

# Community District Education Council District 26

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## MINUTES OF BUSINESS MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, April 30, 2009

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Location:** MS 67, 51-60 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, NY -Rm B44A

The meeting of the Community District Education Council of District 26 (CDEC26) was called to order by Rob Caloras, President at 7: 15 pm in Room –B44A.

**Roll Call:** Jeannette Segal, Erik DePaula, Irene Cheung, Marie Pollicino, Patrick McShane, Irene Fennell & Dina Quondamatteo

Excused –Vincent Tabone & Dave Kerpen

Present – Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent, Lori Butera, District Family Advocate & Janet Wong, Executive Office for Instruction (EOI)

### *Business Meeting*

- A. Minutes** - Motion to accept the minutes from the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting as written was made by Rob Caloras and seconded by Marie Pollicino. Council voted unanimously to accept the minutes.
- B. President's Report –Rob Caloras**
1. Correspondence
    - a. Times Ledger newspaper regarding Discharge Rates – DOE being accused of using authority to making the graduation rate better than it is. Lawsuit brought on by Ms. Haimson's organization which is still on-going.
  2. Conversation with Monica Gutierrez-liaison for the SCA. Update regarding possible sites:
    - a. Temple Sholom site – not feasible (too small)
    - b. Levittown – pending – DOE broker looking in to it.
    - c. 212-04 Northern Blvd site – DOE broker looking in to it.
  3. PS 188 – complaints regarding dust at the school. Situation resolved – tests done by the UFT, SCA and others. Site non toxic. SCA had a meeting with the parents and addressed their concerns.

Anita stated that Ms. Janet Caraisco ask that the SCA come out again an update the AHERA book in which custodians are to note all work done in their school.

**C. Treasurer’s Report – Erik DePaula-** read balances in each account.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	EXPENDED TO DATE	BALANCE
General Supplies	1,065	0
Procurement Card	7,150	2
Equipment	1,239	0
Rental of Water Cooler	204	0
Advertisement	2,327	2,003
Local Travel and Food Expenses	1,050	550
Stipend Reimbursements	675	1,425
Copier Maintenance	910	0
Other Administrative Consultants	1,200	200

Council voted to have money moved to the P-Card and more money added to stipends for members’ reimbursements.

Rob made a motion and Patrick seconded the motion to approve the treasurer's report and the movement of any monies. Council voted unanimously to approve.

***New Business***

1. Erik & Irene did a school visit at PS 188 and met with Ms. Caraisco, Principal.
  - a. School will be getting a new Assistant Principal.
  - b. School will be getting a new security guard and another nurse.
  - c. The annex at American Martyr school will be getting 2 all day Pre-K classes, 5 kindergarten including a gifted pre-K and it will hold 233 students.
  - d. School will be getting a new boiler, new windows and an updated computer lab.
  - e. Goal – SLT wants to increase activity.
    1. Janet Wong (Network Leader) spoke about working with principals when Comprehensive Educational Plan (CEP).

***Old Business***

1. The Department of Justice has reviewed CDEC26 petition that the election of CDEC members might be a violation of voter rights. The response is "Upon review of the dismantling of the "Old School Boards" it gives permission to the State Legislature to hold elections as is and the straw vote is in no way a violation of any voting rights.
2. Electrical at PS 224/26 - Custodian has outlined that the electricity in the school as a whole needs to be upgraded by Con Edison.

***Superintendents Report – Anita Saunders***

- Welcome Janet Won, Executive Officer of Instruction ( EOI) – Network Leader (P18, 31, 41, 98, 133, 159, 162, 173, 178,186, 188, 191, 213, 221, MS 67)
- A-655 – District Leadership Team (DLT) recommendations
- Swine Flu – no confirmed cases in District 26 public schools
- ARIS Family Portal – available soon
- PS 203 – Odyssey of the Mind – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners, NYC
- PS 188 Annex – PS 868 – September 2009
  - Assistant Principal funding approved

Rob reminded the council of the UFT dinner on May 14<sup>th</sup> and tickets cost \$60 dollars. Council agreed to purchase backpacks for the ballroom dancers with the emblem saying “Attitude is everything” and that the next meeting is May 28 which will be held at MS 74 with the ballroom dancers performing and the honoring of the new assistant principals & principal.

***Lori Butera – District Family Advocate***

1. Workshops & training– Ballroom Dancing at PS 26
2. PS 173 – Literacy workshop
3. 3 SLT trainings
4. OFEA – during the spring break OFEA came out with a list of activities:
  - a. trip to the Intrepid
  - b. Queens Farm
  - c. Museum of National History
  - d. Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island
5. College workshops in May – helps with the completion of the application
6. Queens Parade – June 6<sup>th</sup>
7. Banner making workshop for parents (May 20<sup>th</sup> & May 27<sup>th</sup> at the ISC office on Sutphin Blvd).

Rob acknowledged the representatives from Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan’s office, Assemblyman Lancman & Assemblyman Mark Weprin’s office.

Rob made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Patrick seconded. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Marian Mason, Administrative Assistant, CDEC 26.

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NO PUBLIC MEETING HELD