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Community Education Council District 20

Business Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Location: I.S. 201 (8010 12th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11228)

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

Present:, Adele Doyle, Vito LaBella, Alan Aja, Robert Aguilar, Katy Mullins, Yi Fang Chen, Dina Guirguis, Jessica Li, Simeon Stolzberg, Alice Licato, Inga Smolyar

Unexcused: Mauricia Cadillo

Guests: Karina Costantino, D20 Superintendent; Irene Chu, Representative from Assemblyman Abbate's office

I. Meeting called to Order: Adele Doyle, President

II. Roll Call: Katy Mullins

III. Old Business

- a. Review of December Meeting Minutes
 - Corrections: typos- "Google Doc," Alan Aja was present at the meeting with Councilman Menchaca
 - Motion: Vito LaBella, Seconded Alan Aja
 - December minutes approved by unanimous vote

IV. Superintendent Report

- a. The two Project Directors are moving forward to open the new schools
 - Will be housed at the Pre-K Center across the street (on 58th Street)
 - Campus naming: want to propose to name new campus after Mafalda DiMango (former school board member)
 1. Originally wanted to name P.S. 682/ P.S./I.S. 686 after her, but she was still alive at the time
 2. Regulations on renaming a campus are unclear,
 3. Will be brought up at next month's meeting, should have clarification by then
- b. Concerns around lighting of P.S. 503/506
 - Superintendent Costantino met with John Grosodonia (in charge of Safety for Brooklyn)
 - He is setting up a meeting with the commanding officer from the precinct and the Chair of Community Board 7, 501/506 parents, Project Directors of the new school, and CEC

1. Want to arrange sweeps around the building: officers at 6:30 am, School Safety Agents during the day, and officers when the Beacon Program dismisses (around 6:00 pm)
 2. Principals shared concerns about entering and exiting the building
 - a. The custodian is supposed to do a sweep in the morning
- c. Had a conference call about how the district will respond to the Antisemitism occurring in the city (D20 has a large number of Yeshivas, and wants to maintain their good relationship with the Rabbis)
- Wants DLT to set up a committee to be proactive in making the students and public aware
 - Town Meetings with Seventh graders, each school will get an independent project to solve some of the problems
 - Alice suggested bringing in an outside group
 1. Mary Wall (liaison between the Mayor's office and DOE) has come up with suggestions- still in the planning phase
 - Yi Fang brought up CEC 22 Member Jackie Cody and her racial slur against the Asian population
 - DLT has the ability to discuss what can be done unilaterally to teach children to be accepting of everyone
 1. Would like to have a committee that focuses on this alone
 - Alan Aja asked about the status of implicit bias training
 1. All teachers are currently going through training, should be finished by the end of the school year
 2. Principals, Assistant Principals, and Parent Coordinators have already been trained

V. President's Report

- a. Adele Doyle and Alice Licato attended the Capital Plan training at Tweed Courthouse on December 16th
- b. Website: coming along, members are welcome to get a walk-through of the site,
 - May need a resource committee
 1. The AA will look through other CEC websites for resources
 - Still looking for recommendations as to communicating with the public
- c. Liaison visits: Robert went to P.S. 506 and P.S. 164
 - Would like members to visit as least one of their liaison schools within the next two months
 - Stated in the Bylaws that the AA should schedule visits- old law from Bob Le and Laurie Windsor to keep uniformity
 - Members should CC President Doyle and Superintendent Costantino
 - Looking to create a list of SLT and PTA members
 1. Katy Mullins has already started one
- d. Translations: There are times that we will not have translations in time for the meeting
- e. Adele Doyle will be presenting on grant writing and Resolution A funding at the Presidents' Council meeting
 - Continue improve the relationship with Presidents' Council
 - Want to create a postcard advertising CEC and Presidents' Council meetings
- f. Will be training at P.S. 187 for parents and students on handling suicides, both meetings at 7:00 pm
 - January 16th for parents and January 17th for students

VI. Bylaws

- a. Reviewed with several changes made

- Definition of “official”- any communication sent by the council as a whole
- School visits may be scheduled by the Administrative Assistant or CEC member
- CEC email will be cc'd on emails sent for all business
- Code of Conduct was reviewed
- Speaking with the Press: Members will only state facts and will not discuss the views of other members

VII. Capital Funding Requests

- a. Bathrooms will not be funded through Capital Funding, they are classified as maintenance
 - Work orders are ranked from 1-5
 - Custodians are responsible for work orders under \$35,000
- b. Anything that falls under a work order will not be ranked
- c. CEC members should be present when SCA does the walk-through of the schools
- d. CEC will meet January 15th at 6 pm to discuss Capital Funding Requests, Bylaws and the formation of committees.

VIII. Open Discussion

- a. Irene Chu mentioned that D15 is looking to relocate a charter school
 - They're looking at Angel Guardian Home (6301 12th Ave), which is near the border of the districts
 - They may have already submitted a proposal to the owners use the space as a 24 hour drug treatment center
 1. The building is very close to public school children

IX. Adjournment:

- a. adjourned at 7:02 PM

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Guests: Karina Costantino, D20 Superintendent; William Chin, Family Leadership Coordinator; Ellen Driesen, UFT Representative; Dianne Gounardes, CSA Representative; Maia Elfont, Parent Liaison for Senator Gounardes; Michael O’Gorman; Office of District Planning; Jamie Dollinger, Office of Brooklyn Planning; Irene Chu, Representative from Assemblyman Abbate’s office; Tamar Smith, SCA Manager, External Affairs, Steve Gonzalez, SCA Project Support Manager; Nicholas Del Bianco, Division of School Facilities Deputy Director of Brooklyn and Staten Island

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IV. Superintendent’s Report

- a. District is working hard on the STEAM Expo- March
- b. Shark Tank-members of the community can see the work students are doing
- c. District will have 40 schools as of September 2020

V. President’s Report

- a. We will be working on having all the flyers translated
- b. A number of schools have submitted requests for Capital Funding
- c. Have made significant progress on the lighting around P.S. 503/506
 - Many entities came together to figure out solutions to the long-standing problems

VI. District Planning Presentation

- a. D20 elementary and middle school enrollment exceeds capacity of schools
- b. There is a deficit of District 75 seats at the middle and high school level
 - P.S. 62 is an option
- c. Questions:
 - Is middle school enrollment increasing in just District 20 or in the city as a whole?
 1. D20 is experiencing the same increase as other districts.
 2. D20 has a high retention rate because parents keep their children in D20 schools as they get older
 - Is it possible to see D20 demographics side-by-side with the ratio of ethnic data of school staff?
 1. Rezoning is one of the key ways to create a more diverse environment
 - What is the process for capping the number of students enrolled in a school?
 1. If a school is physically incapable of finding space for a student, the school reaches out to a Parochial School Center. In conjunction with the Superintendent, the student is placed on a list and is given first priority when a nearby school with an empty seat is found for the student
 2. It is a last resort
 3. There is always the option of going to a zoned school

VII. Site Selection Hearing

- a. 322+ seat building at 6740 3rd Avenue, on 3rd Avenue between 68th and Senator Streets
 - Planned for an elementary school,
 - Paulette Healy asked about the possibility of having Special Education accommodations
 - Will not be more than five floors
- b. The 45 day comment period has begun
- c. Email sites@nycsca.org

VIII. Five-year Capital Plan Funding Requests

- a. New plan started July 2019 \$18.7 billion
- b. Capital Funding Requests
 - Process for requests to be fulfilled
 1. Building Condition Assessment Survey (BCAS)- the SCA goes to the schools to rate their safety needs
 2. Problems are reported to the Division of School Facilities
- c. From 2015-2019: 122 projects were completed (cost was \$278 million)
 - 169 Resolution-A projects including playgrounds, technology labs, auditoriums, and cafeterias
- d. There is also funding from elected officials
- e. Bathrooms do not necessarily need to be gutted- fall under the Division of School Facilities

IX. Appointment of J.H.S. 201 Assistant Principal Stephen Lombardo

- a. Appointment notice read by Jessica Lee
- b. Speaker: Principal Robert Ciulla,

X. Public Speaking

- a. Jen Gaboury- bias in the district
 - Superintendent Costantino explained that principals and assistant principals were trained in proper socio-economic behaviors

- Each school adopted their own program to bring the district together
- Immigrant Advisory Panel
- Town halls- students talk about what's going on around them

XI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM

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January 15, 2019

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