

Community District Education Council District 26

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MINUTES OF CALENDAR MEETING

Date: Thursday, April 26, 2007

Time: Calendar Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Location: MS 74, 61-15 Oceania Street, Bayside, NY 11364-Auditorium

The meeting of the Community District Education Council of District 26 (CDEC26) was called to order and chaired by Rob Caloras, President at 7:15 pm in the Auditorium.

Rob started off by thanking everyone for coming out to see the Ballroom Dancers from District 26 perform. Rob announced the CDEC members present: Rob Caloras, Dr. Lana Zinger, Jodi Nath, Susan Shiroma, Debra Strassberg, Bona Sun & Jackie Montgomery & Marian Mason, Administrative Assistant

Excused: Carol Gomez, Melissa Dorfman & Yen Shia Chou

Also in attendance was Lori Stein Butera, Parent Support Coordinator & Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent

Rob mentioned that the UFT contract had been signed and that the CDEC is bringing information to the community.

Tonight District 26 will be entertained by the Ballroom Dancers that competed all the way to the Fall Citywide final Competition: PS 26-Gold; PS 41-Silver & PS 159-Bronze

District 26 Announcements

- Congratulations:

Bruce Baronoff, Principal, PS 213 – Outstanding Cooperating Principals Award, St. John's University – May 7, 2007

Ballroom Dancers -PS 26, PS 41, PS 159

Douglas Lombardi – Queens Borough Winner – Art
Kellin Liew – Citywide Winner - Poetry
Department of Environmental Protection, Annual Water Conservation, Art & Poetry Contest

Middle School 216

Winning Essays – eight students: Elizabeth Allison, Nathaniel Allison, Daniel Wang, Kelly Chin, Sriman Panda, Ivan Yuan, Kenny Badette, Mayor Fagbamigbe
re: “Why I Want to See Through the Eyes of a Journalist”
HUMMER Division of After school All Stars Program

Travel in Hummer vehicles to Regis & Kelly show and to Javits Center Automobile Show

- School Support Organization – Principals to make decision by May 15th
- Summer School Sites – PS 46 & MS 216 – Monday – Thursday
July 2 – August 8

Rob announced that May 3rd will be the UFT Scholarship Awards Dinner. Awards (money) will be given to students after careful review & the reading of hundreds of essays where students spoke about their schools.

Rob thanked the principals for allowing the ballroom dancers to perform and appreciate their skills for bringing this type of program into the schools.

Rob introduced Mary Paik-Bow, Parent Coordinator of PS 41 who did an overview of the dance program and explained how after the culmination of the dance classes in their respective schools, 12 children were then selected in each school to compete as a team, and were now invited to perform that evening for the first time together since the Fall Citywide Ballroom Finals. Mary also stated that PS 46 (Top Gold Medalists) would also be competing in the June Grand Finals Competition against both the Fall and Spring Finalists. She thanked all the principals involved.

Mary proceeded to call the dancers up for their performances.

1. Foxtrot; 2. Rumba; 3. Swing; 4. Tango; 5. Merengue

All the dancers performed the Swing & Merengue together at the end.

Susan Shiroma, Vice President of the CDEC announced the participants of PS 26 - Parent Coordinator, Christine Marziliano and Ms. Gershman, **the ballroom teacher**, and then proceeded to call the dancers giving each one a certificate and rose.

Jodi Nath, CDEC member announced the participants of PS 41 - Parent Coordinator, Mary Paik Bow, Ms. Sari Latto-Principal and the ballroom dancers giving each a certificate and rose.

Dr. Lana Zinger, CDEC member announced the participants of PS 159 – Kim Johnson, Parent coordinator, Ms. Zucker, Principal and the ballroom dancers giving each a certificate and rose.

Everyone was congratulated and the parent coordinators were given bouquets along with the principals.

Anita Saunders took the floor and congratulated all the dancers along with their coaches and acknowledged the principals for a job well done.

Meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Business meeting postponed.

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