

Community District Education Council District 26

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MINUTES OF BUSINESS & CALENDAR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2008

Time: Calender Meeting, 7:00 P.M.; Business Meeting, 8:00 P.M.

Location: MS 67, 51-50 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, NY -Rm B44A

The meeting of the Community District Education Council of District 26 (CDEC26) was called to order by Robert Caloras, President at 7:20 pm in Room –B44A. Members informed that since no quorum has been met there will be no voting and that this would be a discussion meeting only.

Roll Call: Rob Caloras, Irene Cheung, Erik DePaula & Vincent Tabone

Excused: Patrick McShane - Jeannette Segal – Irene Fennell – Mike Kaleda – Marie Pollicino

Also in attendance was Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent

Business Meeting

Marian Mason started off by introducing the 2008-09 CDEC officers: Rob Caloras, President; Jeannette Segal, 1st Vice President; Irene Fennell, 2nd Vice President; Marie Pollicino, Recording Secretary & Erik DePaula, Treasurer.

Rob spoke about a program in California where some schools grow their food (agriculture study), they cook the food and it's served to the students and it's more nutritional. Rob stated he sent e-mails out to prospective individuals about this program and he referred to MS 172.

Discussions on:

1. School Governance Resolution/Recommendation paperwork
 - a. Re-distribution of information again as an update (e-mail + hard copies) to all on e-mail participants.
 - b. Posting on website
 - c. Setting up a public meeting (forum) to discuss School Governance. This will take place in October (tentative-October 23rd) in which State Legislators; Elected Officials & the Chancellor will be invited. Will check with schools for availability of their auditorium.
2. Minutes – tabled to the next meeting – no quorum
3. Bylaws tabled till the next meeting – no quorum.
4. Budget Allocations tabled to next – no quorum.
5. President's Report
 - a. Received an e-mail & phone call from Community Board 11 (Susan Seinfeld, Manager) regarding capital budget requests for the schools. Council reiterated school upgrades such as computers, air conditioners and electrical was needed at mostly all the schools.
 - b. Discussed moving meeting dates in October, November & December due to holidays and propose changing the meeting to the 3rd week instead of the last Thursday

(October 23, Nov 20 & Dec. 18th). Awaiting PTA dates from all the schools to reconcile the CDEC meeting dates. Vote needed to change dates for Nov & Dec.

6. Vince spoke about the Oakland Lake clean up.
Vincent brought up the question of the CDEC paying to advertise in the PTA's newsletters in the hopes of getting more parents to attend? Requested that Marian, Administrative Asst ask the Budget Officer if the CDEC can pay to advertise in the PTA's paper and if this is feasible.
7. Marian Mason, Admin. Asst. informed the council members that a new A/C is needed in the CDEC office, MS 74, Room 128 since the other one broke down. Will vote at the next meeting.

Old Business

1. Vincent will spearhead the advertising to the neighborhood papers (Ledger, Courier & Bayside Times). Will get quotes and bring to the next meeting.
2. Discussion on reporters attending meetings.
3. Discussed sending hard copies/e-mails of the resolution with a cover letter in preparation of the Oct. 23 meeting.

Public Meeting called to order:

Superintendent's Report – Anita Saunders

Welcome Back!

1. C-30 – Interim Acting Assistant Principals
MS 158 - June Dunn
MS 216 - Michael Collins & Colleen Kidada
PS 203 – Kathy Palmieri
2. Contract for Excellence (C4 Excellence)
3. Learning Environment Survey
4. Progress Reports
Marsha Tom will be leaving Sept. 4th
5. High Schools
Cardoza High School – new principal - Jerry Martori
Francis Lewis principal will be retiring
Queens High School – Nigel Pugh will be taking on another position-new principal,
Eric Contreras
Bayside High – principal retiring – new principal – Michael Athy

Mary Vaccaro, UFT Representative informed attendees of the Labor Day Parade taking place Sept. 6th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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