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MINUTES OF OUTREACH COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 7, 2006

Meeting was call to order by Rob Caloras, President at 6:45PM
Attendance: Robert Caloras, Edward Fallacaro,

Outreach Committee Agenda Topics Discussed

Outreach Updates

School visits/PTA Liaison

Ed attended MS158 PTA meeting and gave presentation on CDEC 26

Jackie – Mar 17 PTA meeting at PS98

Rob met with Mary Vaccaro, UFT and discussed focus on building parent-teacher relationships, 37 ½ minutes, and PS178 K-8 implementation in regards to Special Education

Rob attended the PS221 PTA meeting

Rob suggested that we look back at school visits and whether we need to restructure assignments next year to enhance visits

Emails to PTA members

Ed discussed concern mentioned at the Presidents Council meeting he attended in regards to CDEC members emailing PTA presidents, especially when they are not the designated liaison for their school

Public Hearings

Brief discussion to look back at the PS159 Public Hearing as well as the Chancellor's visit

Future events similar to Chancellor's visit – CDEC should consider limiting public to asking questions only with a 30 second time limit to ensure broader audience participation

CDEC Presentations

Those in attendance agreed that presentations can be either formal (with PowerPoint) or informal but subject matter from the PowerPoint presentation should be used as a guideline

Website

Website updates now are sent to larger audience (politicians, media, Principals, Parent Coordinators, Presidents Council, and subscribers)

Any feedback sent to feedback@cdec26.org is forwarded to entire council regardless of content

Newsletter

Agreement that Susan Shiroma's newsletter idea is a strong way of communicating. Further discussion needs to take place as we should ensure the newsletter is sent district-wide.

Vacancies

Interview process was discussed and agreed that interviews should take place prior to the March 23rd public meeting at 6:15, followed by a vote at that meeting. Marian distributed all the applications.

Budget Update

Ed and Marian to meet with Ina Werbelow, Budget Officer at Region 3 offices (ROC) to discuss impending budget deadlines and reallocation of monies.

April Meeting Update

CDEC 26 will invite principals to the April meeting to get their feedback as to the benefits of the Ballroom Dancing enrichment programs.

Zoning

Myrna Perez Fong, Parent Coordinator from PS188 discussed the possibility of PS159 requesting rezoning. Her concern from PS188 involved potential impact of the magnet feeder children from PS188 into MS158 should PS159 be rezoned to attend MS158. Concerns were involving overcrowding and impact. Ed mentioned that PS159 PTA is still receiving feedback from its membership as to whether to proceed. PS159 is also affected by the World Journalism Institute small high school's placement into the IS25 facilities, so there is no update on rezoning requests.

Next Outreach Meeting – April 4, 2006

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Ed Fallacaro, Treasurer, CDEC.