pens-logo-CDEC 26; Backpacks-logo-Attitude is Everything).

Pia made motion to put \$500 towards the spending and Jeannette seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept.

Discussion to fill 2nd Vice President vacancy

By voice vote, the following office was filled:

2nd Vice President – Irene Fennell 8 – 0 (8 YES – 0 NO: Unanimous vote of all members present).

Nomination presented by Irene Cheung – Pia Alexander seconded.

No other nominations

Adjourned - 8 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Public meeting called to order 8:10 by Robert Caloras.

Speakers:

1. Elaine Nagan – Chairperson of the Title 1 committee at PS 162 – lack of communication with the President’s Council & the Chairperson in trying to get budget information for her budget before the deadline and in sending out surveys to parents. Surveys returned to the chairperson with the e-mails and phone numbers blackened out by the President’s council.

Linda Lovett – Co-President stated that there was an issue with the letter and the Title 1. Procedure is that all letters must go through the PTA and approved by the principal. Letter approved by the principal but not passed by the PTA. The PTA has a membership list in which the names from the surveys were added to this list.

Jeannette suggested putting the procedure in the PTA’s bylaws.

Rob suggested speaking to Lori Butera, District Family Advocate if any help is needed.

2. David Kistner – parent of child in PS 203 – his concern is the summer program at PS 203. Parents not informed whether they will be having a summer program this year or not and would like to know who he should speak with. Rob stated that he should speak to the principal first and she would let him know or advise him where he should go to push the Self Sustaining Summer Program.

3. Rob informed Gwen Sachs that the electrical upgrade at PS 26 is the number 1 request on the Capital Plan.

4. Mary Vaccaro informed attendees about the Scholarship program in which it will be named after _____ and will also be inviting alumni teachers. Union celebration on March 5th. Requesting pictures of alumni teachers and teachers who are presently teaching to post. Received 250 responses so far from elementary and the deadline is March 1st. Mayor Bloomberg will be attending and trying to contact Hillary Clinton. On March 4, scholarship applications will be reviewed. **(Mary please comment)**

Superintendent's Report
CDEC Meeting
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MS 67

- Department of Education Consolidation – New Network Clusters

6 Network Management and Instruction Clusters – each with 250 schools

10 Network Leaders per each of the 6 Network Management Clusters

Each Network Leader will have 25 schools

Each Network will form a Children's First Network (CFN) - Operations – 10 to 13 people

DOE Savings – \$13 Million

ISC's – Integrated Service Centers will close June 2010 and be replaced by CFN's

- Specialized High School Acceptances – 2010 (handout)
- Q North Spelling Bee
 - Winner – Isabelle Cajulis, PS/IS 178 – who will compete in Citywide Finals
- School Wellness Policy – Tool for Combating Childhood Obesity Epidemic (handout)
- Kindergarten Registration – February 1 – March 12, 2010
 - Assignment Offers sent March 22, 2010
 - To accept an offer, families (parent and child) must visit the school that made the offer between April 12 -23 to pre-register their children
 - Priority Offerings:
 1. Zoned students with a sibling who will be in grades 1-5 at the school in 2010 -2011;
 2. All other zoned students;
 3. In-district students from outside the zone with a sibling who will be in grades 1-5 at the school 2010-2011;
 4. Out-of-district students with a sibling who will be in grades 1-5 at the school in 2010 – 2011;
 5. All other in-district students from outside the zone;
 6. All other out-of-district students
- Pre-Kindergarten
 - Pre-Kindergarten Application Period Begins; Directories and Applications Available – March 1

- Pre-Kindergarten Information Sessions – March
- Pre-Kindergarten Application Period Ends – April 9
- Pre-Kindergarten Offer Letters Distributed to Families – May 31
- Families Pre-Register at Schools – June 7 – June 18
- Progress Report - Change

Pia mentioned that the PTA of PS 133 will be having a parent workshop and wants the CDEC to co-sponsor their food. Rob made a motion to co-sponsor the PTA workshop and Jeannette seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept.

Pia attended the President's council meeting – discussed Memorial Day Parade –Legislative breakfast

Lori Butera, District Family Advocate

- informed attendees of the SLT training workshop on March 4th (MS 74) in which 100 will be attending.
- Workshops – will be doing flyers in Korean, Chinese, Urdu & Spanish
- Workshops during President's council meeting will be taking place
- Q Zoo (Bklyn Queens Day) President's Council thinking of purchasing tickets (20 tickets per school) – Admission is general is \$2.00
- Nutrition workshop

Lori thanked the CDEC for co-sponsoring the food.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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