



# Community District Education Council 26

## New York City Department of Education

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<b>Albert Suhu</b> <i>President of the Council</i>	<b>Todd Friedman</b> <i>First Vice- President</i>	<b>Cassandra Louie</b> <i>Second Vice President</i>	<b>Adriana Aviles</b> <i>Recording Secretary</i>	<b>Dennis Chan</b> <i>Treasurer</i>
<i>Council Members:</i>				<b>Danielle Giunta</b>
<b>Norman Cohn</b>	<b>Taeho Hwang</b>	<b>Athena Gavros</b>	<b>Community Superintendent</b>	
<b>Jennifer Catherall</b>	<b>Dilip Nath</b>		<b>District 26</b>	
<b>Sulinda Hong</b>				

**July 14, 2022**

**Annual Meeting**

Meeting called to order

**Present:** Al Suhu, Norman Cohn, Dennis Chan, Dilip Nath, Sulinda Hong, Jennifer Catherall, Todd Friedman,

**Absent:** Taeho Hwang (excused), Cassandra Louie (excused) & Adriana Aviles (excused)

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta and District 26 Team

*Chair pro-tem:*

*Cassandra Louie nominated herself as chair pro-tem.*

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Albert Suhu.
- II. **Annual Election:**
  - *Chair pro-tem:*
- III. *Sulinda Hong nominated herself as chair pro-tem.*
  - Sulinda Hong was elected as chair pro-tem unanimously and started the procedure for conducting elections.
    - A. **President:**
      - Albert Suhu nominated himself for the position of President.
      - Adriana Aviles nominate herself for the position of President by writing a statement (see addendum A).
      - Norman Cohn nominated Dilip Nath for the position of President.
    - Each candidate was given an opportunity to state a statement. Norman Cohn read Ms. Adriana Aviles's statement.
    - Votes: **Albert Suhu-** Dennis Chan, Sulinda Hong, Albert Suhu, Jennifer Catherall  
**Dilip Nath-** Norman Cohn, Todd Friedman, Dilip Nath  
**Adriana Aviles-**
    - Norman Cohn motioned to ask questions to each candidate. No objection to asking questions from members.
    - Chairman pro-temp asked if members objected to statements. No objection.
    - Chairman pro-tem announced Albert Suhu as the 2022-2023 President as there is no consensus. AA Faruk requested FACE to clarify the statement. FACE representative clarified that since there are no 6 votes, Albert Suhu is the current Interim Acting President till the August meeting when the election will be held again.
- B. **1st Vice-President:**
  - Dennis Chan nominated Norman Cohn as the 1st Vice-President (see addendum A). Adriana Aviles also nominated Norman Cohn as the 1st Vice President via statement. Mr. Cohn declined to accept the position.
  - Cassandra Louie nominated herself as the 1st & 2nd vice-president in a written statement.
  - Adriana Aviles nominated herself as the 1st vice-president in a written statement.
  - Norman Cohn read Ms. Aviles statement:
  - **Votes: Cassrandra Louie: Albert Suhu, Dennis Chan, Sulinda Hong**
    - o **Adriana Aviles: Todd Friendman, Norman Cohn, Jennifer Catherall, Dilip Nath**
  - Council does not have 6 majorities to elect the 1st Vice-President.
- C. **2nd Vice-President:**
  - Cassandra Louie nominated herself as the 2nd vice-president with a written statement. Ms. Louie was elected as the 2nd vice president.
  - **Vote: Cassandra Louie-** Albert Suhu, Norman Cohn, Dennis Chan, Todd Friendman, Dilip Nath, Sulinda Hong, Jennifer Catherall.
  - Ms. Louie was elected as the 2nd Vice-President for 2022-2023.
- D. **Recording Secretary:** There are no nominations for a recording secretary.
- E. **Treasurer:** Dennis Chan nominated himself for the treasure.
  - **Vote: Dennis Chan-** - Albert Suhu, Norman Cohn, Dennis Chan, Todd Friendman, Dilip Nath, Sulinda Hong, Jennifer Catherall.
  - **Dennis Chan was elected as the treasurer for 2022-2023.**
- F. Annual Election was concluded and the meeting was called to adjournment by Sulinda Hong at 8:10 PM.

**July 14, 2022**

**Calendar Meeting**

Meeting called to order.

**Present:** Al Suhu, Norman Cohn, Dennis Chan, Dilip Nath, Sulinda Hong, Jennifer Catherall, Todd Friedman,

**Absent:** Taeho Hwang (excused), Cassandra Louie & Adriana Aviles

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta and District 26 Team

- I. Meeting call to order
- II. Welcome
- III. **Superintendent Report:** (see addendum B)
- IV. **President Council update:** the majority of our students did not receive their top choices or any schools with the new admission process. President Council President raised concerns regarding the admission process. She also raised concerns about safety and the discrepancy regarding requesting and installation of surveillance cameras.
- V. **Public Comment:**
  - A. I'm Xavier Vasquez, here to express my concern as a parent whose daughter is entering the 4th grade at PS31Q bayside public school. She has attended the public since kindergarten. I am here to bring awareness that the public school PS31Q in bayside has a health hazard due to a conflict between the scaffolding company and the construction company to my acknowledge. While this litigation continues it has discontinued progress in school construction. This has resulted in the roof not being repaired or tended to. Now the school is exposed to mold which is an extreme health hazard, especially for individuals like my daughter who suffer from asthma. How can we as a community resolve this matter?
- VI. Al motioned to adjourn the meeting. No objection. Motion passed.
- VII. **July 14, 2022**

**Business Meeting**

Meeting called to order

**Present:** Al Suhu, Norman Cohn, Dennis Chan, Dilip Nath, Sulinda Hong, Jennifer Catherall, Todd Friedman,

**Absent:** Taeho Hwang (excused), Cassandra Louie & Adriana Aviles

**Also Present:** Danielle Giunta and District 26 Team

- I. **Minutes:**
- II. **Review of minutes from June 09, 2022.** Albert Suhu motioned to approve the minutes and the minutes is approved unanimously.
- III. **Meeting Dates for 2022-2023- August meeting:** There was a discussion regarding the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Albert Suhu's motion to approve the August 11 meeting.

**Votes:** Yes: Sulinda Hong, Albert Suhu, Norman Cohn, Jennifer Catherall, Dilip Nath, Dennis Chan

**Abstain:** Todd Friedman

Council voted unanimously for the September 2022- June 2023 meeting dates (see addendum C).

- IV. **Budget:**
- V. **Committee:** **Todd requested to be not the chairperson of the website committee and the committee remains as it is.**
  - A. **2021-2022 FY full budget was shared with the council.**
  - B. **2022-2023 proposed budget:** Discussion took place regarding FY2021-22 Todd reimbursement. *Council also amended the motion to add \$500 to the printer, and \$350 for PTA Meet and Greet & Todd reimbursement. Motion passed unanimously. (see addendum C).*
- VI. **President Report:**
  - A. Al was reached out by Fred Walsh & Alan Cheng and let Al know if members would like for them to speak.
  - B. 216Q protest which has been addressed.
- VII. **Committee Report:**
- VIII. **New Business:**
  - A. Meet & Greet with High School Superintendent Queens North and discuss with her regarding High School criteria, requesting her staff to CEC26 meeting, annex, and possibly the option to rezone with the new annex.
  - B. Office of District Planning will be attending the September meeting.
  - C. HS admission- Al requested to draft a resolution regarding HS admission and possibly work under a committee if needed.
  - D. Class size reduction bill and lack of space for teachers. D26 has a lack of space and not a lack of teachers.
  - E. Todd discussed the vaccine mandate and requiring it possibly caused reduce in enrollment. Todd discussed including vaccine mandate and class size reduction and creating a survey that will be distributed by parent-coordinators. He also mentioned that after the survey to create a resolution to Eric Adam stating based on the data, if he is okay with losing 15% of votes.
  - F. Al raised concerns regarding logistics of distributing the survey.
  - G. AA salary increase. Al proposed that based on AA's performance, she deserves a higher salary. Al suggested writing a resolution and how much we can allocate from our budget to increase AA's salary. He went through the procedures of passing the resolution and estimated about \$5000.

- H. New Business-
- requested AA to invite HS Superintendent.
  - Dennis requested if Todd can start the process of starting the survey. Al also mentioned that as we will be requesting both the PTA and PC, we may want to request Superintendent's Office and Presidents' Council as to what information they need to send out the survey.
  - Norman requested to invite the HS enrollment office to the upcoming meeting.

Al Suhu motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 PM and motioned passed unanimously.

## **Absences:**

Cassandra Louie & Adriana Aviles were notified on the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting that they are unable to attend the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting due to planned vacation.

Taeho Hwang notified AA and President of his absence due to work.

## **Addendum A:**

### **Statement of candidates:**

#### **Cassandra Louie:**

cassandra louie <cassandra.louie.cdec26@gmail.com>

Thu 7/14/2022 2:34 PM

To:

- CEC26 D26 <CEC26@schools.nyc.gov>

Cc:

- Al Suhu <al.suhu26@gmail.com>

additionally... i am open to the 2nd VP position as well

many thanks

ps: i am floating on a cruiseship in the middle of the Atlantic today...based on connectivity, I will attempt to get on the call...but was kicked off several times last night

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 12, 2022, at 2:13 PM, cassandra louie <cassandra.louie.cdec26@gmail.com> wrote:

>  
> good afternoon  
>  
> I am requesting for candidacy for First Vice President for the academic year 2022-2023  
>  
> Many thanks  
> Cassandra Louie  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone

#### **Adriana Aviles:**

On Jul 13, 2022, at 9:45 PM, Nana <nanalatina@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hello Farjana,

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend our meeting tomorrow evening. I am submitting my candidate statement for the position of President which I would like Norman to read for me. I am also nominating Norman for VP, as well as Dilip. I believe there are 3 positions available for VP? If I don't get elected for President then I would like to nominate myself for 1st VP if possible. Thank you!

As a parent of 3 children across the NYC DOE school system...elementary, middle school, and high school..I have been and continue to be actively involved in raising ALL voices for all our families across our district. Our support for our families should not stop at the high school level.

Just like our schools, our families have different concerns and priorities that need to be supported and addressed.

I am proud of what our CEC has accomplished throughout the years..we have passed many resolutions and have written letters of support. We need to further our ground work and form partnerships as well as alliances that ultimately lead to our voices being heard and most importantly acknowledged.

I have been a member of the Community Board 11 education committee. As a minority parent leader I have taken an active role in our diversity and inclusions spaces..whether on a district level or citywide. Most recently I secured a private audience with our new Deputy Chancellor, Ms. Kenita Lloyd, to speak on how we can further support our district and all our families.

I am proud to add that I was approached by Council Member Paladino's team to be a non paid parent leader on her education committee to help coordinate and speak on educational concerns and priorities with different city agencies.

Our CEC needs to be seen as well as heard throughout our communities. When a CEC member is facing DOE obstacles for their child, then we must come together to evaluate our best course of action as a voted parent leader group...not only is this just for our members, but families are facing similar hardships. We need to be seen and heard so that all families know we are in this together. I feel I am that member to further our CEC into the always evolving spaces while forming and maintaining the excellence that is district 26.

I am sorry I am not at this meeting. I had planned accordingly our family vacation back in February knowing it was to be our election meeting with the original date that was posted for the month of July. Thank you Norman for reading this for me. Thanks again and good luck to all!

## Superintendent Report Addendum B.



### D26 Leadership Updates Inspiring & Developing Leaders

- ★ District Team
  - Dr. Tara Davidson has accepted a job as an Assistant Superintendent in the Floral Park-Bellerose Unified School District on Long Island.
  - As part of the NYC DOE reorganization efforts, the District Team will grow and we look forward to providing updates as the team evolves!
- ★ Our Schools
  - Q188 Christina Figueroa is officially appointed as Principal at Q188.
  - Q133 Andy Yuen, Acting Principal at Q133 will transition back to his former title as an Education Administrator and participate in the DOE reorganization working at the central level.
  - Q133 Nicole Colon-Williams, appointed Principal at Q133 has extended her childcare leave through next January 2023 and as a result, it is with great excitement I share Mr. Matthew Paolano, currently an AP at MS 74, has accepted the role as Acting Principal at Q133.
  - **Q133 Mr. Paolano will begin leading the Q133 community on Friday, July 1, 2022.**
  - We have two Assistant Principals leaving our district having accepted leadership positions outside of the DOE:
    - Lily Ho, PS 133
    - Jessica Bader, MS 216



**CHANCELLOR'S PRIORITIES Set the Vision, Goals, & Priorities for the District in Alignment with the Chancellor**

**District 26 4-Core Structures for Priority Initiatives**

<b>Fully Reimagine the School Experience for Children</b>  In what ways are students fully engaged in civic experiences? In what ways do we promote and honor student voice?	<b>Scale, Sustain &amp; Restore What Works</b>  Build on structures that allow for sharing promising practices, nurturing collaboration, and contribute to the NYC DOE as a learning organization!	<b>Engage All Parents &amp; Families</b>  Intentional Engagement: Parents Community The Whole Village #togetherisbetter	<b>Prioritize Health &amp; Wellness Measure its Impact</b>  In what ways are we supporting/addressing student wellness? Is our approach working?
<b>Spotlight Schools</b>	<b>Aligned District Professional Learning Series</b>	<b>Collaboration with Community Partners</b>	<b>Measure the Health &amp; Wellness of the Initiative Impact: Evaluation &amp; Progress Monitoring</b>

District 26 Instructional Priority Initiatives for 2022-23		
Culturally Responsive Sustaining Education	MTSS	Early Childhood Literacy/Pre-K Authentic Assessment
Civics for All	Computer Science for All	

**D26 Organizational Priorities**

Parent & Community Partnerships  
 Safety  
 Attendance  
 Enrollment  
 District Team Design

**Addendum C:**

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| <b>Council Members:</b>                               |  |  |   |  |
| <b>Norman Cohn</b>                                    | <b>Sulinda Hong</b>                                  | <b>J</b>   | <b>Danielle Giunta</b>                              | <b>h Chin</b>                                    |
| <b>Jennifer Catherall</b>                             | <b>Dilip Nath</b>                                    |  | <b>Community Superintendent</b>                     | <b>District 26</b>                               |
| <b>Athena Gavros</b>                                  | <b>Taeho Hwang</b>                                   |  |   |  |

**July 14, 2022**

WHEREAS, a Draft Budget has been presented to the Council in the attached document "Community District Education Council 26: DRAFT 2022-2023 Budget Subject to Council Review and Approval" (the "DRAFT Budget"), and

WHEREAS, the "DRAFT Budget" has been discussed by the Council Members and found to meet the reasonably anticipated needs of the Council consistent with the funds budgeted to the Council by the Department of Education; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the "Community District Education Council 26: DRAFT 2020-2021 Budget Subject to Council Review and Approval" be approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, That future amendments to this Budget be accomplished by a motion of the Council that is voted on and approved by its members.

**Draft 2022-2023 Budget Subject to Council Review and Approval**

Budget Line Items	PropoThat future amendmendtd Budget
NonareContractual Services(Copier) Object Code 433	\$1,548.00
Member Reimbursement Object Code 496	\$10,462.00
Supplies General (Workshops) Object Code 198	\$7,000.00
Website	\$570.00
Vendor Payment for Workshops	\$5000.00
Supplies Water	\$300.00
Water rental	\$120.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Balance in Budget</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

RESOLVED, The members of CDEC26 voted at this meeting consisted of:

<b>Adriana Aviles</b>				<b>Albert Suhu</b>		
<b>Dennis Chan</b>				<b>Dilip Nath</b>		
<b>Sulinda Hong</b>				<b>Todd Friedman</b>		
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