



Community District Education Council 26

New York City Department of Education

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<i>Council Members:</i>				Danielle Giunta
Norman Cohn	Dilip Nath	Yandong Sun (Winnie)	Community Superintendent	
Jennifer Catherall	Mollie Grodsky		District 26	
Sulinda Hong				

May 25, 2023 Calendar Meeting

The meeting was called to order.

Present: Al Suhu, Todd Friedman, Dilip Nath, Winnie Sun, Adriana Aviles, Sulinda Hong and Dennis Chan, and Mollie Grodsky

Absent: Norman Cohn (excused), Jennifer Catherall (excused), and Cassandra Louie (excused).

Also Present: Danielle Giunta and District 26 Team

I. Call to Order: Albert Suhu called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

II. Welcome.

III. Superintendent's Report:

A. District 26 Leadership Update: We are pleased to announce that the new leadership team for District 26 is now in place. We have been diligently working on finalizing the pre-implementation plan and professional learning plan to ensure that all teachers and students are well-prepared for the full implementation of new initiatives.

B. Student Engagement and Civics: We would like to highlight the significant progress made in promoting student engagement and fostering a strong sense of civic responsibility among our students. Through various initiatives and programs, we have witnessed notable success in enhancing student participation and their understanding of civic duties.

C. Big Apple Teacher Award: We are proud to recognize the exceptional efforts and dedication of our educators by presenting the prestigious Big Apple Teacher Award. This award serves as a testament to our teachers' outstanding contributions and commitment to student success.

D. CEC26 and District 26 Workshop Opportunities: We encourage all educators, administrators, and community members to take advantage of the valuable professional development opportunities provided by the Community Education Council (CEC26) and District 26. These workshops aim to enhance professional growth and offer valuable resources to support effective teaching and learning.

E. Math Opportunities and Concepts: We would like to emphasize the importance of fostering math proficiency both in the classroom and at home. We encourage teachers to explore various math opportunities and innovative con

F. Discussion took place regarding migrant translation services.

IV. **Proposed letter restoring the budgets of all CCECs.** Al Suhu motioned to pass the letter. Dennis Chan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (see addendum A).

V. Update from District 26 Presidents' Council: Presidents' Council raised concerns regarding cutting fundings for crossing guards and ensuring that school doors are locked.

VI. **Public Comment:**

1) **John Gavros**-raised concern about the housing situation for the migrant students.

XI. Adjournment: Al Suhu motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, and there was no objection. The motion passed.

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- I. **Review of minutes from April 18, 2023:** Albert Suhu motioned to approve the minutes, which are unanimously approved.
- II. **Budget:** Review of the budget and AI's motion to approve the budget. The budget is approved unanimously
- III. Members' Report.
- IV. President Report:
 - Marian Mason Award
 - Superintendent Evaluation
- V. New Business:

AI motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jennifer Catherall seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously at 09:18 PM.

Addendum A:



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Deputy Chancellor Kenita Lloyd
Family and Community Engagement & External Affairs

Dr. Cristina Melendez
Executive Director of Family and Community Empowerment

RE: CCEC AA membership in DC37

Dear Deputy Chancellor Lloyd and Executive Director Melendez,

Thank you for informing Education Council Presidents in your letter dated September 12, 2022 about the impending representation of Community and Citywide Education Council (CCEC) administrative assistants (AA) by District Council 37, AFSCME, AFL-CIO. We appreciate the briefing arranged on April 27 2023 with the Office of Labor Relations explaining the collective bargaining agreement with respect to changes to the salary structure and accrual of annual leave. We are very pleased that the pay inequity of CCEC AAs has finally been rectified.

We want you to be aware that in the absence of prior Department of Education action to address pay inequity, many CCECs in the past few years have exercised the option to “give merit raises out of its own budget; however, the budget will be reduced by the same amount of the raise (plus fringe benefits) in all subsequent years” (2021-23 edition of the Member Education Council Guide: Volume 1). We ask that you fully restore the budgets of all CCECs that elected to award such merit increases to their AAs.

Sincerely,
Community Education Council District 26

Approved and adopted at the CEC26 meeting on May 25, 2023.