**Community District Education Council 26**

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**December 19, 2019 Calendar Meeting**

**Present**:  Alan Ong, Karen Rose Scott, Adriana Aviles, Todd Friedman, Cassandra Louie, Norman Cohn, John Gavros, David Wong and Seth Breland

**Absent:**  **Sandra Lau** (excused) Alan Ong, David Wong- Abstain, John Gavros and Karen Rose Scutt (excused), Cassandra Louie, Todd Friedman, Adriana Aviles, Norman Cohn (unexcused). It will be voted again next month due to not having majority. **Dilip Nath** (excused) 8 Yes, 0 No

1. Welcome –Adriana Aviles
2. Bylaw Committee: Chairperson is Adriana Aviles
3. **Superintendent Report:** Spotlight event was briefly discussed celebrating Computer Science. School Leadership Training was successful for members in D26.
* Superintendent took a moment to discuss M.S. 158Q student to student sexual harassment and discussed the protocols that each schools follows. In addition to checks and balances that are in place to oversight. Information was shared regarding Chancellor Regulations and How to talk to your children about such behaviors. We had team members attend SLT meeting/ PTA meeting as well as Principal Schandel reached out to our parent-body at MS 158Q.
* David Wong (CEC26 member and parent of MS 158Q) - When I found out this on Monday, I reached out to Superintendent & CEC to see what actually occurred. I did meet with Principal Schandel spoke and explained to what school does and the regulations we follow in situation such as this. He also stated that school reported the incident during the time frame of the Chancellor Regulation. As a parent, I was reassured of the Superintendent and the school of following protocols and the regulations.
* David Wong requested if we can have a workshop for parents that teaches them how to talk to our children of sexual harassment.
* Superintendent will continue to bring the resources back to the communities.
* President Aviles also stated that we can bring the information back to the PTA’s and possible partnership with them to discuss it more thoroughly and designate a program which can benefit all schools in District.
* Kim D’Angelo- She provided update on upcoming workshops in D26.
1. **Joint Public Hearing:** provided meeting notice regarding the hearing for temporary relocation at PS 41Q (January 7th at 6 PM).
2. **School Construction Authority (See addendum A):** Michael Mirsola and Danielle Schhaff. (see addendum A)
* Asked about funding that are potentially missing which the elected officials gave. Michael Mirsola mentioned that it will take years for it to come to SCA particulalary State Senate.
* Adriana Aviles asked about P/A system in D26 and advocated for the broken PA systems that are in place. In addition, she also brought up record keeping and how many records are needed in order to be replaced.
* Alan Ong asked about appealing BCAS report. Mr. Mirsoloa suggested that appeal process can be done through DSF but there is no guarantee as there are money involved.
* Adriana Aviles also asked about Boilers in D26 that are completely falling apart especially PS 18. The response was the Citywide Initiative estimates that it might be done by 2025 for all replaced boilers.
* Norman Cohn raised concerns about the prioritizing and projects still not being completed which are safety issues.
* Adriana Aviles also raised concerns about notification process that SCA has. E.g. engineers meeting with Principals & when projects are approved.

Motion to adjournment by Adriana Aviles. Seconded by John Gavros. Motion passed unanimously at 9:00 PM.

**December 19, 2019 Business Meeting**

**Business Meeting called to order and roll call at 9:05 PM by Adriana Aviles.**

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1. **Welcome**
2. **Minutes:** was reviewed for November 20, 2019. Sandra Lau Excused and Unexcused vote record: 7 – Unexcused and Karen Rose Scutt voted Excused - 7 unexcused, 1 excused
3. **Budget Report: (See Addendum B) John** Gavros presented the budget for the council and motion to approve the budget. Motion to approve by John Gavros and seconded by David Wong to use the funds for workshops, supplies and internet. Motion passed unanimously**.**
* **Ballroom Dancing and Marian Mason Award:**  John Gavros motioned to continue to use funds for both Ballroom Dancing and Marian Mason Award from 2019-2020 school year. Motion was seconded by Adriana Aviles. Motion passed unanimously.
1. **President’s Report-**
* Capital Plan Committee meeting: Friday, December 13, 2019 and Monday December 16, 2019 with conference call with Leonard Pasquale.
* President Aviles suggested that we prioritize that safety will be the main concern in determining the top priorities in D26. In addition, please submit your requests of top 5 priorities. Ms. Aviles stated that we need to vote on it as well as soon as we filter through the top 5. Ms. Aviles motioned approved. Motioned approved unanimously.
* Ms. Iqbal from FACE also reiterated that we need to vote on it.
* Ms. Aviles called a Special meeting for to approve Capital Plan top 5 priorities.
* President Adriana Aviles discussed about safety concern with bussing and parents. There will be a legislation potentially that school bus will give tickets through camera for parents who cross the bus stop sign. Please look into the research and we want to be proactive and would like to have them attend a future meeting.
* President Aviles also brought up the issue of CEC22 and a member stating a racial inflammatory comment and local elected officials trying to remove them. For President Aviles, it was disturbing and quite offensive. We want to look into our bylaws to see if there is any potential actions can be taken if potentially such comments were made in our council in the future.
* Ms. Diana Iqbal (FACE) clarified that no actions be taken as per the State Law and you can attach a Rule of Conduct to your bylaws only but you can’t remove any member of the council as they are elected officials for any reason. John Gavros clarified that members can be removed only if they are unexcused only. Ms. Iqbal mentioned that Chancellor can remove but that has only happened once so far otherwise she cannot be removed. Ms. Iqbal also stated that CEC cannot remove anyone from the Council.
* Ms. Aviles also proposed that if we can have a statement that we do not agree with her comment or support her for her misconduct as we were asked if we support or do not support her. Ms. Aviles clarified the statement that “As a CEC, do we support the group that is asking to remove her from the council?” As a CEC, do we support the group that is advocating to remove her for Dr. Jackie Cody’s misconduct?
* John Gavros mentioned that we do not want to be sued or be highlighted as we were during Fair Student Funding Lawsuit.
* Ms. Cassandra Louie stated that we do not want to have an opinion of a conduct of an individual who was publicly elected in the position, he/she hold, unless we are compelled to do it to create a statement, putting one out there is putting ourselves in a position of a bullseye on CEC26.
* Ms. Aviles stated as a parent, I will put myself out there and do not agree with her or support her as a community representative.
* John Gavros stated about getting involved with other CEC is not necessary. Anything can happen now days and comments can be misconstrued. I prefer no statement.
* MS. Aviles proposed that we can vote on if we want to have a statement or no statement.

Motion to have statement for removal of CEC22 member Jackie Cody was proposed by Adriana Aviles.

**Vote Count:**

No Statement: John Gavros, Alan Ong, David Wong, Cassandra Louie and Norman Cohn

Statement: Adriana Aviles. Todd Friedman and Karen Rose Scutt

Motion did not pass as we did not have enough votes to agree on statement: 5 No Statement, 3 Statement

1. **Member Report & Committee Report:**
* Spotlight School visit- PS 133 – Karen Rose Scutt discuss how wonderful the project was and thanked Ms. Colon for hosting it. Kids are working on robotic from early age and it includes math and English. It is a comprehensive program that focuses on all subjects.
* Next spotlight School visit is PS 115, Universal Literacy- January 24th.
* Alan Ong discussed his school visits and PS 26Q and Dual Language Program at PS/IS 178Q.
1. **Town Hall-** FACE will take charge as stated by Ms. Diana Iqbal.
* John, Alan and David will screen the questions for focusing on Districtwide question rather than city-wide. We received the flyers and sharing the flyers as we just received the flyer 3 days ago.Dilip is the Chair and will reach out to members and FACE. Ms. Iqbal explained the procedures for Town Hall.
1. Alan Ong discussed the PS 162 and raised concern regarding purchasing books for the Dual Language programs. Some of the books are outdated and they need to purchases two sets of books. PS 26 had some issues regarding boilers. Farjana and I coordinated to assist them with DOT and contact our local elected officials to coordinating and assisting to them.
2. Cassandra Louie- PS 162 – Dual Language concerns.
3. Todd Friedman asked about surveys and evaluating curriculum. Superintendent spoke about curriculum surveys and can be discussed at PTA/SLT to evaluate at your local schools.
4. Todd Friedman and Cassandra will be visiting school tomorrow and members are welcome to join them afterward.

*Motion for adjournment by Adriana Aviles. Motion approved unanimously at 10:05 PM.*