

CDEC District 26 Minutes October 29, 2015

Calendar Meeting

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26, Lori Butera, District Family Advocate

Called to order at: 7:07

Superintendent Giunta presented the Contracts for Excellence for FY 2015.

- The presentation will be available on the CDEC 26 website.
- The district plans to fund the same programs this year as it did last year.
- Class size reduction will be focused on Renewal Schools. There are no District 26 elementary or middle school Renewal Schools.
- C4E funds are not allocated only to reduce class size.
- Public comment deadline is November 6, 2015: Contracts For Excellence@schools.nyc.gov
 - Public comments on the C4E included the following:
 - PS ... expressing a need for textbooks and workbooks, asked how we can advocate for more funding for District 26.
 - A parent of a special education student advocated more funding and attention for special education.

In her report, Superintendent Giunta presented the following:

- District Leadership Team held SLT Training and Working Session with over 100 participants.
- CEPs were all handed in and are under review.
- Lucius Young presented on District Led Leadership Projects
 - Presidents elected at 5th and 8th Grade levels will be invited to a leadership training program.
 - A program for teachers who are aspiring to become APs will also be invited to participate in a school leadership training program.
- Quality Reviews will be conducted by the Office of School Quality but Supt. Giunta will be conducting the Principal Performance Observations, including community feedback.
- November is Parent Engagement Month - there are a number of workshops and conferences being offered throughout District 26 and Queens North.

- Lori Butera updated the committee on parent workshops past and present.
- This district is also attempting to integrate Student-Led Conferences (part of the Chancellor's Vision) at the Middle School. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Parent-Teacher Conferences.
 - Lori Butera updated the committee on parent workshops past and present.
- Six principals have been selected to visit China in collaboration with the Chinese Bridge Delegation.
- The last position on the District 26 Leadership Team has been filled : Family Support Coordinator will be Kim D'Angelo.

Public Comments:

Jim Gallagher from CB8 shared funding goals for FY2017: air-conditioning and SMART Boards for every school in CB8; encouraged voters to go out to vote next week; updates on recycling program in classrooms.

Roy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bobby seconded the motion.

Adjourned at: 8:08.

Business Meeting

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26, Lori Butera, District Family Advocate

Called to order at 8:12

Evelyn moved to approve the minutes. Shengchao seconded. All approved.

President's Report:

- Great turnout at UFT event.
- Borough President Advisory Council's meeting regarding high school applications.
 - At the meeting, Alan brought up the fact that one part of District 26 does not have a zoned High School.
 - Educational Council Conference in September focused on Equity and Excellence Initiatives:
 - Universal 2nd Grade Literacy
 - Algebra for All - completed by 9th grade
 - AP for All
 - Computer Science for All
 - College Access for All
 - Single Shepherd

■ District-Charter Partnerships

- Leslie volunteered to send annual disclosure forms to FACE.
- Alan also shared information about presentations offered by Foundation for a Drug Free World www.drugfreeworld.org and presentations available from NYC DEP, including field trips to see watersheds, reservoirs, etc.
- Met with Kim D'Angelo to discuss joint meetings of CDEC and Presidents' Council.

Committee Reports:

Hiring Committee

Five candidates were contacted for interviews. Three of the five candidates dropped out of the process. The remaining two of the five were interviewed and the committee selected Farjana Faruk recommending a start date of December 1 or sooner. The salary recommendation was 38,948 but is subject to DOE Division of Human Services approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Roy Menendez, yes
Dilip Nath, yes
Michelle Liu, yes
Wendy Pelle Beer, yes
Evelyn Schechter, yes
Alan Ong, yes
Bobby Thind, yes
Shahid Ali, yes
Leslie Rubenstein, yes
David Wong, abstain
Shengchao Yu, yes

Rezoning Committee

Wendy made a motion to In order to move the next CDEC meeting to Monday, November 9th in order to accommodate ODP. Evelyn seconded the motion. All approved.

School Liaison Committee

School Visit Form was shared with committee members. Leslie will be visiting PS 18 on Friday, November 6th. Any other council members are welcome to attend.

Council members were reminded to send an e-mail blast to all other members when they schedule school visits.

Danielle explained that she has been informing principals about the CDEC visits. She will share the School Visit form with principals so that they understand the process.

Michelle made a motion to adjourn. Shahid seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.