** Community District Education Council 26**

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**Community Education Council District 26 (CDEC26) Minutes**

**January 28, 2016**

**Location: M.S. 74 61-15 Oceania Street, Queens, NY 1136**

**Calendar Meeting**

**Minutes Approved on February 25, 2016**

1. ***CDEC26 meeting called to order and roll call at 7:08 P.M.***

**Present**: Alan Ong (President), Wendy Pelle-Beer (First Vice-President), Roy Menendez (Second Vice-President), Leslie Rubenstein (Recording Secretary), Shajid Ali Muhammad, Dilip Nath, Bobby Thind, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Olivia Esposito (Student Member)

**Absent**: Michelle Liu (excused), Evelyn Schechter (unexcused)

**Also Present**: Superintendent District 26 Danielle Giunta, District Family Leadership Coordinator Lori Butera and Dr. Tara Davidson.

1. **Superintendent’s Report:**  Superintendent Danielle Giunta introduced Principal Lina Kim of P.S. 98.
2. Students from P.S. 98 presented ***“Smart Word of the Day Songs”.***
3. **Traffic Survey Update:** Survey went out to schools; results will be shared in February.
4. Principal Karalazarides (P.S. 46Q) presented on “***Project Lifesaver”*** to deal with traffic safety issues:
5. Student Leadership Team (SLT) and community effort.
6. Communicated with families, neighbors - house to house visits.
7. Coordinated with NYPD, Crossing Guards and local representatives.
8. Front of school one way only for 1 hour at start and 1 hour at end of day.
9. Parent volunteers meet students at cars and help them enter the building.
10. **School Quality Guide** (replaced School Progress Report) was released. Dr. Tara Davidson gave a presentation on accessing and understanding the information on the school quality guide.
11. Snapshot: directed to families;

Website: [**http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/tools/report/default.htm**](http://schools.nyc.gov/Accountability/tools/report/default.htm)

Family Guide: [http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/F65C2F4E-B113-46C5-B0C3- 7B8C85C79A8A/0/ESFamilyGuide.pdf](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/F65C2F4E-B113-46C5-B0C3-%20%20%207B8C85C79A8A/0/ESFamilyGuide.pdf)

* + 1. Overview page; data collected from school surveys, quality reports and attendance data, etc.
    2. Aligned to Framework for Great Schools.
    3. Sections ratings provide summary of school quality in different areas.
    4. Peer comparisons (between students NOT between like schools).

1. Educator Guide:directed to schools for goal settings.

Educator Guide *(K-8*): [**http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/5347DA79-B985-4CBF-B56E-B05C8380C53B/0/201415EducatorGuideEMS12282015.pdf**](http://schools.nyc.gov/NR/rdonlyres/5347DA79-B985-4CBF-B56E-B05C8380C53B/0/201415EducatorGuideEMS12282015.pdf)

1. **Public Comments:**
2. UFT Representative Dave Waltzer announced Scholarship Dinner Dance on March 31, 2016 and reminded community of the scholarship essay contest that is currently running District 26.
3. Gina DeVito, member Citywide Council for Special Education explained the role of the council and provided a flyer explaining the role of CCSE. She also explained that there will be an upcoming conference on IEPs. She will liaise with Lori Butera regarding workshops in District 26.
4. Jim Gallagher, CB8 shared a variety of community resources and events, including the

Queens Tribune, Guide to Queens Blue Book.

1. *Council Member (CM) Shajid Ali Muhammad moved to adjourn Calendar Meeting at 8:29. CM Shengchao Yu seconded the motion.* *All in favor. Meeting adjourns at 8:29 P.M.*

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**Business Meeting**

**Minutes Approved on February 25, 2016**

1. ***Meeting called to order and roll call at 8:29 P.M.***

**Present**: Alan Ong (President), Wendy Pelle-Beer (First Vice-President), Roy Menendez (Second Vice-President), Leslie Rubenstein (Recording Secretary), Shajid Ali Muhammad, Dilip Nath, Bobby Thind, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Olivia Esposito (Student Member)

**Absent**: Michelle Liu (excused), Evelyn Schechter (unexcused)

**Also Present**: Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26, Lori Butera, District 26 Family Coordinator

1. **Approval of December minutes:** Council Member (CM) Shajid Ali Muhammad motioned to approve the December minutes pending the correction of one type-o and the addition of CM Dilip Nath’s name to the list of attendees. *CM Tarvinder (Bobby) Thind seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. December 17, 2015 minutes are approved.*
2. **Treasurer’s report:** CDEC26 President Alan Ong reviewed the Treasurer’s Report, in treasurer absence. *CM Leslie Rubenstein made a motion to approve the Budget.* *CM Shajid Ali Muhammad seconded the motion. Budget was approved.*
3. **President’s Report:**
4. President Ong began a discussion about whether or not we should purchase a new black and white copier or color copier for the CDEC office or renew the lease on the current black and white copier*. CM* *Dilip Nath made a motion to extend the lease on the new copier. CM Wendy Pelle-Beer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.*
5. President Ong explained that any money left in the budget would be transferred to a P-card. He asked members to let Farjana Faruk know if they will be attending the UFT Dinner Dance.
6. **Council Member Reports:**
7. CM Wendy Pelle-Beer shared information from the Queensborough President’s address. Extra funding will be allocated to schools for SMART Boards. There is an initiative to eradicate the use of TCUs at all schools. Common Core needs to be revamped. Pre-K program in Queens Libraries has begun. LaGuardia will be upgraded; there is an initiative to make Queens Boulevard safer.
8. Discussion of the Participatory Budget and reminder to publicize the vote to community members.
9. President Ong gave a reminder to fill out Activity Reports in a timely manner.
10. School Visits: President Ong reminded members of schools that have yet to be visited; CM Leslie Rubenstein reminded members to please forward a brief list regarding needs of schools after they have completed a visit.
11. FACE is hosting The Parent Council Leadership Institute.
12. President Ong suggested that CDEC26 members consider providing award to graduating seniors around the district.
13. Family Leadership Coordinator Lori Butera shared information regarding a recent meeting between parent and PTA Presidents’ Council and upcoming workshop on nutrition, public speaking and how to speak to kids.
14. **Committee Reports:**
15. Rezoning Committee Report:
16. Chairperson Dilip Nath explained that the committee has reviewed a second iteration of the rezoned map. The committee will continue to work with DOE and provide feedback. Public meeting will be held in April or May.
17. *CM Dilip Nath made a motion to adjourn business meeting. CM Wendy Pelle- Beer seconded the motion. All in favor. Business meeting adjourned at 9:29.*

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

**Leslie Rubenstein**

***Recording Secretary***

**Absence:**

**On Jan 28, 2016, at 5:40 PM, Michelle Liu wrote:**

Alan and Farjana,

I don't remember what is considered an excusable absence. Unfortunately, it appears we have child care issues tonight. Our usual plan is not going to work.

This would be my first absence (I believe).