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Administrative Assistant: Natalia Mondesir

Community Education Council District 20

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Location: P.S. 205 Clarion (6701 20th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11204)

Meeting Start Time: 6:11 PM

Present:, Adele Doyle, Vito LaBella, Yi Fang Chen, Alan Aja, Robert Aguilar, Mauricia Cadillo, Dina Guirguis, Katy Mullins

Excused: Inga Smolyar

Guests: Karina Costantino, D20 Superintendent; Dr. Joseph O'Brien, D20 Deputy Superintendent; Stephen Wieser, FACE Representative; Ellen Driesen, UFT Representative

I. Meeting called to Order: Adele Doyle, President

II. Roll Call: Katy Mullins

III. Old Business

a. Review of August Minutes

- Update the minutes to reflect concerns about the balance of racial and socio-economic diversity and seeing models that reflect socio-economic diversity in the community to minimize poverty in the schools
- August minutes approved: motion- Simeon Stolzberg, 2nd –Vito LaBella

IV. New Business

a. Budget Approval:

- Motion to approve: Vito LaBella, Seconded: Simeon Stolzberg
- Approved by unanimous vote

V. Superintendent's Report

a. State of the District:

- Preliminary results of the standardized tests: #5 in ELA, #4 in math; slight drop in ELL scores, made significant progress compared to other schools in the city

- Focus on Student Voice: Creating student council cohorts for struggling k-5 graders. They will be asked to determine the characteristics of a good student. The bottom third will be divided into six eight-week cohorts and congratulated for possessing these characteristics as a way to bolster student empowerment.
 - AVID program: create a peer group during school when students meet with a coach (8th grade), geared towards students who will be the first in their families to attend college, already in 223 Montauk (AVID students are outperforming general education students), looking to extend the program to 5 or 6 other middle schools.
 - In response to Simeon Stolzberg's inquiry about Envisions Math Program at the August meeting: the program is not a city-wide mandate. Each school selects their own math curriculum. Envisions in addition to other programs.
- b. Meeting Dates:
- October 15th 12:30 pm- Principals Conference with liaisons @ Il Centro (8711 18th Avenue)
 1. CEC members need to RSVP to Natalia Mondesir
 - September 18th CEC/District Office Collaboration- 4 PM room 406
 - September 11th Zoning meeting with Michael O'Gorman @ P.S. 264, 3 PM
- c. People being honored:
- Robert Ciulla (Principal J.H.S. 201): October 6
 - Dianne Gounardes: October (Date TBD)
 - Dr. Joseph O'Brien: December 3
- d. Currently interviewing applicants for the high school council member
- e. Air quality of schools has been checked and found to be good. Letters sent to parents about lead report in schools. Custodians of each school get the reports of what testing has been done
- f. Empire State Grant submitted to provide free afterschool programs for P.S./I.S. 30 and P.S. 104 because they are not Title 1 schools

VI. Welcome Back Breakfast

- a. Friday, September 27, 2019 @ 9:30 AM
- b. Pre-K Center: 7415 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11228
- c. Council members should be there by 9 AM, members should notify Natalia if they are unable to attend
- d. Janine Faustners, President of Presidents' Council, will be a presenter

VII. Open Discussion:

- a. Pre-schools were picked randomly from a container (See attached list)
- b. Council member Vito LaBella brought up the idea of having business cards for the members

VIII. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir

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Calendar Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Location: P.S. 205 Clarion (6701 20th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11204)

Meeting Start Time: 7:25 PM

Present:, Adele Doyle, Vito LaBella, Yi Fang Chen, Alan Aja, Robert Aguilar, Mauricia Cadillo, Dina Guirguis, Katy Mullins

Excused: Inga Smolyar

Guests: Karina Costantino, D20 Superintendent; Dr. Joseph O'Brien, D20 Deputy Superintendent; Ellen Driesen, UFT Representative; Maia Elfont, Representative from Senator Gounardes' Office; Stephen Wieser, FACE Representative, William Chin, Family Leadership Coordinator; Sylwia Jasinski, Family support Coordinator; Wai Yee Chan, Representative from Council Member Justin Brannan's office

- I. Meeting called to Order:** Adele Doyle, President
- II. Roll Call:** Katy Mullins
- III. Superintendent's Report**
 - a. Students did not need to be relocated on the first day of school
 - b. The State of the District will be given at the next meeting, October 16th.
 - Preliminary report: D20, which tests the most number of students is #5 in ELA, #4 in math (compared to the rest of the city)
 - c. The Immigrant Advisory Panel is putting together a calendar of every cultural holiday
 - d. Focus on student voice: there will be a series of town halls with the seventh graders to hear how the students feel about their schools
 - e. The Escape the Vape rally was a huge success
 - f. P.S. 170 is now a blue ribbon school
- IV. President's Report and Announcements**
 - a. Construction of P.S./I.S. 746
 - In the process of zoning for the new building.
 - Rezoning project is to be completed in November 2019

- b. Welcome Back Breakfast
 - PTAs and Parent Coordinators will be able to meet and speak with their liaisons
 - Can address any concerns

V. Appointment of P.S. 205 Assistant Principal Katherine Lynch

- a. Appointment notice read by Robert Aguilar
- b. PTA President Cindy Cavallaro, UFT Chairperson Kathleen Nicholas, Principal Feiga Mandel

VI. Public Speaking

- a. Phil Rosenberg- Representative from Premier Chess (DOE Vendor)
 - The company has new programs
 - Working on becoming a non-profit organization
 - Able to work within all budgets

IX. Adjournment:

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir

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