

# CDEC District 26

## Minutes

### November 9, 2015

#### Calendar Meeting

**Present:** Alan Ong (President), Wendy Pelle Beer (First Vice President), Roy Menendez (Second Vice President), Leslie Rubenstein (Recording Secretary), Evelyn Schechter, Bobby Thind, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Michelle Liu(Treasurer)

**Absent:** Dilip Nath (Excused), Shajid Ali Mohammed

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26, Lori Butera, District Family Advocate, Hallie Martin, DOE Office of District Planning; Albery Melo, DOE Office of District Planning

Called to order at: 7:13

Alan welcomed John, Treasurer of President's Council, to the joint meeting between the CDEC and President's Council.

Albery Melo and Hallie Martin, presented on the rezoning plan for CDEC 26

- New building Q332, 210-07 48th Avenue
  - Anticipated 2017-18 school year
  - Will provide 468 elementary school students - 3-4 sections per grade
- Guiding Policies and Principles:
  - Year of Implementation
  - Impact on current students
  - Sibling Grandfathering - decided by CDEC (generally approved)
  - Admissions
  - Transportation/Busing - more than .5 miles from student's address for kindergarten students;
- Methodology - to determine Target Kindergarten Zone Site
  - Consults SCA "Blue Book" for seat capacity in each school impacted by new school
  - Look at surrounding schools (PS31(143%), PS203(157%), PS41(173%), PS159(129%), PS162(169%) ---- Currently there is a deficit of over 1,000
- Methodology - to determine the Zone Lines
  - Based on recent public school enrollment trends
  - Will replot zone lines based on
    - new residential construction - provided by SCA; community should let DOE know about these as well
    - diversity - maintain the identity of surrounding schools & in creation of new school
    - geographic barriers - ex. dangerous intersection, etc.
    - travel distance

- Timeline - next steps
  - starting to conduct analyses
  - can work with CDEC on proposed scenario together or let DOE put proposal together and bring to CDEC committee
  - Spring 2016 is target for presentation of proposal to District 26 community
  - DEC then has 45 days to vote on it

\*\*major goal is to alleviate overcrowding at PS41 - to remove portables.

Question: Was a traffic study done yet and will it be provided to CDEC? Yes. They will request it.

Superintendent's Report:

- Superintendent Giunta recognized leadership from a variety of schools;
- Principals were provided with the format for CDEC visits as well as the document that school liaisons will use;
- Middle School applications are out; choice only impact G&T programs; will also be available online;
- Chancellor's Initiative: NYC Reads 365
- *Respect for All* posters and essays were submitted and winners were selected; winners will be asked to present at December CDEC 26 meeting.
- Thanked CDEC, Administrators, etc. who attended the Parent Empowerment Conference on November 7th. Special thanks were extended to Lori Butera for organizing the conference.
- Lori explained that upcoming programs include chess, *How to Talk to Kids Will Listen*, more opportunities for parent coordinators to work together.

Raffles from the Parent Empowerment Conference were drawn. Winners will be notified by Lori Butera.

Mary provided flyers for the UFT parent workshop.

Bobby moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16. Evelyn seconded the motion. All were in favor.

## **Business Meeting**

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**Absent:** Dilip Nath (Excused), Shajid Ali Mohammed

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26, Lori Butera, District Family Advocate

Called to order at 8:18.

Bobby moved to accept the October 29th minutes. Evelyn seconded the motion. All approved.

President's Report: Alan shared a program for parents offered by NYC Poison Control Center as well as a preparedness training program.

David mentioned that parents did not know where the schools evacuate to. Tara mentioned that certain information regarding evacuation was not supposed to be public. Leslie explained that in a natural disaster parents should know where students will be evacuated to. Short of that, all schools need a mechanism by which parents will be informed after an evacuation happens and where to find their children.

The issue was tabled.

Hiring Committee: No update yet.

Rezoning Committee: Presentation was made.

By-Laws Committee: Nothing to report.

School Liaison Committee: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Principal of Bayside H.S. explained that the proposed new high school directly across from Bayside H.S. was voted down by the community board.
- Joint issue for President's Council and CDEC is safety. Alan explained that some schools do not have a crossing guard. Alan has reached out to several of the political offices to pursue the issue.
- Leslie suggested that school liaisons call the parent coordinators of the schools they visit to find out about their needs for crossing guards.
- Mary suggested the CDEC members also ask if the crossing guards are at the school regularly.
- A discussion regarding whether or not the School Safety Pledge regarding proper drop off procedures should be sent out again this year.
- Michelle volunteered to develop a survey that encompasses all of the concerns mentioned to provide CDEC members in December.
- Michelle asked whether communities should be informed about potential rezoning impact. Danielle suggested that CDEC members should present to PTA meetings at schools involved. Leslie suggested that those members who have children in the affected districts can present at PTA meetings.

Michelle made a motion to adjourn. Evelyn seconded the motion. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:05.