

# CDEC District 26 Minutes December 22, 2016

## Calendar Meeting

**Present:** Alan Ong (President), Bobby Thind (Second Vice President), Leslie Rubenstein (Recording Secretary), Michelle Liu (Treasurer), Shajid Ali Mohammed, Evelyn Schechter, David Wong, Shengchao Yu,

**Absent:** Roy Menendez (excused), Joseph Gandelman (student member), Wendy Pelle-Ber, Dilip Nath

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26, and Kim D'Angelo

Called to order at 7:07 PM

### SCA Presentation:

- Briefly reviewed
  - Reso A Capital Funds and the projects that would be considered for this funding
  - Public Art for Public Schools: a piece of art will be selected for PS376
  - Environmental Issues in Construction
  - Solicitation materials for contractors interested in working for SCA
- 2016 Amendment for FY2015-2019 Capital Plan
  - Increase of \$500 million
  - Funding is available for a new site in Oakland Gardens/Fresh Meadows
  - An additional 1580 seats are identified as “needed” in Oakland Gardens/Fresh Meadows and Bayside/Auburndale but funding has not yet been secured.
- Update on P.S. 376
- BIAS - Building Condition Assessment Survey conducted by engineers helps to guide projects that are ultimately chosen as SCA Capital Improvement projects.
- Reso A Funds can be used to pay for electrical upgrades. These funds do not expire so principals can secure funds in successive years to save up for a costly project.
  - Once Reso A is granted to a school it takes approximately 9 months for the funding to filter through to SCA and begin the project planning.

### Superintendent's Report:

- All of interim acting principals have been appointed
- Chancellor Farina recognized D26's Aspiring Principals Project
- Updates to D26 website include Winter Reflection; tab for P.S. 376
- 100% of D26 schools registered for a CS4All event
- Kim D'Angelo reviewed several parent workshops that took place as well as upcoming workshops.
- P.S. 98 received a National Blue Ribbon Award and several members of CDEC attended the ceremony

Public Comments:

- One parent asked for “transparency” in the accommodations made at M.S. 67 for state tests.
- Suzanne Eng described a series of workshops that will be offered to parents in D26.

Shajid made motion to adjourn. Shengchao seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:37.

## **Business Meeting**

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**Absent:** Joseph Gandelman (excused), Wendy Pelle-Beer, Dilip Nath

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Meeting was called to order at 8:37 PM. Roll call.

- Shajid made a motion to approve the November minutes. Alan seconded the motion. All approved.
- Michelle presented the budget transfer necessary to support the parent workshops on wellness and mindfulness from the food code to vendor code. Leslie moved to approve the transfer. Evelyn seconded the motion. All approved.
- SCA and Reso A Requests
  - Discussion of BCAS procedure determined that principals are not involved
  - CDEC will determine top 5 projects for Reso A and SCA via e-mail by Jan. 10
- President’s Report:
- New Business:
  - Shajid asked for more information about how untimed State Exams are conducted. Danielle encouraged the CDEC as parent leaders to speak to individual school principals regarding the accommodations that are made for students who use extended time.

Alan made a motion to adjourn. Leslie seconded the motion. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.