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DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL Business & Calendar Meeting CALENDAR MINUTES

Wed. Feb. 15, 2017

6:30 PM

M.S. 862 Mott Hall II Auditorium
234 W. 109th St.

(Approved at the March 22, 2017 Joint Calendar meeting by all Council members present)

❖ Meeting Called To Order - 6:56 P.M

❖ Roll Call of Members:

Present: Kristen Berger, Joe Fiordaliso, Noah Gotbaum, PJ Joshi, Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu, Dennis Morgan, Vincent Orgera, Kim Watkins, Declan Saint-Onge, *student member*. A quorum was reached (10)

Manuel Casanova 7:00 P.M.

Excused Absence: Zoe Foundotos

DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, District 3 Superintendent

❖ Approval of Minutes

1. Jan. 25, 2017 Calendar Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved by all Council members present (10) at the time of the vote.

❖ D3 DOE Water Test Results - John Hession, Deputy Director Facilities, Manhattan, Aloysee Jarmoszuk, Operations, Office of Deputy Chancellor Rose, Mohamed Hemida, Deputy Director of Environmental Health and Safety.

1. Aloysee Jarmoszuk, of Deputy Chancellor Rose's office, reported on the DOE efforts in correcting and responding to the current 2017 release of DOE elevated lead in water test results for D3 schools.
 - a. The DOE is ahead of the curve in their water testing campaign. The protocol has been updated and is more stringent than required, instead of 20 parts/billion it is 15 parts/billion and any elevation above that is reported. Elevated results are also the result of incorporating more fixtures, i.e. hand-washing sinks.
 - b. Schools and families are notified with letters, families with a backpack letter. Elevated levels do not mean there is lead contamination in all the water. No individual student or staff has had lead poisoning.
 - c. Any time a remediation is done, and after lab retests are back, a backpack letter goes home within 24 hours.
 - d. The state requires water testing every 5 years; the DOE has done it every 2 years.
2. The following remarks are in response to Council questions.
 - a. What is Water Testing Protocol: Water Testing Protocol looks for unusual results. Water is stagnated for 18 or so hours after which a sample is drawn.

Students and/or staff would never have this type of situation since water is more or less constantly moving throughout the building throughout the day and water does not sit motionless for hours. This includes weekends and holidays when staff is usually present and even so, water is flushed on Monday mornings, after a weekend or after a holiday. Water is constantly moving whether the outlet is on the first floor or the fifth floor.

- b. Council Member Gotbaum points out that most school water fountains will probably not be used between 6pm and 8am, when school is out. Ms. Jarmoszuk points out that schools are in use after hours for school programs and even so, many staff, i.e. custodial, are there even after midnight. Water is not shut off and collecting. Elevation levels went up in 18 D3 school cases because the DOE has added hand-washing sinks and because pre-stagnation flushing was not done.
- c. There is no correlation between water testing results and neighborhood.
- d. In the next 6 months, i.e. PS 9, 3 fixtures will be changed and they will not be used until they are changed but there were no water fountain fixtures with those results.
- e. Mr. Hession added that if a pipe in the wall is found to be the cause, the pipe is removed and replaced.
- f. Mr. Hemida remarked that the ETA protocol is to give the worst case scenario.

❖ **SCA Capital Plan Presentation** (*on file*),

- a. Michael Mirisola, External Affairs Director, SCA presented the Capital Plan presentation. Steven Tuozzolo, SCA Manager Community Relations and John Hession, DOE Facilities, Manhattan were present to answer questions
- b. Council raised the HVAC issues at Special Music School.
 - i. Michael Mirisola responded that 2 rooms do not have adequate air flow and there is no more the SCA can do. These basement storage rooms were not constructed to need or receive a/c. The SCA has recommended moving the students to another space. The problem has been left with the DOE, SCA can do no more.
- c. Council requested a walk-through of 342
 - i. Mr. Mirisola responded that a walk-thru of 342 is not allowed until a temporary CO has been approved.
- d. PS180 STEM Lab meeting is being rescheduled.
- e. The WESS opening date has been pushed back due to design issues. Funding came through for the black box theater. Construction has been delayed so they can get work done over 2 summers when school is out. Likely completion will be 2019.
- f. Superintendent Altschul should be looped in to these discussions as this is the first she's hearing of WESS construction being pushed back.
- g. The gym at 199 still has not passed the EPA acceptable standards for PCBs. Airpath will test tomorrow and all exhaust fans will be cleaned. Step 1 is to increase airflow and Step 2 to test for PCBs. Deputy Chancellor Rose will be sending backpack letters to families regarding this issue.
 - i. President Fiordaliso requested Council be kept in the loop.
- g. Council asked what prioritizes facilitated projects.
 - i. Mr. Mirisola responded that finding funding is a problem and it usually goes to the worst case need. Less urgent needs may be funded by Reso A grants or Facilities budget. The MBP office runs workshops on how to apply for a Reso A grant.
- h. PS 185 exterior project – scaffolding is being taken down. The playground is being designed.
- i. The PS 241 boiler is being repaired.
- j. Council commented on Mayor De Blasio touting an increase of 44k new public school seats, but isn't that short of what is needed?

- i. Mr. Mirisola remarked that we are way short of seats. We need 80k seats but the money is not there.
- k. The 191 kitchen is not an actual kitchen.
 - i. Superintendent Altschul responded that 452 is looking for Reso A funding to address this issue.

❖ **President's Report – *deferred***

❖ **Superintendent's Report – *Ilene Altschul, District 3 Superintendent***

- Ms. Altschul and her PLF Cynthia Dickman have conducted a total of 48 school visits.
- CEC3 Legislative Breakfast was January 27th at 9:00 a.m. at PS 76, thank you to Charles DeBerry and his staff and students for their support and for putting it together. It was a great event and very well-attended
- Parent State Testing Workshop was held on January 30th. It was well attended. Parents had an opportunity to review sample questions and ask questions regarding testing.
- **Next stakeholder meeting at PS 149 to discuss what is a healthy enrollment.**
 - Do schools in Harlem hold open houses? What does the PR look like?
 - Had a walk-through/visit with CEC at PS 149. It was great. Tweeted out about their library circulation and hydroponic lab. They have a new website
 - Meeting with Clara Hemphill to work with her and the schools in facilitating school visits and positive PR
- Save the Dates: Science Fair April 22nd and Art Fair May 24th and 25th
- Summer School will run from July 5th to August 10th from 8:30-2:30 p.m.
- My Brother's Keeper Grant - Susan Green will be attending the symposium in Albany this Friday to Saturday.
- PreK application period has opened on January 17th and closes on February 24th
- PS 191 proposed name change to Riverside School of Makers and Artists

❖ **Old Business – *none***

❖ **New Business**

1. P.S. 191 Name Change to Riverside School for Makers and Artists (*Principal Lauren Keville name change letter on file*)
 - a. Council Member N Gotbaum reads the letter from Principal Lauren Keville on proposed name change from PS 191 to Riverside School of Makers and Artists into the record.
 - i. Superintendent Altschul commented that CEC3 had passed a resolution (Jan. 20th, 2016 Vol 16 (P) No. 2) to name the new school after Madeleine F. Polayes but that the resolution is only a CEC3 recommendation. The PS191 PTA had a vote and the proposed new name got the highest number of votes and therefore the proposed new name *Riverside School for Makers and Artists*, in adherence with Chancellor's Reg. takes precedence. If we were opening a new school then we would select the name of the school however, in adherence to the Chancellor's Regulation, the PA votes. The PS191 PTA had a vote and the proposed new name got the highest number of votes and therefore the proposed new name is *Riverside School for Makers and Artists*. Superintendent Altschul will recommend the school name something within the school after Madeleine F. Polayes, e.g. the library, to do something else to honor her replete with ribbon cutting ceremony
2. Charter Schools Letter to Chancellor Fariña (*on file*)
 - a. Council Member K Watkins said that the letter, mailed today, was to elevate communication with the Chancellor's office, to express concern for the renewal process of Success Academy charter, the hearing took place two months after the Success Academy charter had already been voted on, concern for the sustainability of the Harlem School community and to eradicate the bullying tactics of Success Academy. Success Academy has applied for an

expansion to high school grades in PS 241. Success Academy was denied expansion within that building but they are appealing.

3. Proposed Resolution Calling on Governor Cuomo and NYS Legislators for a 2 Year full phase-in of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity Monies in NYC and across the state ahead of the 10th Year Anniversary of final court ruling (*on file*)
 - a. Council Member N Gotbaum reported that the purpose of the proposed resolution is to garner support throughout the city.
 - b. Proposed Resolution is read into the record
4. The Resolution to Amend the FY2017 Budget is read into the record. Due to oversight during prior CEC3 Business meeting, the reading of the resolution was overlooked.

❖ Public Comment

1. Eric Shuffler, WESS PA Co-President: The renovation is an ongoing concern. It's important for WESS to attract new students. Mike and his team have been really accessible.
2. Nicki Reidy, 163 PTA Pres: The trailer, which presently houses art and music classes. will be removed. What kind of arrangements are you making so that these do not have to be on carts? Science Lab does not have A/C.
 - i. Mr. Mirisola responded that space planners and principals do accommodations, not SCA.
 - ii. Superintendent Altschul responded that according to DOE Space Planning and based on student enrollment, the school doesn't need these trailers. The school does have cluster rooms that they're allocated, the TCU's are no longer essential. Over the years enrollment and number of class sections have gone down.
 - iii. President Fiordaliso wonders why Council wasn't informed of this last fall when Council was rezoning.
 - iv. Mr. Mirisola said that the SCA does not provide in-window A/C units. These must be bought with Reso A funds or other school funds.
3. Christine DiPasquale, WESS PA Co-President: Thanks the SCA. They are happy with the renovations. Want to make sure they can keep enrollment up.
 - i. Council asks what measures are being taken to increase diversity.
 - ii. Superintendent Altschul remarked that the principal does outreach and there is a bus stop but a second stop may be needed higher up. The majority of WESS applicants are coming from lower part of district; they do have a diverse community but they are not getting the Title 1 socio-economic diversity.
 - iii. Member K Berger mentions that the CEC3 Middle School Committee is trying to set up a Diversity Middle School Forum in May.

❖ Roll Call Vote

1. P.S. 191 Name Change to Riverside School for Makers and Artists
 - i. The roll call vote in support of the P.S. 191 Name Change to Riverside School for Makers and Artists is passed unanimously by all Council members present at the time of the vote:
Yes (9) K Berger, J Fiordaliso, N Gotbaum, PJ Joshi, D Katz, L Liu, D Morgan, V Orgera, K Watkins
2. Proposed Resolution Calling on Governor Cuomo and NYS Legislators for a 2 Year full phase-in of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity Monies in NYC and across the state ahead of the 10th Year Anniversary of final court ruling
 - i. The Resolution is passed unanimously by all Council members present at the time of the vote.
Yes (9) K Berger, J Fiordaliso, N Gotbaum, PJ Joshi, D Katz, L Liu, D Morgan, V Orgera, K Watkins
3. Resolution to Amend the CEC3 FY 2017 Budget
 - i. The Resolution to Amend the CEC3 FY2017 Budget is passed unanimously by all Council members present at the time of the vote.

❖ **School Liaison Reports - *deferred***

1. MS54
2. PS149
3. PS859

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Charter School Committee - deferred
2. Multilingual Committee - deferred
3. Zoning Committee
 - a. Zoning Chair Kim Watkins reported that the MBP is going to offer “Advocating For Your School” as one of the Harlem Schools Summit workshops.

❖ **Adjournment – 9:50 P.M.**