

# CDEC District 26 Minutes February 16, 2017

## Calendar Meeting

Called to order and roll call at 8:01 PM.

**Present:** Alan Ong (President), Bobby Thind (Second Vice President), Leslie Rubenstein (Recording Secretary), Dilip Nath, Shajid Ali Mohammed, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Roy Menendez (First Vice President), David Wong, Wendy Pelle-Beer

**Absent:** Michelle Liu (Excused), Joseph Gandelman

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26, Lori Butera, Kim D'Angelo

## Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Giunta presented the 2017-2018 Budgets and Fair Student Funding Report.
  - NYC schools are still not being funded according to CFE ruling. 2018 will be receiving \$1.6 Billion less than determined by the ruling.
  - The PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the District and CDEC websites.
- Clara Kang, Project Director for PS332 provided an update regarding progress in establishment of community ties, leadership training, etc.
  - There will be 4 pre-k classes and 3 kindergarten classes
- Superintendent Giunta also showed updates to the D26 website
- Lori Butera and Kim D'Angelo informed the CDEC of the following programs/events:
  - Mindfulness in parenting
  - pre-K workshops
  - Raising a Beautiful Child
  - Upcoming: Queens Charity Family Fun Run; Art Workshop; Getting Ready for Summer for parents of students with special needs; STEM Family Fun Night and NYC DOE Energy Conservation Art Work Contest.

## Public Comments:

- Assemblywoman Nily Rozic elaborated on the Assembly bill in support of bilingual and foreign language instruction in elementary schools.
- Dev Awasthi from Councilman Grodenchik's office explained that the ballot for participatory budget has been finalized and requests for RESO A funds are due by 2/24.
- Jim Gallagher, CB8, expressed concern regarding new pre-K facilities in the area.

Shajid made motion to adjourn. Roy seconded motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

## **Business Meeting**

**Present:** Alan Ong (President), Bobby Thind (Second Vice President), Leslie Rubenstein (Recording Secretary), Dilip Nath, Shajid Ali Mohammed, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Roy Menendez (First Vice President), David Wong, Wendy Pelle-Beer

**Absent:** Michelle Liu (Excused), Joseph Gandelman

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:52. Roll call.

- January minutes: Alan mentioned that Mr. Pao's comment had been left off the January minutes. Leslie added them and provided revised minutes to CDEC. Bobby made a motion to approve the minutes. Evelyn seconded the motion and all approved.
- Budget modification: Shajid made motion to approve, David seconded the motion and all approved.
- President's Report
  - Alan reminded members to send in activity reports in a timely manner.
  - UFT Meet and Greet on February 27th - Roy attended last year but will not be able to attend. Alan asked if any other council members will be able to attend.
  - Applications are out for CDEC elections. An application was provided to each member. Parents can text Run2017 to 877877. Application process ends on March 8th.
- New Business:
  - Shengchao presented a resolution in support of foreign language instruction in elementary schools. After a brief discussion, Shajid made a motion to approve, Leslie seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.
  - Evelyn presented a resolution to support a Commission on School Siting and Planning. David made a motion to approve. Shajid seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.
- Ballroom Dancing will take place on May 30th. Evelyn mentioned that date is a religious holiday. Superintendent Giunta will try to help CDEC find another accommodation.

Dilip made a motion to adjourn. Shajid seconded the motion. All approved.