**Joint Meeting Minutes**

**Community District Education Council 26 (CEC26)**

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**March 28, 2019**

**Calendar Meeting- 7:00 PM**

**Meeting called to Order and Roll Call at 7:05 PM by Alan Ong.**

**Present**:  Alan Ong (President), Karen Rose Scutt, Shengchao Yu, David Wong , Michelle Liu, Shajid Ali Muhammad, Adriana Aviles, Roy Menendez , Dilip Nath,

**Absent**: Tanweer Ansari, John Gavros (excused due to work).
**Also Present**:  Superintendent Danielle Giunta, Dr. Tara Davidson, Kimberly D’Angelo District 26 Family Leadership Coordinator, Wendy Mo and Farjana Faruk.

1. **Superintendent’s Report-**
* Principal Jessica Cruz is on maternity leave and AP Krisca is appointed as the acting principal.
* We are continuing training on advanced learning with the principal and assistant principal. We are having an impact through the outcome of the training and learning from the training.
* We are preparing for new CEP template and DCEP template. At some point, each district will schedule a training for the new template after April 18th.
* We are sharing with the Chancellor of the work that we are doing with the priority from the chancellor. We are highlighting K-12 equity work and looking at data where disappropriationaly exist. Another imitative of equity we are sharing is Computer Science.
* **Computer Science for All presentation-** Dr. Tara Davidson
1. We are exposing computer science to every child in our district every year by incorporating CS vocabulary
2. All of your tech teachers met up on Monday after schools throughout the year to come up with a framework for children having access to computer science every year. How can we do this and how can we incorporate it within our current system of learning.
3. Kindergartener will be exposed to algorithm and sequencing by following a recipe.
4. Queens HS of Science is assisting us with sequencing and running hackathon for District 26 students.
5. Dr. Davidson explained to members about access to python and access to AP Computer Science for all students.
* **D26 Collaborative Family Workshop-** elementary schools and middle schools are working together to create collaborative family workshop.
* **Cyber bullying Workshop in June**
* Kim D’Angelo shared information with council about upcoming workshop and programs for parents across District 26.
1. **Public Comment –**
* Mary Vaccaro-shared information about March against Madness. We are very proud of them for the success of March against Madness. We are also trying to figure out special-education workshop. Lobby day was a huge success for us and we met with many elected officials and now we are meeting with city council. We are trying to work for community learning school in D26. In addition, we are sharing information dial a teacher and anti-bullying workshop. We also want to make sure every child watches a Broadway show in NYC.
* James Gallagher- shared information about organic recycling, issues at Arby’s and students from HS, free tour for Cunningham Park, fresh meadow library workshops and Chess tournament in partnership with 107 precinct.
* **PS/IS 226**
1. Budgetary Advocacy PS/IS 266Q Committee – We, the parents and staff of PS/IS 266Q, a pre-k-9 lotter school in our district, are here to advocate for much-needed funding to support our children. Our children deserve and we are respectfully requesting an additional guidance counselor, a full-time dean, and additional instructional support. The funding is critical in our efforts to support the behavioral, emotional and academic needs of our students. Our school community of 650+ students is served by one guidance counselor and 4/10 of a dean. Some of our students require a great deal of emotional support, as evidenced by our OORS report data, which can be furnished upon request. We are confident that the staff goes above and beyond to meet the needs of each of our 650+ students, but we strongly believe that we all can do better for them. For the past several years, our school has been operating through Temporary Shortfall Funding, resulting in a deficit of over half a million dollars. This means that a significant portion of the funding that our school receives is essentially a loan that is expected to be repaid. How can our school repay this loan if we are not an income-generating entity? One solution offered for this year was to collapses classes across several grades. As a school community, we believe that it is not educationally sound, nor in the best interest of our students to have such large class sizes. As a compromise, it was agreed that classes across two grades would be collapsed. This did not eliminate the debt. Another approach to address the deficit was strategically project the number of students that school should be funded for, anticipating that additional funds would be provided during the mind-year budget adjustments. Bu this year, we received about 25% of the amount of funding that we were entitled to receive; the rest went to pay the debt. We serve students from ten school district across three borough, which makes our school diverse in a way that we celebrate each day. At the same time, we recognize that our students enter our door with unique needs. We request to be fairly and properly funded for an additional guidance counselor, a full time dean, and additional instructional support so that we can do the best that we possibly can for our children.
2. Racquel Chariah- I am here to advocate for my school in getting assistance.
3. Myers-  I am here to advocate for PS/IS 266. When I first heard about there was an actual shortage at PS/IS 266, I was concerned. My child has several and whenever I come to address the issue with the administration, they are very helpful but it is always after the fact it happened. We are in urgent need for dean and guidance counselor to prevent occurrence before it happens. I realized that there is shortage and that’s why some of issues in PS/IS 266 is not prevented because staffs are needed to have a safe environment.

CEC members asked information about the half million dollar debt. Superintendent Giunta explained projected enrollment policy concerning budget and how deficit are sometimes are created. CEC members discussed about different strategy to tackle budgetary concern at PS/IS 266. Parents asked why PS /IS 266 is being shorthanded for funding.

Alan Ong motioned to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**March 28, 2019**

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1. Meeting was called to order by Alan Ong 9:01 PM.
2. Motion was made by Adriana Aviles for approval of February 28, 2019. Motion was approved unanimously.
3. David Wong shared information about balance in the budget and reviewed. Council approved budget unanimously.
4. Adriana Aviles shared information about attending PS 376 Pre-K District Spotlight School visit.
5. **President Report-** Alan shared information regarding proposed superintendent evaluation. He shared information about Legislative Breakfast. He also shared information about school visit and CEC member’s needs to start visiting.
6. **Discussion took place regarding PS/IS 266 budgetary concern.**
* CEC26 would like to understand more of the budget for PS/IS 266 through District 26 Budget Director.
* How can we minimize the amount of money taken out every year?
* We will review the budget.
1. CEC26 voted unanimously to sign the petition for The #EverySchool Campaign to Expand and Improve NYC’s Speed Safety Camera Program

Adjournment: Alan Ong made a motion to adjourn. Adriana Aviles seconded the motion.  All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

Absent:

John Gavros notified Farjana Faruk that he will be out due to work.