

Community District Education Council District 26

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MINUTES OF CALENDAR MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2008

Time: Calendar Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Location: MS 74, 61-15 Oceania Street, Bayside, NY 11364-Auditorium

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

Rob started off by thanking everyone for coming out to see the Ballroom Dancers from District 26 perform. Rob announced the CDEC members present: Rob Caloras, Erik DePaula, Irene Fennell, Patrick McShane, Jeannette Segal, Marie Pollicino, Irene Chung & Marian Mason, Administrative Assistant

Excused: Michael Kaleda & Vincent Tabone

Also in attendance was Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent

Rob stated that at tonight's meeting everyone will be entertained by the Ballroom Dancers from PS 31, PS 41 & PS 46.

District 26 Announcements

- Retirees

Anita informed the audience of the three retirees who will be leaving D26 at the end of the school term: Principal Susan Sherer, PS 205; Principal Diane Hobbs, PS 178 & Assistant Principal Michael Levine, MS 216.

Present during the ceremony was Susan Sherer & Michael Levine – Anita outlined their achievements and wished both of them good luck in their future endeavors. The CDEC presented them both with certificates & flowers.

- Promotions

Anita announced the promotions of Interim Assistant Principals who became Assistant Principals: Barbara Choit, MS 67; Robert Chambers, MS 67; Kathleen Driscoll, PS 213.

Nicole Scott was previously the Assistant Principal promoted to Principal, PS/IS 266.

Paul Winter was hired as the new Assistant Principal, PS/IS 266.

Anita honored, Kathleen Driscoll who was present and Mr. Baronoff, Principal of PS 213 & Joann Spargimino, teacher at PS 213 spoke on her behalf. The CDEC also presented her with a certificate and flowers.

Rob informed the audience a little about the budget cuts in District 26 and referred to the information sheet on the table in the back of the auditorium. (See attachment)

Rob thanked the principals for allowing the ballroom dancers to perform and appreciate their skills for bringing this type of program into the schools.

Rob introduced Mary Paik-Bow, Parent Coordinator of PS 41 who did an overview of the dance program and explained how after the culmination of the dance classes in their respective schools, 12 children were then selected in each school to compete as a team, and were now invited to perform that evening for the first time together since the Fall Citywide Ballroom Finals. She thanked all the principals involved.

Mary proceeded to call the dancers up for their performances.

1. Merengue; 2. Foxtrot; 3. Rumba; 4. Swing; 5. Tango
All the dancers performed the Swing together at the end.

Marie Pollicino, member of the CDEC announced the participants of PS 31 – Announced ballroom teachers, Debby Cotton & Karyn Camden, who were given certificates & a bouquet of flowers from the CDEC. The ballroom dancers were called one by one and given a certificate and rose.

Irene Fennell, CDEC member announced the participants of PS 41 – Announced Parent Coordinator, Mary Paik Bow who was given a certificate & a bouquet of flowers from the CDEC. The ballroom dancers were called one by one and given a certificate and rose.

Jeannette Segal, 1st Vice President announced the participants of PS 46 – Announced Donna Kodjapashis, Parent coordinator who was given a certificate & a bouquet of flowers from the CDEC. The ballroom dancers were called one by one and given a certificate and rose.

Anita Saunders took the floor and congratulated all the dancers along with their coaches and acknowledged the principals for a job well done.

Pictures taken for the CDEC campaign poster by Chad Vigor.

Business meeting postponed

Topics discussed were:

-the budget cuts and agreed that we should have a further discussion at our June meeting.

-spending money next year on some District wide programs, possibly offering dance lessons at our meetings to get people out.

Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

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