

# **Community District Education Council District 26**

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## **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **MINUTES OF BUSINESS PUBLIC MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday, November 13, 2008

**Time:** 7:00 P.M.

**Location:** MS 67, 51-50 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, NY -Rm B44A

The meeting of the Community District Education Council of District 26 (CDEC26) was called to order by Robert Caloras, President at 7:10 pm in Room –B44A.

Roll Call: Rob Caloras, Erik DePaula, Jeannette Segal, Irene Fennell & Marie Pollicino

Excused: Patrick McShane, Irene Cheung & Vincent Tabone

#### ***Business Meeting***

1. Minutes – October 7, 2008 & October 29, 2008 were tabled (no quorum).

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

- a. Discussion on having a public meeting to discuss the Capital Plan for the year 2010-2014. Proposal made by the CDEC for electrical upgrades for all the schools in District 26. Marian will complete the form for a School Construction Authority Representative to come to our December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and discuss the Capital Plan.
- b. Spoke about an article in the NY times about the Jericho school district having a hard time attracting parents from different cultures to come to their PTA meetings.
- c. Discussion on the October 29<sup>th</sup> public meeting on School Governance/Mayoral Control –
  1. Advertisements were put in the Queens Courier, Korean and Chinese newspapers.
  2. E-mails were sent out plus
  3. Backpacking notices were sent home with the students.
  4. The turn out was not good. Parents consumed with family matters due to time factors.
  5. First time teachers attended this meeting.
  6. No responses/comments were sent in regarding the meeting.
  7. Council will amend last year's capital plan regarding electrical upgrades.

#### **Old Business**

1. Marie Pollicino's Petition – still awaiting decision from the appeal that was submitted.

#### **New Business**

Discussion regarding SLT's:

1. Principals attending to discuss/consult budget cuts.
2. ATR's will be used as substitutes.
3. Teacher's who are on leave & return after four (4) years of being out, **must** be hired back even though another teacher was hired to replace them. Principals will have to find the funds to pay the extra teacher who was kicked out of their position.

Rob made a motion to adjourn Business meeting and Irene Fennell seconded. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.  
 Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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***Calendar/Public Meeting***

Rob called public meeting to order at 8 p.m.

***Superintendent's Report*** – Anita Saunders

- **Budget Reductions**

- Tweed, Central Offices, Offices Outside of Schools – 475 positions being cut
- Also not filling 100 vacancies
- Schools – 1.3% on average
- Reductions affecting Schools
  - § Elimination of Citywide Science Assessment (Grade 3)
  - § Reduction in cost of grading Math, ELA State assessments
  - § Integrated Service Centers (ISC)
  - § Summer School – limited to mandated students only
  - § Facilities & Maintenance
  - § ATR's (Annual Teacher Reserve) – to be used as substitute teachers beginning 11/17

- **Quality Review**

Cambridge Consultants will be leaving the end of this year and Superintendents will be administering the Quality Review.

- New Process – Bar Raised
- 5 Quality Statements
- Rubric
- PS/MS 178 and PS 205

New Principals to be reviewed 2008-2009

- **Open School** – Parent/Teacher Conferences

	Evening	Afternoon
Elementary	Wednesday, November 19, 2008	Thursday, November 20, 2008
Middle School	Monday, November 17, 2008	Tuesday, November 18, 2008

- **Architectural Photography Contest Winners**

- PS/MS 266 – Barbara Font – Citywide Middle School Winner
- PS 41 – Daniel Kim – Elementary Runner-up

**Lori Butera** – District Family Advocate

1. MS 74 – D26 Family Day Event (Cake Decorating) in conjunction with the Annual Food Drive where parents are asked to bring can goods or perishable items. Cindy Lish will be the instructor.
2. SPA (Saturday Parent Academy) offered in the five boroughs
  - a. Queens Location -Aviation H.S. on December 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Will be offering the SLT training also
3. Lori met with Parent Coordinators today at MS 67, Room B44A. Thanked the CDEC for using their room.
4. Free SAT Prep Courses offered starting December 4<sup>th</sup> -grades 10-12, Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.

Rob informed the attendees that the next meeting is December 18<sup>th</sup> in which representatives from the SCA will come and discuss the Capital Budget Plan.

Rob made a motion to adjourn meeting and Marie seconded. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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