

Community District Education Council District 26

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MINUTES OF BUSINESS & CALENDAR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date: THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 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 Jeannette Segal, Vice President at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Dina Quondamatteo, Ricky Chan, Jeannette Segal, Susan Shiroma & Pia Alexander

Also in attendance was Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent

Excused: Rob Caloras, Ismael Fuentes, Irene Fennell, Esther Jung & Marie Pollicino

Unexcused: Irene Cheung

Business Meeting

1. **Minutes** – May 3, 2010 - Tabled

2. Jeanette stated that she asked Rob about the budget that has come out and the schools having less than 300 students not getting the nurses.

Anita stated there was nothing official and that some of the nurses are from The Department of Health and some are from the DOE.

Budget – Pia Alexander (Treasurer)

Pia stated there was nothing to report. All funds had to be used by June 25th.

New Business

School Visits/PTA

Susan Shiroma & Irene Cheung– School visit – PS 26 on June 7th.

Members received a warm welcome by the security officers upon entering school. Council members were informed by Dr. Dina Koski, Principal, that they would like their auditorium, gym and cafeteria rewired. Susan stated that there is a D75 school within PS 26 and their PA system needs upgrading. An issue of the school is that speed bumps are needed. The school went to the community board to request speed bumps to be placed in front of the school but was denied. There are traffic issues with other schools also. PS 26 will not have AIS next year due to budget cuts. The school has devoted one classroom for ESL instruction. Susan mentioned that the community is much diversified. The school will try to get high school volunteers to clean the park next door to the school. PS 26 have a well run task program which serve 100 kids and next year they hope to bring in a language school.

Dina Quondamatteo– attended a Luncheon Appreciation at PS 46 on June 4th.
Attended a SLT meeting at PS 46.

Ricky Chan & Esther Jung – school visit – May 14th at PS 188

Spoke about children eating lunch and not paying (affects progress report) – concern about nurse being pulled.

Pia Alexander

May PTA meeting at PS 178 – Title 1 event – group having difficulty in getting the parents to come to the PTA meetings. Discussed doing more events at the school.

June - attended a PTA and Glee club performance at PS 213– very nice.

attended the last PTA meeting at PS 213 on June 18th and honored them with the CDEC certificates. Will be attending the graduation on June 22nd.

attended the SLT meeting & PTA meeting at PS 178 on June 7th. DOE study done regarding traffic issues and the crosswalk was approved on Avon Road. Trying to recruit parents as safety volunteers.

PS 133 – will be attending the parent appreciation event/breakfast.

PS 178 – John Coltrane birthday performance (Jazz performers) – CDEC hosted the District wide Cyber bullying Workshop on May 27th.

Jeannette Segal – attended the PTA at MS 67 (CDEC meeting have been coinciding with the PTA meetings at MS 67. Started transitioning new members in the PTA. Jeannette is the Corresponding Secretary and a member of the SLT team. Attended a Parent Appreciation Dinner. SCA came to the school to look at the **louvers** which must be renovated.

Susan Shiroma – wanted to compliment Molly Wang, Principal and staff at PS 173. The event took place May 27th from 6-9 p.m. which consisted of an Art exhibition followed by a performance by the school chorus and band. Principals took up instruments and played also. The MC was the Parent Coordinator.

PS 266 – did a musical event

Compliment the Principal of PS 216 – they had their last PTA meeting on June 16 – really good turnout. One of their issues is that the PTA has produced a newsletter and due to the cut in funds they are thinking about not doing it next year. A parent has volunteered to take over this newsletter. The school is having a water issue with ground water. The SCA has been called in to evaluate this problem. The UFT has requested a pump be put in the basement to stop the mold.

Pia stated that for the next calendar she would like for special meetings be put into the calendar. The CDEC is responsible for completing the evaluation for the Superintendent's evaluation in which a meeting would have to be scheduled. The report must be reported as a group decision. The council would like to set up a special meeting which would be discussed at the July Annual meeting to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

Old Business

- 1. Ban on Bake Sale Resolution – no word back from the committee.

Council members gave tentative dates for the July and August meetings:

1st choice - July 29th ----- 2nd choice - July 22nd
1st choice - August 19 ----- 2nd choice - August 26

Jeannette made a motion to close Business meeting, Dina seconded, council voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING

Public meeting called to order 8:05 by Jeannette Segal, vice President.

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Jeannette mentioned that in the July meeting the council will be discussing and reviewing the liaisons to each school and the CDEC should be attending more PTA meetings and school events.

Superintendent’s Report
CDEC Meeting
Thursday, June 17, 2010
MS 67

- Welcome

Superintendent’s State of the District Report

- Budget 2010 -2011 – Some possible excessing
- Expansion of Integrated Co-teaching Class (ICT) – Formally named CTT – 25 Students, 10/15 Reduced Class Size
- Cluster Networks – June 1, 2010
 - Judith Chin – CFN #16 – Marguerite Straus, Network Leader
(P.S. 18, 31, 41, 46, 98, 133, 159, 162, 173, 178, 186, 188, 191, 213, 221, 266, MS 67)
 - Debra Maldonado – CEI-PEA – Walter O’Brien, Network Leader
(P.S. 26, 94, 115, 203, 205)
Mae Fong, Network Leader
(MS 74, 158, 172)
Ben Waxman, Network Leader
(MS 216)

- Inquiry Teams – All Schools
- 37.5 Minutes Extended Day Intervention Services – Before & After School
- Reduced Class Size – Contract for Excellence
 - Dedicated Instruction
 - Tutoring/Individualized Instruction
- Gifted Magnet Classes
 - Elementary – PS 18, 115, 188, 203
 - Middle School – MS 67, 158
- Dual Language Program – Chinese/English, PS 173
- Differentiation of Instruction – School-wide Enrichment, IIM (Independent Investigation Method); Small Group and Individual Instruction
- ELL Services – All Schools
- Pre-K – Full Day – P.S. 18, 31, 115*, 178, 186, 203*, 213*
- Quality Reviews – Superintendent Trained
- ARIS – Achievement Reporting Innovation System – Expanded
- Core Curriculum Standards – Training to begin, Summer 2010: Instructional Coordinator hired by Networks
- District 26 Social Studies Center – PS 191
- Teaching American History Grant - Middle Schools
- Non-Fiction Reading and Writing Instruction – Emphasized
- Summer School – PS 46, MS 74
- New York State ELA and Math Scores – Late July
- District Leadership Team – By-laws Completed

* Expanded 2009-2010

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- Special Awards –
 - MS 67, MS 158 – Carnegie Hall
 - PS /IS 178 – Queensboro Golden Apple Award – Recycling
 - MS 158 – Student Artwork Chosen as Poster for Fitness & Wellness Program Citywide – Cynthia Lao, Grade 7
 - PS 115 – Media Center Dedication
 - DFA Parent Presentation – Lucky Ducks

Anita spoke about Lori Butera (District Family Advocate)’s parent workshop “Lucky Ducks” held at PS 186 on May 27th. The workshop included a showing of the documentary film Lucky Ducks and afterward a discussion with writer, producer and director, Tracy Jackson. The film documents the story of a mother fed up with her spoiled daughter and goes on a worldwide search to figure out what mistakes have been made and how she can fix them.

Mary Vaccaro, UFT Representative stated that there was every ethnic background that represented the district.

Anita stated it showed “brotherly love” because they could share what they were thinking and what it’s like to live in this society that is so multi-culture in the 21st century. Quote “There is nothing like a dream to create the future”.

Speakers List (Visitors)

1. Mary Vaccaro, UFT Representative stated that she had a good turn out (371) from the rally at City Hall. Hopes to get more funding for District 26.
2. Gwen Sachs parent of a child at PS 26 wanted to thank the CDEC for helping to resolve the issue (electrical) at PS 26 using the Capital Plan.
3. Henry Euler, Vice President of the Auburndale Improvement Association – feels children in D25 should have priority in attending PS 130 and are not allowed to attend. Anita stated that it is a lottery school and it's not in the D26 jurisdiction.
4. John Duane – candidate running to replace Margaret Carrozza' seat in the assembly. Outlined his background.

Dina made a motion to close public meeting, Jeannette seconded, council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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