

Community District Education Council - District 26

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MINUTES FROM ANNUAL/BUSINESS/CALENDAR/PUBLIC MEETINGS

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2012

Time: Annual Meeting – 7 p.m.; Business & Calendar Meeting to follow

Location: MS 67 – 51-60 Marathon Pkwy, Little Neck, NY Room – B44A

Jeannette Segal (ex-president) called the Annual meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Michelle Fields, Ricky Chan, Pankaj Kapur, Jeannette Segal
Daniel O’Gallagher, Susan Shiroma & Lucy Vieco

Lori Butera, District Family Advocate & Anita Saunders, Community Superintendent
were also in attendance.

Election of ***President Pro Tempore*** –Lucy

Nomination presented by _____ - seconded by _____. Council voted
unanimously - 7 YES 0 NO.

Election of ***President*** – Jeannette Segal

Nomination presented by Daniel seconded by Michelle. Council voted
unanimously - 7 YES 0 NO

Jeannette declined her 2-minute speech time allotted.

Election of ***1st Vice President*** – Ricky Chan

Nomination presented by Jeannette seconded by Michelle. Council voted
unanimously - 7 YES 0 NO

Ricky accepted.

Election of ***Recording Secretary***– Lucy Vieco

Nomination presented by Pankaj seconded by Michelle. Council voted
unanimously - 7 YES 0 NO

Election of ***Treasurer*** – Michelle Fields

Nomination presented by Jeannette seconded by Daniel. Council voted
unanimously - 7 YES 0 NO – Michelle declined to speak.

Election of ***2nd Vice President*** – Daniel O’Gallagher

Nomination presented by Jeannette seconded by Michelle. Council voted
unanimously - 7 YES 0 NO - Daniel declined to speak.

Mrs. Kapur adjourned the Annual Meeting and Michelle seconded. Council voted unanimously.

BUSINESS MEETING

1. **MINUTES**

Approval of June, July and August 2012 minutes. Daniel made a motion to approve and Michelle seconded. Council voted unanimously to accept minutes.

2. **BUDGET**

The Budget is the same in general supplies and procurement cards. Jeanette suggested we put dollars aside for “Sweet and Greet”. Question—“Are we going to charge?” Mary called a restaurant that will work with us but we need to come up with a head count. The president’s council paid for their own expenses at their event.

We intend to have cookies, Danishes, coffee, tea for about 50 people.

President’s council is meeting at PS172 at 9am and Jeanette plans to attend to get information on the process and budget that may be approved for our CDEC.

Michelle recommends that the CEC meeting expenses on the budget are changed \$5000 and the Procurement Card budget to \$9000. That would be about \$10 per person for 50 people.

Council members signed and voted unanimously to accept the budget.

3. **Calendar Meeting Dates**

Conflict with Oct. 25 date for Sweet and Greet because of Parent Teacher Conferences. Councilmember Halloran’s representative suggested a date after Election Day.

November 8th was recommended but PS75 has conferences. November 29 at 7pm was selected as the “Sweet and Greet” date for legislators.

Meeting dates revised as follows:

Tuesday, Oct 30th will be our next CDEC meeting.

November 29 (Lucy will be unavailable)

Dec. 20th

Jan 24, 2013

Feb 28, 2013 meeting date was changed to Feb 26, 2013

March 21, 2013

April 25, 2013

May TBA- Ballroom Dancing may conflict

June 13

Jeannette would like the meeting dates posted on the website.

Anita shared that Molly will be performing with her school band orchestra. She wanted the dance at her school but it will be at MS74.

Mary Vaccaro advised the UFT Dinner dance would be Thursday, May 30, 2013 at the Floral Park Terrace.

4. School Liaisons

School Assignments

PS 18- Lucy; PS 26- Susan; PS 31- Ricky; PS 41- Michelle; PS 46- Lucy;
PS 94- Jeannette; PS 98- Jeannette; PS 115- Mrs. Kapur; PS 133- Mrs. Kapur
PS 159- Susan; PS 162-Susan; PS 173-Jeannette; PS 186- Jeannette
PS 188- Lucy; PS 188 Annex- Lucy; PS 191-Kapur; PS 203- Ricky
PS 205- Michelle; PS 213- Michelle; PS 221-Jeannette; MS 67- Lucy and Jeannette
MS 74- Ricky; MS 158- Ricky; MS 172- Dan; PS/IS 178- Dan; MS 216- Dan and Susan
PS/IS 266- Michelle

New Business

MS 67 had an SLT vote last year that they wanted the uniform. There was a lot of confusion with the staff not knowing the policy. That has been since cleared up.

PS 94 overcrowding in the 1st grade.

Anita said they had 3 classes originally and due to budget cuts they reduced to 2 classes. They will open a 3rd class because the classes had 34 students.

PS 98 had budget cuts and the PTA did not approve the Madori Program. They also consolidated 2-second grader classes into 1. That will be the overage school for PS 191 and PS 162 tentatively.

PS 216 has 34 children over and Anita has been fighting with DOE. There was a walkthrough by DOE and agreed there was no space. Anita went to the top person and tried to get things done. She insisted someone show on Wednesday to do another walk through to make the transfers. They are not capping and this will be a major problem with the principal. They have some old space planning sheets yet made corrections. We are waiting on official word tomorrow. Anita said we don't have enough space in the middle schools. Most have 33 students in 8th grade.

Susan asked about 34 kids over in 7th and 8th grade and 2 more just came in on Monday. Children must be registered regardless.

Mary put in for class size grievance and trying to do class grievances. This is the most number of oversize classes that we have had in the district.

Anita feels we need another 6-12 school because of the over 4,100 students in our high school. We are over in 7th and 8th grade in D26 and also in D25 and in D29. Within the next 2 years Cardoza will have over 200 oversize classes.

The problem is they drop the AP courses because of a problem with program and lack of staff.

Michelle shared that in PS 266 they are updating their network. The first week of school traffic was very bad around the school. The traffic light was out for a week and a traffic accident the 3rd week of school.

Jeannette made a statement that we need to stay vigilant on crossing guards. There is no crossing guard at PS266.

The staffing is through the 105th precinct for crossing guards.

Ricky shared a letter sent home for a program called "Prep for Prep". It's aimed at lower incomes. They encourage minority students to attend. They have a diversity campaign. It is a long standing campaign and a wonderful program that's been around for a while. It's a free program. Starting 4th grade and up.

Anita said PS 216 has a big library with 7th and 8th grades in separate groups. They are getting all major subjects until they can be programmed into classes.

A letter needs to be drafted that will go out to all the different officials.

Michelle shared information about the Dream Act giving students deferment if their age is 15-18. Michelle to forward a link with more information and Jeanette wants to put it on the website.

Old Business

No news to report on evaluations.

Motion to adjourn the business meeting by Mrs. Kapur; Michelle seconded.

PUBLIC/CALENDAR MEETING

Superintendent's Report

CDEC Meeting

September 27, 2012

9:00 A.M.

AGENDA

- Welcome to the new school year 2012-2013
- National Blue Ribbon Schools – PS 191, PS 203
- Outstanding Schools – theschoolsboards Website - Handout

- NYSED Accountability Status – District 26 - “Focus District”
Priority School – Martin Van Buren High School;
All others in Good Standing
- Reward Schools – PS 31, PS 162, PS 173, MS 67, MS 172, PS/MS 178
- Changes in NYS Accountability – Handout
- Progress Report – embargoed – to be released end of month
- Oversized Classes and Registration
 - PS 94 – reopen Grade 1 class
 - MS 216 - TBA
- Quality Review – October 24 – PS 98
- Instructional Shifts for the Common Core - Handout
- Charlotte Danielson – Professional Development Rubric
- New Interim Acting Assistant Principal, PS 162 – Andrea Schweiger
- New Network Leader #531 – Ellen Pavada
- New Cluster Leader #205 – Despina Zaharakis
- PPR – Principal Progress Report – Goals & Objectives 2012-2013
Due October 15, 2012

- High School Fairs:
 - Citywide – Brooklyn Technical HS – September 29 & 30
 - Borough wide – Francis Lewis HS – October 13 & 14

Quote

“I am a great believer in luck and the harder I work, the more I have of it.”

Thomas Jefferson, 3rd President USA

Anita stated that 2 more schools PS 191 and 203 won the blue ribbon schools. They will be going to Washington to get awards. Anita shared the report from the schoolsboards.com where D26 had a wonderful showing in ELA and Math in the City and in the State. Anita was delighted that MS 67 rated #1 above the Jericho schools. MS 67 composite scores in math and ELA scored #19th. D26 schools did very well in comparison to the schools in Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester County. Congratulations to our staff.

NYS Accountability status has said we are a Focus District because MVB High School scoring in the lowest 5% in the state. It has a new principal and they are making many changes. They are putting in many programs. The principal from PS172 has been working closely with them because it is their feeder school. They put in a Pre-Med, Health and Sciences program. They have beautiful grounds around the school that are underutilized. It has been an uplifting experience for the students. The Principal, AP and Deans are all greeting the students in front of the school. They are a priority school because 60% of students did not graduate on time.

Reward schools:

PS 21, 162, 173, 67, 172, 178 for making exceptional progress and have been deemed reward schools by DOE

The Progress Report should be released tomorrow or next week. Some schools went from A to B. Some schools missed it by .5 point to 2 points. Every point is crucial including the Learning Environment Survey.

Quality Review will be done at PS 98 on Oct 24, 2012. It's a small school and Oct 23 the 5th grade they will take a field test. There are many changes. Anita sent an article from Dr. Elmore to principals. All the things he said are the changes for the Quality Review. The Danielson rubric focuses on competency 1e, 3b, 3d and teachers focusing on it as per DOE directives. Teachers need to consider higher order questions pushing students to be critical thinkers. The instructional shifts for the Common Core were provided.

There is a focus on fluency, which Anita believes is lacking. On ELA the focus is on nonfiction and students must be able to provide text based answers. Text complexity has also increased demanding more of the student with longer passages and increased academic vocabulary.

There is a new Interim Acting Principal at PS 162 (Ms. Andrea Schweiger) and a new network leader, (Ellen Pavada, at Network #535).

High School Fairs

Citywide- Brooklyn Tech HS- Sept 29 & 30

Borough wide- Francis Lewis- Oct 13&14

Chancellor's memo talked about \$53 million teacher development grant for NYC of teacher education that will start with middle schools.

Speaker: Jill Tulchin, a parent from MS67

She is concerned about the elimination of snack for 8th grade who eat at 7th period at 1:30pm. Her concern is that children will be affected by low blood sugar and inadequate nutrition. She understands there is a concern for bugs.

The animosity because of the uniform issue has caused a divide between the parents and the school's administration.

A parent stated that students are not allowed to have water in school because of one issue and another parent said her child experienced the same thing. In May, parents were informed of the new uniform policy. Mrs. Tulchin said no official notification was sent to parents. Jeannette said it was indeed posted on the school's site. At the school's PTA meeting, it was voted on and approved. Mrs. Tulchin felt it is difficult to get a meeting with the principal.

Per Jeannette, the teacher's were for the uniform because they were feeling uncomfortable with what the student's were wearing.

Parents could opt out but students could not wear any gang related clothing.

Anita will speak with the principal.

Erica Goldstein for Councilman Halloran

Lisa from Councilman Weprin

Motion to adjourn by Michelle and seconded by Jeannette.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:11 pm

Minutes submitted by Lucy Vieco