

Community District Education Council District 26
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MINUTES FROM BUSINESS /CALENDER/ PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2013
Time: Public 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, President at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call - Ricky Chan, Michelle Field , Jeannette Segal, Susan Shiroma & Lucy Vieco
Unexcused – Daniel O’Gallagher
Late - Pankaj Kapur

Also in attendance: Lori Stein-Butera, District Family Advocate & Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent.

BUSINESS MEETING

Discussion

1. Quorum (6 members)

This is what the CEC Bylaws state:

Quorum

Therefore, the majority of the whole number of the members of the Council shall always be six (6), and must be present to constitute a quorum. If there is no quorum present at the time set for the meeting, the members present shall wait for 30 minutes for additional members to arrive. Those members of the Council who are present on the call of the roll may adjourn the meeting to another date, and notice shall be given forthwith to all members of the Council and the public of such adjourned meeting.

So, even if you only have 7 people serving on a CEC, you still need at least 6 of them to make quorum for voting and for holding your meetings. If at least 6 Council members don’t show up for a meeting, you can’t hold the meeting. If at least 6 members don’t vote to approve something, it doesn’t pass.

CEC Bylaws also state:

For the purpose of this provision, the words “whole number” shall be construed to mean the total number which the board, commission, body or other group of persons or officers would have were there no vacancies and were none of the persons or officers disqualified from acting. (As amended L.2000, c.289, 5 eff. Aug. 23, 2000.)

2. Amending the bylaws?

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Bylaws may be amended at any regularly scheduled calendar meeting of the Council by a majority vote of the whole number of the Council, provided the amendment has been presented in writing to

the public at the previous calendar meeting and appears in the notice of the meeting at which it is to be amended. Amendments are effective immediately unless otherwise stated in the resolution.

It takes at least 2 months to amend the Bylaws... first month you present the change in writing to the public at a Calendar Meeting, and then you print the change in the meeting notice/agenda of the next month's meeting. At that 2nd Calendar Meeting your CEC votes to approve the Bylaw change and it becomes effective that night. If you have a lot of sections that are being changed, it is better to do a Bylaw REVISION, which basically means that you are revising the entire Bylaws.

3. Attendance

Section 6. Absences (Amended 7-29-10)

It is the responsibility of each Council member to attend all meetings of the Council. It is incumbent upon all Council members, except in cases of emergency, to notify the President or the Administrative Assistant to the Council at least 4 hours prior to the scheduled meeting time of their intent to be absent.

Any member of the Council who fails to attend three meetings of the Council of which she/he is duly notified, without rendering in writing a good and valid excuse therefore to the President, vacates his/her office by refusal to serve (Education Law §2590-c). Each written excuse and absence noted as excused or unexcused shall be included within the official written minutes of such meeting.

After the third unexcused absence, the President, with the approval of the Council, shall notify in writing the absent and unexcused member that the Council shall declare a vacancy to the Chancellor by resolution at its next regularly scheduled calendar meeting. Absences from the business or public meeting are treated as individual absences.

According to Chancellor's Regulations D-140, D-150 and D-160, the following constitute valid excuses for absence: death of a relative or attendance at a relative's funeral; serious illness or injury of a member or family member; mandatory court attendance including jury duty; military duty; and job-related conflict which makes absence from a Council meeting unavoidable, and other reasons the CDEC deems appropriate.

President's Report

- a. Jeannette stated she will not be returning to the CDEC. She has been on for the last 8 years.
- b. Jeannette is asking all members to be in attendance next month!
- c. Congratulations to MS74- They will be part of software engineering project.
Ms. Saunders stated that Mr. Armstrong (Principal-MS 74) had surgery yesterday for prostate cancer and she will try to go and visit him.
- d. Bus strike is over and many Special Ed children were affected. Jeannette stated that the City saved a lot of money during strike and there is a concern that many routes will be eliminated. Ms. Saunders stated that parents had a hard time but did their best to get their children to school. Many routes had few children and they will probably combine routes.
- e. Jeannette stated that the DOE gives out our kids' information to the Gates Foundation, "In Bloom Inc." and feels it's an invasion of privacy. It's called Shared Learning Collaborative. Personal data including name, race, and ethnicity, free lunch & etc... may be given out so that programs can be funded through private organization.
Mary Vaccaro, UFT Rep. feels it may be Title 1 Schools only.

- f. Teacher evaluation - arbitration dates and sunset clause is still an issue. UFT and DOE still not returning to negotiate. State will
- g. Will schedule a school visit to PS 98 & PS 94.
- h. Flowers request was denied for Z. McGrath.
- i. President's council legislative breakfast is Friday March 1 from 9-11:30 at Bayside Diner.
- j. Question asked - how many more budgetary issues we expect to incur.
- k. Received response from Randy Lafarge regarding Mayoral Forum stating that the CEC can't do it because it looks like we are favoring 1 candidate over the other. Consideration is being done through president's council. Mary Vaccaro (UFT Rep) & Kim D'Angelo (President's Council President) will start working on it. We would like to hold it in a school perhaps at MS 167.

School Visit

Michelle and Ricky did a school visit at MS 74 on February 22nd. Principal Armstrong showed them the arts and music program. The green team teacher has a close relationship with many students. The Assistant Principal moves up with students by grade. Dates provided for SLT and PTA meetings. Elevator repairs were made. They were awarded the money for elevator repair but the 1954 electrical is prohibiting them from doing the repairs. The school has many handicapped children. Elevator works but gets stuck.

Michelle stated that MS 74 have many awards. They are a school wellness school. They have an arts achieve award for the next 4 years and got the dance studio. The principal applies for different grants. Principal is very gracious.

Mrs. Kapur visited PS 115. They had a biography walk reenacted as famous people dressed a famous person. The children presented so well and barely looked at cue cards. In the halls there is evidence of Common Core alignment. A first grade class sent a letter to Pres. Obama and he responded. They are preparing for APEC at Alley Pond. On Thursday the Queens Orchestra will present at PS 115. There is also a wellness string program through the St. Francis Prep music dept.

Mary Vaccaro, UFT Rep stated that there is a teacher center at this school and others.

Ricky informed the audience that Principal Armstrong has many close relationships with his teachers and many teachers lined up to wish him well.

New Business

Susan informed attendees that the Northeast chapter of NAACP as part of 70 year anniversary is honoring her at Queens College. Two members were picked from CDEC 25. Youth, education and health issues were also raised.

Minutes

Motion made by Ricky to approve minutes (Sept. 2012, November 2012, December 2012 & January 2013) and second by Ms. Kapur. Council voted unanimously to approve.

Budget

Council voted unanimously to replace copy machine.
Lori added \$200 to budget to local travel and food expenses.
Stipend reimbursement added Ricky, Mrs. Kapur and Michele to attend UFT.
There may be expenses for mayoral meeting.
All going to UFT dinner (confirmed)
Mary Vaccaro stated she has received 280 applications.

Kim D'Angelo stated Beacon program at MS 158 on chopping block and that 50 of the 30 RFP's will be renewed. Kim would like to set up a legislative walk though for March 21, Thursday at 3:30 to raise awareness. Details to follow.

Michelle made a motion to adjourn business meeting and Ricky seconded. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

PUBLIC/CALENDAR MEETING

No speakers signed in.

Superintendent's Report **CDEC Meeting** **February 26, 2013** **7:00 P.M.** **AGENDA**

- Welcome
- Contract for Excellence (C4E) – Presentation (See Attachment “A”)
- ELA & Math Citywide Instructional Expectations (Core Curriculum), Teacher Effectiveness – Elementary School and Middle School Principal and one person from school to attend training; K-8 schools, Principal plus 3 additional participants.
- Prepare for Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) - Handout
 - Parent Letter
 - CCLS Presentation - Superintendent
 - ELA & Math Samples
- Superintendent – Delegated Authority to initiate disciplinary charges against teachers, assistant principals and principals in Absent Teacher Reserve. Education Law 2590-h (19)
- Parent Workshops – Lori Butera, DFA
 - Raising a Healthy Child
 - Your Children are Listeners
 - Building Resilience – 3 sessions
 - Time Management for Children – Parent & Child

- Special Honors Accomplishments
 - MS 67 – 1st Place – Math Counts
 - MS 158 – “Human Rights for Tolerance and Peace” – Bayside Times
 - MS 74 – Respect for All Week – Posters & Displays
 - MS 74 – Software Engineering Pilot Program (one of 20 schools selected)
- Anthony Armstrong, Principal, MS 74 – recuperating

Quote:

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

Maya Angelou

Comments on the C4E plan:

1. Do they use class size reduction as a primary use of C4E monies and if so, how much is each school allocated.

A- Every parent was backpacked the Chancellor's letter. Anita stated that persistence is a common theme parent's need to inculcate to the students as well as engagement, self-regulation (routines), work habits, and communication.

CCLS aims to avoid remediation courses when students get to college especially in writing reading and math.

From 2002 -11 there is a 62% increase of CUNY enrollment as first time freshman start. CCLS have been adopted by all states except 5. CCSS involved changes in literacy and math.

Students must read as much fiction and non-fiction. Learn about the world by reading. Reading levels have increased on each grade level.

Shifts in math:

Build skills across grades, develop speed and accuracy, use it in the real world, think fast and solve problems. By the end of 3rd grade, multiplication and division facts need to be automatic.

CCLS has been going on since 2009-10 and will continue through 2014-15 where all students will take the PARCC assessments. Schools have CCLS fellows. Teachers at 35 schools participate and 2 from CDEC 26 schools. Every school has an instructional lead that go to citywide meeting and go back information to the rest of the staff. Every cluster has 4 coaches and 1 achievement coach to work with schools.

Principals are being told to visit classrooms numerous times and give feedback based on the Danielson rubric.

In Reading, students will have text with complex content with extended phrases, sentences and vocabulary. The math problems will have multiple steps and skills.

In low performing schools there is a high turnaround of teachers and administrative staff. The job of the principal is one of a good leader with good interpersonal skills.

CCLS fellows are helping to lead implementation across the city. Instructional leads are advancing the leads in their schools.

Speaker - Meghan Fialkoff, Director – Foundation for a Drug Free World

Ms. Fialkoff founded and directed a NY chapter since 2006. Chapters are all over the world. In New York there is a curriculum and free drug education assemblies provided for schools. Meghan stated that On Friday they will partner with the Attorney General in New Jersey on prescription drugs. There is online training available for parents. It's made available FREE to schools for after school programs, PTA groups, PC groups etc... Events start at 3rd grade level. Events are done for free as a community service. Simply contact Meghan 516-637-7645 or e-mail drugfreeworldny@gmail.com. Website: www.foundationforadrugfreeworldnewyorkchapter.org

Meeting ended 9:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made Ms. Kapur and seconded by Ricky. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Minutes taken by Lucy Vieco