



# Community District Education Council 26

## New York City Department of Education

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<b>Albert Suhu</b> <i>President of the Council</i>	<b>Todd Friedman</b> <i>First Vice- President</i>	<b>Cassandra Louie</b> <i>Second Vice President</i>	<b>Adriana Aviles</b> <i>Recording Secretary-Treasurer</i>	<b>Dennis Chan</b>
<i>Council Members:</i>				<b>Danielle Giunta</b>
<b>Norman Cohn</b>	<b>Dilip Nath</b>	<b>Community Superintendent</b>		
<b>Jennifer Catherall</b>	<b>Emily Grodsky</b>	<b>District 26</b>		
<b>Sulinda Hong</b>				

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### **January 12, 2023: Calendar Meeting**

The meeting was called to order.

**Present:** Al Suhu, Dennis Chan, Todd Friedman, Jennifer Catherall, Cassandra Louie, Norman Cohn, Adriana Aviles, Dilip Nath, Sulinda Hong, Winnie Sun & Mollie Grodsky

**Absent:** Jennifer Catherall

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta and District 26 Team

- I. Albert Suhu called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.
- II. Welcome
- III. **NYC DOE Division of Finance (proposal FSF working group)**
  - A. The Council raised concerns about the proposed Fair Student Funding formula's accuracy, which can greatly impact the allocation of funds to schools and students. The formula's flaws could lead to unequal distribution of resources and an unfair advantage to some schools over others.
  - B. To address these concerns, it is important for the Council to work closely with the relevant departments and agencies to thoroughly review the proposed formula and identify any inaccuracies. This may involve conducting a comprehensive analysis of the formula's components, examining data sources and assumptions, and engaging in a robust public engagement process to gather feedback and suggestions.
  - C. Additionally, the council requested DOE to consider seeking the assistance of experts in mathematics, education, and finance to ensure the formula is accurate and equitable. The goal should be to create a formula that provides a fair and equitable distribution of resources to schools, based on the needs of students and the available resources.
  - D. Overall, the Council's role raised concerns regarding the accuracy of the formula which is crucial for the future of education in district 26, and it is important for them to be proactive and engaged in the process of improving the formula.
- IV. **Superintendent Report:**
  - A. Soap Box Presentation
  - B. Update on Bus applications
  - C. Upcoming community presentation.
  - D. School Account and CEC 2023 Election
  - E. Newly appointed IA principals
- V. **Public Comment:**
  - A. Mom for Liberty:
  - B. Effi Zakary: Requested DOE to consider an outside analyst to review the fair student funding.
  - C. John Gavros: raised that FSF is unfair
- VI. Adriana Aviles requested the parliamentary procedure regarding adding items to the agenda and the process to add a vote of no confidence. The item will be discussed at the next meeting.
- VII. Al motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 PM. No objection. Motion passed.

### **January 12, 2023: Business Meeting**

The meeting was called to order.

**Present:** Al Suhu, Dennis Chan, Todd Friedman, Jennifer Catherall, Cassandra Louie, Norman Cohn, Adriana Aviles, Dilip Nath, Sulinda Hong, Winnie Sun & Mollie Grodsky

**Absent:** Jennifer Catherall

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta and District 26 Team

- I. **Review of minutes from December 8, 2022:** Albert Suhu motioned to approve the minutes, and the minutes is approved unanimously.
- II. **Capital Plan 2022-2023:** Council approved the priority list for Capital Plan 2022-2023.
  
- III. **Budget: See addendum A .** Dennis Chen motioned to approve the budget. Dennis Chan reminded members to submit reimbursement.
  
- IV. **Members Report:**
  - Norman Cohn: raised concerns regarding state policies that will impact NYC directly.
  
- V. **President Report:**
  - Will be working on FSF resolution working group.
  - CCHS high school vacancy

*Al Suhu motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 PM and the motion passed unanimously.*