

Community District Education Council District 26
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MINUTES FROM BUSINESS /CALENDER/ PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date: Thursday, August 28, 2014
Time: Business Meeting – 7 p.m. - Public Meeting - 8:00 P.M.
Location: MS 74 – 61-15 Oceania Street, Bayside, NY – Room 128

The meeting of the Community District Education Council of District 26 (CDEC26) was called to order by Jeannette Segal, President at 7: 15 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

Roll Call - Jeannette Segal, Susan Shiroma (Borough Appointee), Alan Ong (Borough Appointee), Leslie Rubenstein, Anastasio Politidis – Aman Luthra (student)

Unexcused - Jaya Patil (Jeannette said Jaya did not communicate her absence so this is an unexcused absence)

Excused - Roy Menendez (military leave) & Ricky Chan

Also present: Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent & Lori Stein-Butera, District Family Advocate

Awaiting Quorum – Late - Lucy Vieco

1. Minutes

August 28, 2014 minutes reviewed. Motion to accept the august 28th minutes were made by Anastasio and seconded by Leslie. Council voted unanimously to approve the August 28, 2014 minutes.

2. President's Report

Discussion – changing of starting times in schools.

Mary Vaccaro, UFT Rep stated that there is no SBO for the teachers for school time. They cannot change school times.

Leslie inquired if 8:20 is the last time teachers can start to get meeting accomplished. Then there were 3 different times to decide to start.

Jeff Slivko (Principal 172) said they want to talk to SLT but they don't get more than a month turnaround time. It's hard to get people to show up at SLT meetings. They considered it and they chose 8am and they offer breakfast at 7:50.

Leslie stated it's a huge inconvenience for various reasons and mornings are hectic for parents. It was a poor decision to have elementary schools to be at the same time slot as the middle school. She understands that this year it is done. She wants a petition to go to the Chancellor to change that elementary that feed into middle school start at the same time. Traffic issues will get worse as well.

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Jeannette feels the decisions were rushed and the parents were not communicated to nor were the teachers. She suggests it could just be for a year.

Anita Saunders says the Chancellor is aware.

Jeannette also stated that the Chancellor Town Hall Meeting will be December 18th from 6:30-7:30pm. Questions should be submitted prior to the meeting.

3. Budget

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 26
FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015
INITIAL BUDGET SCHEDULE - JULY 2014**

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	QUICK CODE	OBJECT CODE	ACTIVITY CODE	LOCATION CODE	BUDGET:	\$17,000	
					AMOUNT SCHEDULED	AMOUNT EXPENDED	REMAINING BALANCE
General Supplies	062641	198		QS26	2,053		
Procurement Card	062641	179		QS26	4,700		
Lease of Copier	062641	433		QS26	1,872		
Rental of Water Cooler	062641	412		QS26	175		
Member Reimbursements & Parent workshops	062641	496		QS26	3,000		
CONSULTANT	062641	686		QS26	1,200		
Meeting Expenses (Travel & Food)	062641	451		QS26	4,000		
TOTALS					\$17,000	17,000	

Budget – budget reviewed by council – Jeannette stated that the CDEC funds the District Family Advocate workshops with food. CDEC supply water cooler & water. Meetings are expensed when outside of regular meeting location.

Motion to approve budget made by Leslie and seconded by Jeannette. Council voted unanimously to approve.

4. Old Business

Alan asked for what can the \$ be used for. Jeannette said the \$ must be used to benefit all the students. Anastasio questioned the amount allocated \$1872 amount for a copier. He thought it was excessive. Marion said we need to deal with DOE vendors.

Jeannette asked to discuss the "Safety Pledge". PS 173's pledge. Alan feels it is car centric. He feels it should be revamped.

Jeannette feels "No U turns" should be added. Alan will be in charge of the additions and reformatting. Then it will be translated.

Leslie asked if it can be sent to PTA presidents for revision.

Jeannette wants the child's name and Principal Molly Wang to be on our pledge.

October 2014 meeting:

Susan asked time allocation for the specialized science HS discussion. Total allocation is 60 minutes including public speakers.

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Susan said David Lee, Leader for coalition sponsoring specialized HS, and Mrs. Pam Skinner (Bklyn Tech Alumni) to attend. Also Stanley Ing, Rep for Manhattan, who has data on how change affects Queens D25 and D26. She also calls to NAACP to present the other view point.

Should both sides be presented – yes “for and against on the panel.

Mary asked if Commissioner Ms. Hines should be here. Susan stated that the focus should be Queens.

Susan said student view should be included also. Leslie asked if there is an organization.

Susan stated that the Jackson Heights organization NYCE has a perspective as well.

She may find William McDonald, NAACP rep. to speak.

Leslie feels 1 person on either side to talk about the points of view.

Jeannette suggested hosting it in a large venue at ms74 or MS67 if not avail.

New Business

Capital improvement plan review.

Marian to send an email to the schools. Council members should also talk to their schools about it.

Alan- Will we be inviting SCA?

Alan asked how Reso A is determined. Marian said SCA goes out to the schools.

Anastasio wanted to know how we determine what gets priority.

Anita stated that at PS18 they got computers but not enough outlets to plug it in.

Jeff said principals get an independent survey. He has listed an electrical upgrade as his priority for 9 years and eventually he got it. He feels it is subject to the scope of the work.

Jeannette wants the SCA to come to Sept 23 mtg to explain the process and procedures.

Alan said he is requesting guidance from the SCA. Anita said SCA has been cordial with requests for new schools.

Anita shared information that PS162 is overcrowded as well as PS41 and may have to be rezoned. For the last 6 years D26 has been trying to get a new school.

Discussion on audible alarms being put in on doors in schools for autism.

Meeting to adjourn by the business meeting was made by Anastasio and seconded by Leslie. Council unanimously in favor of adjourning the business meeting.

PUBLIC MEETING

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Superintendent's Report

- Welcome
- Introductions of New Principals
 - PS 18 – Laurie Ann Careddu
 - PS 26 – Andrew Pecorella
 - PS 94 – Laura Avakians
 - PS 186 – Melissa Haidary
- Appreciation – Joseph Ferrara, A.P. PS 41 for I.A. Principal at PS 94
- Introduction of New Student CDEC Member
 - Aman Luthra
- Superintendent Additional Personnel
 - Talent Coach – Mary Alarcon
 - MOSL Specialist – Rhena Jasey
 - 311 District Family Liaison
 - January/February – Principal Evaluator
- Quality Reviews – October 15 – Start Date Announced
- Principal Performance Observations – September 15 – Start Date Announced
- Reward Schools – State Education Department
PS 18, 26, 31, 41, 46, 94, 98, 115, 133, 159, 162, 173, 186, 188, 191, 203, 205, 213, 221, MS 67, 172, PS/IS 266

Martin Van Buren HS – Priority School
 Bayside HS – Good Standing
 Benjamin Cardozo HS – Good Standing
 Francis Lewis HS – Good Standing
 Queens High School of Teaching, Liberal Arts & Sciences – Good Standing

- Progress Report – No letter grades
- New York State ELA & Math Scores (see attachment)
ARIS next week
- Pre-Kindergarten – seats still available as of August 13, 2014

PS 26	13 - a.m.	17 - p.m.	
PS 133		2 - p.m.	
PS 173	8 - a.m.	17 - p.m.	
PS 205	4 - a.m.	11 - p.m.	
PS 213			3 - Full Day
PS 221	1 - a.m.	2 - p.m.	
PS/IS 266	5 - a.m.	9 - p.m.	
- Family Engagement Chancellor's priority
- Parent Teacher Conferences

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- Student to participate
 - 5 things I do well and 2-3 things I need to do better
- Learning Partners Program – MS 67, 216 = Host; PS 159 = Partner
- District Family Advocate – Lori Butera
 - Update on Summer Parent Workshops
 - Proposed Parent Workshops – 2014-2015

Quote:

To love what you do and feel that it matters-how could anything be more fun?

Katherine Graham, publisher

Anita thanked Joseph Ferrara who was the Interim Acting Principal at PS 94. He upheld the safety rules and cleaned the office. He returned to PS 41.

Anita introduced the new student member from Francis Lewis HS, Aman Luthra.

Anita shared information that the Chancellor will be bringing on more people to help her. Mary Alarcon MS67 science teacher then an AP and now a talent coach. It is the route to principal ship.

Rhena Jasey will be a MOSL specialist. She will also be in charge of D25.

Another district family liaison to handle 311 calls will be added but Anita feels we don't need it because Lori Butera (District Family Advocate) does a great job.

There will be a managerial position who will be an evaluator. Starting October 15th every school will have a quality review for 1 day (announced). Principal performance to begin Sept 15.

She gave out many certificates from the state.

MVB is still a priority school making 2nd year progress.

Other High schools in D26 are in good standing. The new progress report will not have a letter grade. All ELA and Math scores were published today. We may be #1. D26 Pre-K still has seats available.

Chancellor's priority is family engagement. At PT conferences students should participate according to Chancellor. She also wants them held the entire month of November so parents have more time with the teacher.

Learning partner MS67 and 216 are host schools means other schools are going there to learn things. PS159 will be a partner school.

Anita thanked Lori for all her effort on the workshops. She gave input on the upcoming workshops. Talent Coach helps schools understand Danielson framework.

Speakers:

1. Audience member shared that all the events at Cunningham Park went well and without rain.
2. Jeannette stated that we have two (2) vacancies on CDEC (1 ELL parent & a regular parent)

Motion to adjourn the public meeting made by Lucy and second by Alan. Council voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 8:50

Minutes submitted by Lucy Vieco, Recording Secretary

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