**CDEC District 26**

**Minutes**

**March 30, 2017**

**Calendar Meeting**

**Present**: Alan Ong (President), Leslie Rubenstein (Recording Secretary), David Wong,

Shengchao Yu, Michelle Liu (Treasurer), Wendy Pelle-Beer, Evelyn Schechter, Joseph Gandelman

**Absent:** Bobby Thind (excused absence), Dilip Nath (excused absence), Roy Menendez (excused absence), Shajid Ali Mohammed (excused absence)

**Also Present**: Danielle Giunta, Superintendent District 26, Lori Butera, D26 Family Leadership Coordinator, Kim D’Angelo, D26 Family Support Coordinator

Called to order at 7:14

Superintendent’s Report:

* Lucius Young (D26 Principal Leadership Facilitator) introduced Principal Molly Wang and teachers from P.S. 173 who presented about the Dual Language program in their school.
* Wendy spoke on behalf of Clara Kang, project director of new D26 school, with severagl updates including,
  + Pre-registration has begun at several nearby schools. 43 kindergarten students have been registered.
  + Round 1 acceptance letters will be sent out around April 20th.
  + A school logo has been created.
  + Initial steps in the application and interview process for teachers has begun
  + Mission and vision statements have been crafted with advisory committee, as have plans for opening day ceremony, etc.
* Lori Stein thanked the CDEC for the wellness workshops that were funded this year.
* Mary Vaccaro finalized the date of June 2nd for D26 celebration.

Public Comments

* Venus Ketcham spoke on behalf of parent engagement.
* Jim Gallagher reviewed several community events, including a farmers’ market at Cunningham Park beginning Memorial Day weekend.

Adjourned 8:24 All approved.

**Business Meeting**

**Present**: Alan Ong (President), Leslie Rubenstein (Recording Secretary), Dilip Nath, David Wong, Shengchao Yu, Wendy Pelle-Beer, Evelyn Schechter, Joseph Gandelman

**Absent:** Bobby Thind (excused absence), Dilip Nath (excused absence), Roy Menendez (excused absence), Shajid Ali Mohammed (excused absence)

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Meeting was called to order at 8:45. Role call.

* CDEC reviewed the February minutes. David made a motion to approve the minutes. Michelle seconded the motion and all approved.
* Budget review - most of the remaining money has been moved to the p-card. Leslie made a motion to approve the budget. Shengchao seconded the motion. All approved.
* President’s Report:
  + Ballroom Dancing event will take place at MS74, Tuesday, May 30th
    - Invitation was sent to all schools. The first 5 schools that reply back will be able to take part in the celebration.
  + Alan asked about the process for sending out high school acceptance letters. Some students were notified earlier than others. One school mailed home letters instead of following the policy of hand delivering the letters to students.
    - Superintendent Giunta explained that she knew of that instance and parents who called were asked to contact the school and were given the information rather than waiting for the letter to arrive.
  + Alan proposed that the Marion Mason Award, given last year, be extended to award one girl and one boy from each school. Everyone agreed.
* New Business:
  + Michelle suggested the the CDEC pursue a conversation regarding helping to spread the dual language model to more schools in the district. Several committee members weighed in on the discussion. Superintendent Giunta explained that PS203 and PS162 had already been flagged by State Ed. as potential sites for a dual language program but there were significant issues that stood in the way. She further explained that the district is very willing to support the programs and she has already had conversations with various school leaders regarding dual language programs.
  + David visited PS115 and gave a brief report on their “Virtue of the Month” program that he thought could be duplicated in other schools.

David made a motion to adjourn. Shengchao seconded the motion. All approved.