



Community District Education Council 26

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

January 13, 2022, Meeting

Calendar Meeting

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

Present: Alan Ong, Albert Suhu, Dennis Chan, Cassandra Louie, Norman Cohn, Dilip Nath, Adriana Aviles, Todd Friedman, Sulinda Hong, Jennifer Catherall, and Athena Gavros

Absent: Taeho Hwang (notified the president of due to work-related business) excused

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

- I. Welcome
 - Requested for timekeeper if needed- (Dennis)
- II. Superintendent Report: (See addendum A)
 - See addendum A
- III. A newly elected official representative is introduced.
- IV. **School Lunch update & discussion** with the council (Dennis Mueller)- questions were raised regarding the process, hot lunch, religious needs, and the quality of food items being served in school lunch. Review of what lunches are being provided and the procedure for requesting changes in lunch services. Families requested a variety of foods needing to be available.
- V. **Presidents' Council update:** parents are begging for remote options and students are being marked absent. Parents are asking about covid testing and its availability of it and accuracy.
- VI. **UFT update:** We are seeing our teachers in school and seeing teams working together to continue learning.
 - Public Comment:

Business Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting: 8:13 PM

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- I. Welcome
- II. Minutes are reviewed of the December 16th meeting, and a motion was made by Norman Cohn to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously for approval of minutes.
- III. Budget: Albert Suhu shared the updated budget and motioned to approve the budget. The budget passed unanimously for adding funds to purchase technology for an in-person meeting. Approved purchasing of iPad (10). Farjana reminded members to submit reimbursement (end of the recording) as

soon as possible to estimate budget allocation because there is no guarantee that we can allocate funding end of the year.

- IV. **CEC15 proposed Resolution regarding guidance:** Alan requested if members had time to review. Council discussed the resolution. As the council discussed, Alan recommended that we need to further discuss the items. If members would like to add it to the next month's calendar and work in committee before the meeting, please email us to add it to the agenda.
- V. **Capital Plan: Capital Plan's top 5 priority was shared with members based on the vote as previously approved.** Alan provided an update to the council about capital plan projects in D26 and the progress of projects. Alan motioned to vote on Capital Plan's top 5 priorities. Motion seconded by Adriana. Motion passed unanimously by the council.
- VI. **Town Hall dates:** Updates on Town Hall dates.
- VII. **School Attendance with the surge of Covid-19:** Superintendent provided updates and showed how members can access daily attendance of their school. Council members also discussed how parents are helping.
- VIII. **Member's report:**
 - CM Albert Suhu raised concerns about the admission process. Alan mentioned that we need to get more information from District Office and discuss it further.
 - Discussion of fire in the Bronx:
 - Alan asked the district if we have a sufficient amount of test kits available for distribution to all families before February 19 for covid testing.
 - Council agreed to work on the letter to send it to everyone and urge them to ensure that there are efficient amount test kits available.
- IX. Alan Ong motioned to adjourn Meeting at 9:12 PM. Motion passed.

Addendum A:

**District 26 CEC Meeting
January 13, 2022
Superintendent Report**

- Welcome New D26 Leaders
- Chancellor's Pillars
- District Letter to the Community
- District Goals
- Mid-Year Screener Process
- Middle School Admissions Cycle
- COVID Policy & Resources

**2022
Happy New Year!**

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Newest District 26 Principals

The John Golden School, PS 162	PS 133 'Lights Up Your Mind'	The Kingsbury School, PS 188
Eve Sci. Acting Principal December 21, 2021	Andy Yuen. Acting Principal January 10, 2022	Christina Figueroa. Interim Acting Principal *Joining Us Soon* February 2, 2022

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Chancellor Banks' 4 Pillars for Success

Scale, Sustain, and Restore What Works

Build on structures that allow for sharing promising practices, nurturing collaboration, and contribute to the NYC DOE as a learning organization!

Fully Reimagine the School Experience for Students

In what ways are students fully engaged in civic experiences?

In what ways do we promote and honor student voice?

Prioritize Health & Wellness

And Measure Its Impact

In what ways are we supporting/addressing student wellness? Is our approach working?

Engage All Parents & Families

Intentional Engagement: Parents Community The Whole Village

#togetherisbetter

Even in darkness it is possible to create light. -Elie Weisel

- Civics for All
 - Soapbox Speeches
- Student Leadership Project
 - Collaborative Card Project
- Computer Science for All



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This time of year, when days are short and nights are long, many of us, our children included, wake before dawn and retire before sunset. We barely have the chance to see the sun, even on days when the grey winter clouds allow it. It is easy to grow so accustomed to the dark that we do not even realize we miss the light.

The earliest humans marked the winter solstice with ceremonies involving fire to symbolize the sun and its life-sustaining power. And still today, cultures across the globe, celebrate the end of the darkest day with candles and lights, small pieces of the summer sun to lift our spirits and carry us through the long winter ahead. In District 26, our children see our light like bright stars in the night sky, our students shined throughout the first half of the school year.

District Goals/DCEP

- District SLT Training on Tuesday, January 11th
- Mid-year progress Monitoring Window for ELA and Math: January 10-February 11th



ELA	Math
K-2 Acadience	K-8 iReady
3-8 iReady	
SEL Screener: Devereaux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) (2x a year)	

What's Happening in Math Across District 26? (Highlighting How Our DCEP Math Goal Action Plan Lives in Our Schools)

Justin Barilla, Teacher at PS 133



Matthew Cameiro, Teacher at PS 188



DOE Middle School Admissions Process

Application Period Open Now!
Apply on [MySchools.nyc](https://www.myschools.nyc.gov) by March 1st!
Zoned Programs and District Choice/Lottery Programs

NEW Sibling Priority!

This year, students entering middle school in fall 2022 who have a sibling in 6th grade during the 2021-22 school year have a priority to attend the same school as that sibling.

Next year, students entering middle school in fall 2023 who have a sibling in 6th or 7th grade during the 2022-23 school year have a priority to attend the same school as that sibling.

New Multiple Birth Sibling Priority!

Parents who have more than one child the same age applying to middle school (ie, twins, triplets, etc.) and want them to attend the same program only need to add choices to one application. Before submitting the application the parent will be asked if they would like to add the same choices to the other child's application.

District 26 MS Open House recordings will be posted on the [Family Engagement page](#) at district26.org.

DOE Central Virtual Middle School Admissions Events

January 20, 5-6 PM January 25, 5-6 PM January 28, 1-2 PM
At the event's start time [join here](#).

NYC DOE COVID-19 Resources

Quick Links

Submit Consent: <https://www.schoolsaccount.nyc/>

Additional Consent Information:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/covid-information/covid-19-testing-for-students>

Submit Vaccination Record: <https://vaccine.schools.nyc/>

Community Resources

Get Vaccinated: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccines.page>

Get Tested: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/coronavirus/get-tested/covid-19-testing.page>

COVID Test Results

Citywide and school based results: <https://testingresults.schools.nyc/>

COVID Testing for Students

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/covid-information/covid-19-testing-for-students>

Information on Home Rapid Tests

Home Rapid Test Kits (includes instructions in multiple languages and video demonstration):

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/health-and-wellness/covid-information/home-rapid-test-kits>

Link to Health Screener Updated on 1/3/22:

https://healthscreening.schools.nyc/docs/Health%20Screening%20Questionnaire%2001.03.22_FINAL.pdf

Addendum B: Budget:

CEC26 Budget Report: January 13, 2022 Meeting:

Opening balance is: **\$24,175.00**

Total Expense: **\$1,126.30**

Closing balance is: **\$23,048.70**

	Allocated	October	December	Jan	Total & Committed	Balance
Non Contractual Services(Copier) Object Code 433	\$1,548.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Member Reimbursement Object Code 496	\$5,000.00	\$325.00	\$500.00	\$170.58	\$995.58	\$4,004.42
P-Card/Office Supplies	\$1,000.00				\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Supplies General (Workshops) Object Code 198	\$2,052.00				\$0.00	\$2,052.00
Food for Meeting & Transportation of Staff	\$2,500.00				\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Website	\$700.00			\$205.72	\$205.72	\$494.28
Vendor Payment for Workshops	\$6,000.00			\$750.00	\$750.00	\$5,250.00
Supplies Water	\$370.00				\$0.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$5,800.00				\$0.00	\$5,800.00
Water rental	\$30.00				\$0.00	\$30.00
Total	\$25,000.00					
Total Spent	\$1,951.30				\$1,951.30	
Balance in Budget	\$23,048.70					

Expense:

Alan Ong	\$ 170.58	CEC Meeting and Meet the President Meeting @tweed August 30, 2021
Network Solution/FF	\$ 205.72	Internet service reimbursement
Irene Fallenbogen	\$ 750.00	Workshops- 6 Yoga classes for parents

Reminder: Member Reimbursement is due for July- December.