



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 3 Wed., June 5, 2019 6:30 P.M. Business Meeting Joan of Arc Complex - 154 W. 93<sup>rd</sup> St.

### Business Meeting Minutes

*(Approved unanimously at the July 16, 2019 Business meeting, as amended, by all Council present.)*

❖ **Call to Order 6:43 PM**

❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Daniel Katz, Mike McCarthy, Jean Moreland, Deirdre Garret-Scott, Kim Watkins (6)

**Late:** Lucas Liu, 7:15

**Excused Absence:** Genisha Metcalf, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit

DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, D3 Superintendent

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. May 8, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes were approved by all council members present (6)

❖ **President's Report**

- President Watkins informed the Council that an End of Term Report would be forthcoming. The focus of the report would show CEC3 milestones, major initiatives and work throughout the year, resolutions, etc. Committee Chairs were asked to send a summary of their committee's work.
- Five Model CEC students will be attending the June 17<sup>th</sup> Equity Conference.
- The next calendar meeting will open with the Model CEC students presenting their resolutions. The CEC can take the resolutions under advisement. Prior to that they will all be presented with a certificate at the End of Year Event.
- President Watkins & Council member Berger met with First Deputy Chancellor Cheryl Harris & Executive Supt. Manhattan Marisol Rosales in a continuing conversation on race and equity structure to put in place and how to keep conversations going. Some SLTs are not structured in the same way and therefore are not having the same conversations.
- The Equity Committee of the CSD3 Presidents' Council spoke about a having a 'Listening Tour,' visiting all of the D3 schools to learn about the focus of the schools' equity work that is happening. Superintendent Altschul noted that people are at different stages of equity work and that the end of the school year is when they will know more. A letter template is being formulated for each school to personalize, it explains who is on the equity team how they were selected and that we should have more information next year. The plan is to have the letter ready by the District Equity Conference June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Council members were requested to send in their comments for the Superintendent's Evaluation.

❖ **Superintendent's Report**

- DJ Sheppard has retired and Tracy McClaire will cover the Family Leadership Coordinator position as well as Family Support Coordinator, until a new FLC and FSC are hired.

- June 10<sup>th</sup> is the Middle School Articulation Workshop. Someone from the Office of Enrollment is presenting
- June 15 Harlem El Barrio Stroll starts at PS185
- June 17 is the Harlem Stakeholders Meeting, 9:30a at PS 241
- Council discussion of the process for use of schools, i.e. Mayor DeBlasio's press conference, on short notice, at PS199. The gym was out of use for the entire day. The Superintendent said that when the Mayor's Office requests space, we work to accommodate.
  - It was also noted that speed zone cameras will now be installed in all 5 borough school zones.

❖ **Old Business**

1. End Term Report was covered in the President's Report.

❖ **New Business - none**

❖ **School Liaison Reports**

1. Liaison Liu reported that PS859 has had the portable A/C units installed.

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Equity & Excellence Committee President Watkins reported in absence of Co-Chairs Genisha Metcalf and Dennis Morgan that they and Fordham University CEC3 Intern Sophia Joseph are in the final edits of the Harlem Schools Summit Report. Data on zone retention and enrollment has to be added. Retention equals number of children who live and attend in zone. Retention rate in Harlem sector dropped to 32% from 35%. Enrollment shows how many K pupils go to school there. Enrollment went from 61% to 64%. PS/IS180 is at 81% enrollment, PS185 is at 62% enrollment, an increase.
  - ✓ The Superintendent remarked that that means the other 4 Harlem schools have even fewer pupils; this administration has said that no school should be less than 250 pupils and D3 has some that are less.
    - Postcards have been printed for parent comments and will be dropped off at each school to be picked up and reviewed for better insight into what parents want.
    - Plans for a potluck to be hosted in the fall (place to be determined) are being considered as a way to bring parent leaders together.
2. High School Admissions Committee, Co-Chairs Jean Moreland and Deirdre Garrett-Scott informed Council that the High School Admissions Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 10-12N.
  - The DOE High School Directory has been significantly slimmed down, for most information you must go online. It's problematic because many people do not have sufficient internet accuracy.
3. Middle School Committee, Chair Kristen Berger said they are looking for the next meeting date
4. Multilingual Committee, Chair Lucas Liu reported that the DOE Bilingual Working Group will be meeting for the second time. They are focusing on funding, policy change and outreach.
  - June 10 there will be a D2 & D3 Joint Multilingual Meeting at Clinton School in Union Square. The idea is to have more input from parents.
  - PS163 Dual Language is doing outreach to Spanish speaking families switching from Gen Ed to Dual Language.

❖ **Adjournment 8:00 PM**