

Community District Education Council District 26

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MINUTES OF BUSINESS & CALENDAR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date: Thursday, August 19, 2010

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

Location: MS 158 – 46-35 Oceania Street-Bayside – Teacher’s Cafeteria-1st Flr.

The meeting of the Community District Education Council of District 26 (CDEC26) was called to order by Marie Pollicino, 2nd Vice President at 7:05 pm in the Teacher’s Cafeteria – 1st Floor

Roll Call: Marie Pollicino, Pia Alexander & Ismael Fuentes

Excused: Rob Caloras, Jeannette Segal, Irene Fennell, Esther Jung, Dina Quondamatteo, Ricky Chan, Irene Cheung & Susan Shiroma

Also in attendance was Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent & Mary Vaccaro, UFT Representative

Business Meeting

Discussions

Maria Pollicino talked about what happened at the PEP meeting with parents questioning the Chancellor about test scores with the Chancellor walking out of the meeting.

Maria asked about budget cuts:

1. What’s going on in the schools with the budget cuts”?”
2. What about class sizes throughout the district?

Anita Saunders stated that there is no specific information.

PS 205 is in bad shape, they had to cut one of their 4th grade teachers. Principal applying for more money.

PS 98 is very short. Some schools are fine and others are struggling.

PS 186 in good shape – has the NEST program.

PS 266 had to cut the reading teacher due to budget insufficiency.

PS 178 – ok

PS 173 – had to excess – dual language program in question

Anita stated that class size numbers are not in as of yet.

Kindergarten is 25 up to 28 with a Paraprofessional.

Grade 1 will be 32.

C4 money will be coming in soon.

Sept. 1st will be the first Superintendent conference

Title 1 schools with class sizes above 30 students can file a grievance.

Old Business

Bylaws, Minutes, Scheduling of Meeting Dates & Assigning of Liaisons – tabled

Pia made motion to adjourn the business meeting, Ismael seconded & council unanimously agreed.

Public meeting started immediately after the Business meeting

Superintendent's Report
CDEC Meeting
Thursday, August 19, 2010
MS 158

- Welcome
- Summer School
 - PS 46
 - PS 74
- Network Teams
 - Primary point of contact for academic (instructional) and operational support
 - Core Curriculum Training

Network Teams will now be the primary point of support for academic (instructional) and operational support. Principals should contact network leaders for additional support. 16 principals received Core Curriculum training in July; the remaining 10 will train August 30th.

This year the bar has been raised in Kindergarten. Children will need to be reading level "D" by the end of the K year. Starting in 2nd Grade there will be stricter writing rules and grading for non-fiction assignments.

Starting 8/23/10 parents can log onto ARIS for test scores.

- Progress Reports
 - Elementary and Middle Schools – expected later in September

Progress Reports- Elementary and middle schools are expected later in September. C, D or F schools will be under review.

- Quality Reviews – begin October 12th

Quality Reviews will begin October 12th and continue 10/13, 10/14. Included in the quality reviews will be whether or not the principals and teachers have all received their Core Curriculum training. Anita Saunders will be conducting 10 of the reviews.

- NYS Math and ELA Test Results – ARIS Parent Link

Quote: Maya Angelou, American Writers

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”.

Anita stated that PS 213 is hiring a new principal. Former Principal Bruce Baronoff retired in May. On August 26th the school's SLT will be informed of the remaining level two candidate names after they have passed through the school's chancellor.

Anita ended the Superintendent's Report with sad news. A District 26 student passed away this summer from PS 221 in an automobile accident while vacationing with family in VA.

Speakers:

Mary Vaccaro, UFT Representative for District 26 announced that a date has been chosen for this year's UFT dinner dance (May 19th). There is a teacher in the district that has been teaching 50 years, who will be honored.

Bob Friedrich, President of Glen Oaks Village spoke about the cancellation of the Q79 bus and its effect on the commuters from Glen Oaks and the surrounding area. The bus route will now be serviced by licensed vans, with abbreviated stops. There is a protest scheduled Sat. 8/21 at 11:30 AM at Little Neck Pkwy and Union Turnpike. Several civic associations will sign a letter to be delivered to the TLC requesting an expanded route and a final stop at the Floral Park (LIRR) station.

Ismael made a motion to adjourn the meeting Pia made a 2nd to the motion. Next meeting scheduled for September 30th at MS 67. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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