

Adele Doyle      President  
Dina Guirguis    First Vice President  
Robert Aguilar    Second Vice President  
Katy Mullins      Recording Secretary  
Inga Smolyar      Parliamentarian/Treasurer



Council Members

Alan Aja                      Sandy Chum-Wu  
Mauricia Cadillo          Vito LaBella  
Yi Fang Chen                Simeon Stolzberg

Administrative Assistant: Natalia Mondesir

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## Community Education Council District 20 Calendar Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Brooklyn South District Office (415 89<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, NY 11209)

Meeting Start Time: 6:08 PM

**Present:** Adele Doyle, Alan Aja, Robert Aguilar, Dina Guirguis, Katy Mullins, Inga Smolyar, Simeon Stolzberg, Mauricia Cadillo, Yi Fang Chen,

**Excused:** Sandy Chum-Wu, Vito LaBella,

**Guests:** Karina Costantino, D20 Superintendent; Dr. Joseph O'Brien, D20 Deputy Superintendent;

**I. Meeting called to Order:** Adele Doyle,

**II. Roll Call:** Adele Doyle

### **III. Superintendent's Report**

- a. State of the District Address will be given at the September CEC meeting
  - Standardized test scores expected at the end of the month
  - Preliminary Pass/Fails suggest D20 did very well
- b. Principal Meeting tentatively scheduled for 1 PM on October 15, 2019
  - CEC Members will be meeting with the principals of their liaison schools
- c. Forming two new committees:
  - Culturally responsive instructive committee: Alan Aja expressed interest in participating
  - Assist with creating a dual language middle school: Inga Smolyar and Robert Aguilar expressed interest in participating
  - Council members asked to confirm their interest and forward any other requests to the AA
- d. Possible walk-through of Manhattan schools which effectively utilize an Enrichment Model learning environment
  - Potential to more fully integrate this model in the district, Adele Doyle and Dina Guirguis suggested to participate
- e. Open door policy
  - Request that members reach out with any questions or concerns, Meeting requests should be directed through the AA to ensure all members receive effective scheduling and access
- f. Simeon Stolzberg asked about Envision math being a mandated curriculum

- Superintendent Costantino was not sure about the strictness of the mandate and will follow up
- Adele Doyle expressed that last year, the Chancellor specified that this is a mandated program

#### **IV. Zoning Presentation and Training by Michael O’Gorman and Jamie Dollinger:**

- a. New school P.S. 746 at 59<sup>th</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- b. Steps to solidify zoning for the new school that will occur in the next three months
  - Seven schools will be affected: Four schools have direct borders and three will potentially see a change in student enrollment
  - Rezoning process should be complete by the beginning of November
- c. A meeting with principals and CEC members will be scheduled for September
- d. Liaisons of affected schools asked to reach out to be invited to their September or October PTA and SLT meetings to inquire about zoning concerns

#### **V. President’s Report and Announcements:**

- a. Liaison schools were organized to account for the newly appointed Borough President Representatives
  - The AA will send announcement letters to the Principals, PTA Presidents, and Parent Coordinators and post the Liaison list to the CEC website
- b. The Chancellor Meeting was held at I.S. 30 on August 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Council members expressed the poor notification of this meeting and the restricted attendance.
  - Concerns were given by attendees but the Chancellor did not address concerns of the parents, especially in light of the protest by a predominantly Asian population
  - Focus was on culturally relevant instruction but did not reflect cultures in District 20
  - President Doyle raised concerns about the grading policy failing to prepare students by passing those with Cs and Ds
  - A Mastery Based Learning approach was suggested, but not addressed by the Chancellor
- c. The monthly CCEC meeting was attended by President Doyle, Robert Aguilar, Yi Fang Chen, and Simeon Stolzberg
  - John Shea, Department of Facilities, discussed lead paint and offered painting over it as a solution, CEC members expressed concerns about painting over it
  - Every major renovation is accompanied by a hazards meeting where stakeholders are informed about the construction process and safety for students, President Doyle requested that CEC Presidents be included. Mr. Shea will inquire at his office and let us know
  - Enrollment department discussed changes to middle and high school admissions, removing second rounds and appeals in favor of waiting lists, there will be a webinar, specialized high schools are not included
- d. The PTA/PA Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - St. Ephraim’s Early Childhood Center (7415 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11228)
  - All CEC members are asked to attend

#### **VI. Minutes Approval:**

- a. June Minutes approved
- b. July Minutes approved

#### **VII. Budget Approval:**

- a. The budget has been reduced from \$20,000 to \$18,559 without notification as to why
- b. There is no line to provide for the Welcome back Breakfast
  - Suggested that the P-Card allotment be increased to avoid the vendor not receiving payment

- Motion made to move \$4,000 from Member Reimbursements, motion seconded and carried by consensus

### **VIII. CEC Elections:**

- a. Parliamentarian: No nominations, the position remains open
- b. Treasurer: One self-nomination, Inga Smolyar. Motion made and carried by consensus
- c. Recording Secretary: One self-nomination, Katy Mullins. Motion made and carried by consensus
- d. Second Vice President: Robert Aguilar
  - Question raised if nomination could be made without candidate present and unaware of the nomination, discussed and agreed that this did not follow protocol
  - Calls for nominations identified two candidates: Robert Aguilar and Yi Fang Chen
  - Both candidates gave speeches, votes declared Robert Aguilar elected 7-2
- e. First Vice President:
  - Nominations identified Dina Guirguis and Simeon Solzberg as candidates
  - Both candidates gave speeches, votes declared Dina Guirguis elected 5-3, with Yi Fang abstaining
  - Before call for new vote taken, Simeon Solzberg withdrew,
  - oral vote elected Dina Guirguis by consensus

### **IX. General Discussion:**

- a. Classification of culturally relevant instruction and what it means to the representation of District 20

### **X. Adjournment:**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir

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