



**Recording Secretary Lucy Vieco**

*Nomination presented by Jeannette Segal & Leslie Rubenstein seconded*

8 – 0 (8YES- 0 NO: Unanimous vote of all members present)

No other nominations

**Treasurer Alan Ong**

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There being no further business for the Annual Meeting, *President pro tem* turned the chair over to the new President, Jeannette Segal.

Annual meeting adjourned and business meeting followed

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

### **1. Meeting called to order by Jeannette Segal**

Lori shared with the council that Marian is scheduled to return Aug. 5th. We all hope she feels better.

### **2. President's Report**

- a. Jeannette stated that before the break a presentation of PVC plastics was given and a resolution was asked to be approved. Jeannette asks that this resolution is tabled giving new members opportunity to read minutes.
  
- b. Jeannette discussed the Martin Van Buren change to the school. The day after school ended, Portfolio requested attendance at our June meeting but we had already had our meeting. The public meeting to happen in Sept. Martin Van Buren will have a career and tech education option to their high school beginning in the fall 2014 beginning with 9th grade. It will be a colocation at MVB. As part of this proposal a reduction in enrollment of 400-500 over a period of 4 yrs. This will reduce the 9th grade seats available because of co-location. On DOE website it will be listed as EIS that will address the specifics of the proposal. A joint hearing will be held for public. The DOE will have a phone bank available. Martin Van Buren will continue to be a large high school.

Leslie asked “what the CDEC role would be or is it the Citywide Education council's issue? “ Jeannette said “we could talk about it or create a resolution”. Jaya said in D24 had a co-location and the students

Questions tabled:

What happens to the students?

Lori mentioned that district leadership teams have been creating programs to attract local students.

Jeff Slivko stated “that not a big proportion of zoned students go to Martin Van Buren.” Where does new school plan to draw from? He said Mr. Sochet the principal has been working with LIJ and engineering people to increase their offering at the school. He has been working very hard.

Susan stated “that this is part of initiative to make smaller high schools.” She is concerned with how the district's stats will be affected with this new program.

Leslie said we should get information of what has happened with other schools.

Susan anticipates there will be overcrowding in other high schools with the lowering of available seats at Martin Van Buren. We would like to get the principal from Martin Van Buren to the CDEC meeting.

Mary Vaccaro, UFT Rep stated “this has never been brought up with the principal and was never given the chance.” Teachers are fighting to get into Martin Van Buren instead of getting out.

Jeff Slivko said that Francis Lewis and Bayside have a CTE program. Jeff believes CTE is more rigorous because students graduate with career readiness certification. He believes change takes time. There was a forgone conclusion it wouldn't work so they put something in.

Jaya mentioned that from her experience a plan was presented but nothing was implemented. Flushing was on a closing school list but Martin Van Buren was not.

Jeannette asked that the principal to come to the CDEC meeting to discuss along with someone from DOE Portfolio department.

Randy Lafargue of the Div. of Family and Community Engagement would like for someone from the Division of Portfolio to come and comment because they can implement certain facets. He will reach out to Portfolio and speak with the CDEC. Randy was advised of the next meeting date (August 29<sup>th</sup>).

Jeannette asked Randy to get us as much information as possible. We want a chance to voice issues before the October vote.

Jeannette wants to make changes to the Bylaws, which must be presented, voted then accepted. Council reviewed & scheduled meeting dates of the council meetings.

Proposed dates for meeting:

**2013**

Sept. 26

Oct. 30 (Wed)

Nov. 21

Dec. 19

## **2014**

Jan. 30

Feb.25 (Tues)

Mar. 20

Apr. 24

May 29

June 19

Jeannette stated she will email Marian to send budget to Alan. This will be tabled till next meeting.

### **School Assignments**

Jeannette ask that the council members look at the school's list, email each other and decide at next meeting the final assignments. Jeannette informed the council that the schools really like when the CDEC makes a school visit. Once an appointment is made, Marian should be notified and she will inform the other council members of the date and time. At times, more than one member will share a school.

Jeannette asks for a motion to adjourn business meeting Jaya made a motion and Leslie seconded. Council voted unanimously.

## **PUBLIC MEETING**

Public meeting commenced at 8:01pm

Roll call to open public meeting:

Speakers:

1. Mr. Jim Gallagher spoke electrical equipment shortage; smart boards were requested by Martin Van Buren. Water rate increased 5.6%. Many events in community in the summer. Crocheron Park is presenting Shakespeare in the Park. Tuesday at St. John-Opera. Five Thursdays in August is movie night at 7pm in Cunningham Park. The 107th precinct will do a National Night Crime Prevention Seminar, August 6<sup>th</sup> against crime at Electchester shopping mall.
2. Assemblywoman Nily Rozic  
Ms. Rozic's office is moving and a grand opening is being held on Sept 15 to a store front 159-16 Union Tpke. Ms. Rozic stated that there is an increase in the West Nile virus and they have been spraying nightly.  
Council informed that Megan is our liaison in her office and has a staff of three (3).
3. Molly Wang, Principal of MS 173 welcomed the council. She stated that her school has been awarded a blue ribbon.

4. Mary Vaccaro, UFT Rep. informed the attendees that May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Dinner Dance for the UFT. She is looking for parents to get more involved. Teachers are working towards new evaluation system.
5. Jeff Slivko stated that his teachers are at workshops. His school is getting more books and feels principals and teachers will be ready. He is the district CSA chair.

**Lori Butera District Family Advocate**

Informed the attendees of a workshop held today using a book called "Sticks and Stones" and showed the movie "Bully". Also teen interns from the Hawthorne program viewed the movie also. Parents received many suggestions but still need to work with schools. A copy of the book was purchased. Other workshops have been held as well. In August a meet and greet for PTA will be held.

Mr. Gallagher added that St. John's will have a full day conference on Bullying. He will share the date and time when he gets it.

Leslie added that in her district they have "up stander" awards for students who speak out against bullying. The "upstander" takes the student who is being bullied away from the situation.

Randy Lafargue, Office of Family & Community Engagement stated that Governor Cuomo signed legislation allowing former ELL parents to serve on CDEC and Citywide councils.

Lucy informed the attendees to be aware of Mr. Weiner wanting to get rid of parent coordinator positions.

Jeannette ask that a motion be made to adjourn - Alan made a motion, Ricky seconded and council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lucy Vieco, CDEC 26.