

Community District Education Council District 26

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MINUTES FROM BUSINESS /CALENDER/ PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2014

Time: Business Meeting – 7 p.m. - Public Meeting - 8:00 P.M. -

Location: MS 67 – 51-60 Marathon Pkwy, Little Neck, NY – Room B44A

The meeting of the Community District Education Council of District 26 (CDEC26) was called to order by Jeannette Segal, President at 8: 05 p.m. (quorum met)

PUBLIC MEETING

Roll Call - Jeannette Segal, Susan Shiroma (Borough Appointee), Alan Ong (Borough Appointee), Ricky Chan & Lucy Vieco

Late – Anastasio Politidis

Excused - Roy Menendez & Jaya Patil

Unexcused - Leslie Rubenstein

Also present: Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent & Lori Stein-Butera, District Family Advocate

Jeannette stated that safety is an issue in all our schools because parents double park and block traffic. Jeannette wants all the schools to adopt the "Pledge" where parents and children have a safety pledge.

Ms. Saunders would like to see more plays in the schools and feels that our schools have very capable students. Jeannette very much concerned about the budget for the arts in the schools.

Lucy talked about the Participatory Budgeting wish list that was a collaboration created by the PTA president, Cynthia Bishop and principal, Dr. Caraisco.

SPEAKER

John Liu – running in the democratic race on Sept. 9th. Previously served as Comptroller from January 2010-December 2013. Mr. Liu teaches municipal finance and policy at Baruch College. He saved the city over \$153 million by refinancing general obligation bonds, which hold a AA rating from [S&P](#). Over the course of Mr. Liu's term, the NYC pension funds recorded a historically high annualized return of 9.5%, compared to 9.3% over the past 30 years. At the end of FY'09, the pension funds were valued at \$86 billion, and increased by the end of FY'13 to \$137 billion. He also spoke on various other subjects and thanked CDEC 26 for the work they have done.

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Superintendent's Report

- PS 26 - Andrew Pecorella, Principal – August 25, 2014
- PS 94 – Interim Acting Principal, Joseph Ferrara – June 17, 2014
 - PS 94 Principal Posting – July 1, 2014 – July 15, 2014
- PS 18 & PS 186 Principal Postings – June 16, 2014 – June 30, 2014
- Mayor DeBlasio announced \$52 million grant to launch the development of 40 innovative community schools that will match comprehensive social services and learning programs with 40 high-need public schools across the city
- PS 41 – Street Co-Naming, Mrs. Geri Cilmi
Ceremony hosted by Council Member Paul Vallone, June 20, 2014, honoring Mrs. Geri Cilmi, beloved science teacher at PS 41, who lost her battle with cancer a few years ago
- Community A National Award – Spanish Teacher of the Year
Maria Del Pilar Garcia, Bayside High School
- Summer School – July 1, 2014 – July 31, 2014
 - Promotion – Multiple Criteria – Except 8th Grade
- Hawthorne Youth Enrichment Program – July 7, 2014 – August 7, 2014
- Summer Parent Workshops – Lori Butera
 1. Art Classes – July 9, 16, 30 – 9:15 A.M.
 2. Yoga Classes – July 10, 17, 31 – 9:15 A.M.
 3. Book Discussion – July 15 – 9:15 A.M.
 4. Parent Orientation – July 29 – 9:15 A.M.
 5. Nutrition Myth Busters – July 29 – 10:30 A.M.

Quote:

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States

District Family Advocate – Lori Butera

Lori attended a meeting at Tweed on June 18th in regard to Pre-K and shared information about the Free Pre-K program with 30,000 seats added and 70,000 seats added next year. Lori also went around town and put a flyers in different locations (Stop & Shop – Waldbaums & other supermarkets) advertising for Pre-K. Attendees were informed that the DOE is notifying libraries. Community Based Education Center has a lot of seats available.

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Guest Speaker – Ms. Erin Labarge, head of Corporate Social Responsibility for SAP US-East
 Ms. LaBarge stated that she have been managing SAP's CSR programs for the New York office, specifically, for 6 years, have been involved with the BTECH program since it's early stages and began supporting SAP's CSR work in Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington, DC as well beginning this January.

Question - How early will students be involved with SAP?

Answer – Will be involved at the beginning (day 1). They want to build a mentoring program with SAP and students early in their freshman year. Build out for our SAP Mentoring program for the BTECH students is actually already well underway and will launch early in their freshman year (this September).

Question – are children being provided technical support?

Answer - SAP personnel will connect with students. SAP will give out laptops and ipads. Our goal is to provide each BTECH student with a laptop, yes, but students will not be receiving individual iPads. I had mentioned in our meeting that we will do our best to outfit the BTECH classrooms with things like iPads in order to help facilitate an innovative and connected learning environment.

This is the 1st schools SAP is opening. They have partnerships with 10 other schools in a volunteer capacity. SAP has partnered with KIP for many years. Our CSR programs in New York, *specifically*, have had engagement with roughly 10 schools in the city including KIPP elementary, middle and high schools.

This is the true partnership with funding goes to CUNY system and early college initiative to provide internships.

At university level has university alliances so college kids can get certified on SAP software. A \$500,000 to CUNY with 3 yr. commitment to B-TECH.

Nifti- Network for teaching organization. NFTE – the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship – is a strong nonprofit partner of SAP's across North America and I had mentioned that they are working closely with Hoa to build their entrepreneurship curriculum into BTECH's for student's likely beginning at sophomore year mark.

Anita suggested that SAP come to the school instead of having the events at NYC SAP office. Ms. LaBarge let her know that we had only hosted 1 small recruitment "fair" event at SAP in Manhattan because the space was available (and free!) and we thought some parents may work in the city. In fact, a few parents commented that night that it was nice to have an event in the city because it was closer to their where they work. We also hosted a recruiting event at QCC so that we could provide an option for the local Queens families. We were not able to talk about BTECH and our partnership with CUNY officially until March which meant we had a very short window of time to coordinate our recruiting events.

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Question – do you have other partnerships with other schools other than QCC?

Answer – stated that as of now they only have partnership with Queensboro Community College. BTECH with any other colleges or universities and the answer is no. I did mention SAP's University Alliances (UA) programs at this point, which build SAP certifications into post-secondary programs but that is quite separate from what we are doing with QCC and BTECH. I have attached a list of UA schools that SAP partners with here in NYC – these schools teach SAP curriculum through our University Alliances program. We work with 250 post-secondary schools in North America through this program and close to 2000 globally!

Ms. Labarge stated that the first class will graduate in 2020 and they are putting systems in place if students want to transfer to another school.

If a student decides to finish his or her 4-year college experience at QCC or at a different college or university, Hoa and her team will make sure they have the support they need to make this change.

In the first year, it will be 110 students and then it will double. The internships will be in their junior year in the summer. For the last 2 years, SAP has been working on this plan and mentoring will be on a one on one basis.

Mary Vaccaro, UFT representative stated that the DOE will start taking pictures of students and alarms will be put on doors for runners at various schools.

Audience Speaker

Daisy Avila son goes to MS74. She emails to school. Miguel is 12 and is in 6th grade but not is D75. Miguel is in a 12:1:1. He has been with the most sever children. Miguel was never diagnosed with anything. AT birth he had the umbilical cord was wrapped around his neck. AT age 2 he spoke Spanish and English and then began speaking "Jargon". He received speech therapy. At 4 he was tested and he received 2 teachers. Prior to entering kindergarten the 2 teachers helped him get services. He has a speech delay impairment. He went to Stepping Stones for pre-K. He went to MS46 in first grade. When Miguel started he was placed with students of high needs. His homework consisted of 1 page and the answers are circled. Mrs. Capone was his teacher for up to grade 2. In grade 3 his teacher challenged him.

Jeannette asked Daisy if he has been evaluated every 3 years. He did it privately and with the DOE. She has done it in 5th grade.

Anita says the DOE should be evaluating him every year. She wants him to participate in the programs in his current school.

Motion to adjourn public meeting made by Anastasio and second by Alan. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

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BUSINESS MEETING

Roll Call - Jeannette Segal, Susan Shiroma (Borough Appointee), Alan Ong (Borough Appointee), Ricky Chan, Anastasio Politidis & Lucy Vieco

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Unexcused - Leslie Rubenstein

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1. Minutes

April 24th & May 13, 2014 minutes reviewed. Motion to accept both the minutes were made by Susan and seconded by Alan Ong. Council voted unanimously to approve the April 24th & May 13, 2014 minutes.

2. Budget

Budget reviewed – showed balance of monies

3. New Business

- A. Lucy spoke about Dr. Caraisco, Principal at PS188 principal's recommendation. Lucy suggested we should draft a resolution giving the security agents the ability to write tickets to alleviate the traffic situation at the schools. This would follow CDEC 31 lead. Lucy forwarded the email:

REQUESTS THAT NYPD SCHOOL SAFETY AGENTS BE GRANTED THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE TRAFFIC & PARKING VIOLATIONS IN SCHOOL ZONES

WHEREAS; traffic and parking conditions in *school zones** create significant hazards for students, parents and staff; and

WHEREAS; there have been incidents in which students and school staff were injured by vehicles or assaulted when confronting motorists regarding traffic infractions during student arrival and dismissal times; and

WHEREAS; New York City Mayor de Blasio's "*Vision Zero*" program has focused enforcement efforts in order to improve safety for our most vulnerable pedestrians, children and the elderly; and

WHEREAS; NYPD School Safety Agents are designated "special patrolmen" under NYS Criminal Procedure Law Section 210 (27) and the NYC Administrative Code Section 14-06.

WHEREAS; Special Patrolmen are appointed in connection with special duties of employment, and such designation confers limited *Peace Officer* powers upon the employee pursuant to New York State Criminal Procedure Law §2.10(27); the exercise of these powers is limited to the employee's geographical area of employment and only while such employee is actually on duty; such duties of employment may include:

- (1) Issuing of summonses; or
- (2) Making arrests and issuing desk appearance tickets; or
- (3) Controlling crowds and maintaining order in governmental or public buildings; and

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WHEREAS; the New York City Police Commissioner has the authority to expand School Safety Agents' duties to include enforcing NYS Vehicle & Traffic Laws and NYC Parking Violation Laws in school zones; and

WHEREAS; the NYPD School Safety Division deploys mobile units on school days that can be assigned to enforce double parking, U-Turns, cell phone use and reckless driving offenses that are committed by drivers of vehicles in school zones; therefore **be it**

RESOLVED that Community Education Council 31 hereby requests that the New York City Police Department grant School Safety Agents the authority to issue summonses for violations of NYS Vehicle & Traffic Laws and NYC Parking Violations within school zones; and **be it**

FURTHER RESOLVED; that Community Education Council 31 requests a minimum of two (2) School Safety Agents be assigned to NYC public schools so that enforcement initiatives can be instituted while maintaining proper school security. If two (2) NYPD School Safety Agents are unavailable, the School Safety Division should deploy mobile units to enforce traffic and parking violations in school zones. If only one (1) School Safety Agent is assigned to a school, he/she will NOT be assigned to traffic enforcement duties.

**"School zones" are defined under NYS Vehicle & Traffic Law to be a highway (street) that has a school building with an entrance or exit that abuts such highway (street).*

B. Council informed of vacancies - ELL PARENT- GENERAL PARENT and a STUDENT who is a senior.

C. Jeannette asked for a clarification of acceptable excuses. If members are not going to attend they must contact the Administrative Assistant and the Council President.

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.

D. Scheduling of CDEC Meeting Dates

Jeannette talked about potential dates for next year CDEC meetings:
July 17 – August /28 – September 23 – October 23 or 30 – November 25 – December 18 -

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January 29, 2015 – February 24 – March 26 – April 23 or 30 – May TBA (May 21 UFT Dinner Dance) – June 18.

- E. Ms. Saunders stated that Building 332 will be a new school opening by Kyle Brothers. Jeannette reviewed the specs and advised Anita on 5 points on the projects. Anita stated that the SCA addressed each point and that they will make a U cutout for buses to pull up to the school. The DOE is saying that they can't do the U cutout.

- F. Susan informed the council that entrance exams should be more balanced yet others disagree. There is a 2nd meeting on the specialized high school admission criteria and many politicians will be voting to change the admission test. The DOE will weigh the test, look at attendance, essay and others, but not finalized yet.

4. Old Business

Council will approach President's Council in regard to the safety pledges. Alan Ong will review the Parents Pledge and inform the council at the next meeting. The bracelet will show recognition to the parents of the child & Ms. Molly Wang. The council feels that the child's pledge is ok and no modification is needed.

Anastasio asked about social media and our website.

Motion to adjourn business meeting made by Lucy and second by Susan. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Lucy Vieco

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