



Community District Education Council 26

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<i>Council Members:</i>				Danielle Giunta
Norman Cohn	Sulinda Hong	Community Superintendent		
Dennis Chan	Dilip Nath	District 26		
Jennifer Catherall	Taeho Hwang			

August 26, 2021, 7 PM

Calendar Meeting

Meeting called to Order and Roll Call at 7:05 PM by Alan Ong.

Present: Alan Ong, Albert Suhu, Dennis Chan, Jennifer Catherall, Cassandra Louie, Norman Cohn, Taeho Hwang, Dilip Nath, Athena Gavros,

Absent: Adriana Aviles, Todd Friedman, Sulinda Hong

Also, Present: Tara Davidson, Deputy Superintendent District 26, and District 26 Team

- I. Welcome
- II. Senator John Liu provided updates regarding the Education Committee.
- III. Alan Ong provided update regarding school opening and no remote option.
- IV. **Superintendent Report (Danielle Giunta)**
 - We are returning back to school September 13, 2021 and welcoming our students and families back. We are back 5 days in school. There are no remote option or hybrid unless if a classroom is quarantine.
 - Superintendent shared documents and updates regarding guidelines from the Mayor. We are taking multilayer approach where health and safety is our priorities.
 - Superintendent introduced newly appointed principal, assistant principals, and EA.
 - Superintendent shared details about students testing positive in a classroom and quadrating for 10 days.
 - We provided instruction for families who are interested in home instruction and home schooling.
 - Alan Ong raised questions regarding 3ft mandates and capacity. Superintendent Giunta explained that we are splitting classrooms that are large and using spaces that we have not used in the past. We are using data capacity to ensure that we can maintain 3ft across all schools.
 - All staff members are required to have vaccination by September 27.
 - Superintendent shared information about random testing. We are only using the result of in-school testing.
 - Breakthrough case- We still have the situation room, and they will map out the impact and will determine how many classrooms we will have. For middle school and HS , students are eligible to be vaccinated and in those cases, the scenarios may be different than elementary schools.
 - Educational and Instructional priorities: We are working with principals how to intervene with students that may need extra help.
 - All schools in District 26 are having a home welcoming activity. One of the new curriculums we are adding is civic for all curriculums. We will be going through a multi-tier support system to help students fill the gap.
 - All students will be assessed through arcadian for ELA and for math , we will be using iReady. Our first set of assessment in District 26 will be September 27- October 22. We will be using the assessment to discuss with families about the growth of their child academically.
 - We have some key dates to share, and schools have different start and end time because schools are holding professional development.
 - Questions about I ready: **I Ready** is vetted through DOE and we have many of our schools are already trained I Ready, so we decided to continue to use it across the District.

- Question about differentiating between cold and covid- We will send the student to the nurse as usual. The Chancellor is hosting Town Hall in Queens focusing on health and safety.
- Question: Will indoor event be held in school and parent will be authorized to visit schools. We are still restricted, and we are waiting for further guidance.
- Question: Will attendance be considered in admission. We are still waiting for guidance regarding enrollment and what factors to be included in the admission process.
- Question: All of your principal received a survey that 1 to 1 device is available for all students.

V. **Public Comment:**

- **Updates from UFT**
- **Updates from CB**

Alan Ong motioned to adjourn Meeting at 8:28 PM. Motion passed.

Submitted by Farjana Faruk

Business Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting: 8:30 PM

Meeting called to Order and Roll Call at 8:33 PM by Alan Ong.

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Absent: Adriana Aviles, Todd Friedman, Sulinda Hong

Also, Present: Tara Davidson, Deputy Superintendent and District 26 Team

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **Minutes** was reviewed for July 1, 2021 and motion was made by Alan Ong to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously for approval of minutes
- III. **Budget :** Albert Suhu shared updated budget and motioned to approve budget. Budget passed unanimously.
- IV. **School Liaison:** CDEC26 reviewed liaison list with noted that liaison list will be amended when new members join . Liaison procedure was discussed. If any members were to violate any procedure or protocols, they will be removed as liaison from their schools. Appointments needs to be made prior to visit through Farjana. Motion to approve by Alan Ong and motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Committees:** Discussion took place regarding different type of committee and chairperson will be appointed at the following meeting. Committees will be working on a actionable items.
 - **Bylaw Committee:** Chairperson Cassandra Louie
 - **Asian-American Committee:** Chairperson Albert Suhu
 - **Enrollment and Admission:** Chairperson Dennis Chan
 - **Website:** Chairperson Todd Friedman
- VI. **Old Business:**
- VII. **New Business:**
 - Discussion took place regarding remote option.
 - Discussion took place regarding Asian-American Resolution
- VIII. **Member Reports:**
 - Norman Cohn and Cassandra Louie gave an update on ECC meeting.

Alan Ong motioned to adjourn Meeting at 9:55 PM. Motion passed.