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Wed., May 6, 2020

6:30 P.M. Business Meeting

7:00 Special Calendar Meeting

[Zoom.us/j/8746749359](https://zoom.us/j/8746749359)

(Approved at the June 3, 2020 Business Meeting by all Council present at call for motion of approval)

Minutes

Business Meeting

- ❖ **Call to Order 6:30 PM**
- ❖ **Roll Call of Members**, Kristen Berger, Lisa Byrd, Naveed Hasan, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Deirdre Garrett Scott, Assietou Sow, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes**
 1. March 11, 2020 Business Meeting minutes were approved by all Council present (11) when the motion to approve was called.
 2. April 25, 2020 Business Meeting Minutes were approved by all Council present (11) when the motion to approve was called.
- ❖ **Old Business**
 1. The DOE has approved the Zoom platform. Zoom use is approved for all classrooms and all teachers and safety parameters have been installed Google Meets and Microsoft Teams are also available options. Zoom needs to be installed on iPads.
 2. Re Executive Session. What is the next step?
KW: There is an investigation ongoing. The CEC3 letter went out to all the coalition partners of JOA. There is no further information at this point.
- ❖ **New Business**
 1. Letter on Input on Admissions – All CECs are writing a letter re graduating seniors; parents are reacting to grading policy and other policy changes affecting middle schools and high schools. To whom should the letter be sent and how do we follow up? Do we ask the Chancellor and Executive Superintendent Rosales to work with us? Council noted that the letter presented was not specific and that we want more engagement and to be a part of the decision-making process. Local options were mentioned but we do not have sufficient information for them. Hunter High School of Science has 100 incoming students, WESS is turning into an option, Frank McCourt is a maybe and there are 2 audition schools. The letter advocates for process, not for D3 per se. Timing is an issue, if we drag our feet, the DOE will drop whatever process we want. It's important to get the letter out.
We have a letter from Advocates for Children of NY calling on the State to give students aging out of school this year, a chance to return to the school year for 2021.

2. Budget Advocacy: PEP meeting is tomorrow; it gives us another opportunity to advocate for or against certain contracts i.e. unused buses and extension of their contract is still an issue. Nursing contract: Extreme nurse shortage. PEP is going to approve 2 more contracts for contract nurses. The DOE will spend money if they have it. The nurse contract was once \$30M it is now \$100M. There are DOE nurses who have a full-time salary, the DOH nurses are paid hourly and benefits not as good. The approval is for more contracts. We oppose hiring substitute nurses in a contract form rather than hiring full time nurses.

❖ **Liaison Reports - None**

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Equity & Excellence – Co-Chair Morgan will schedule a meeting for June 11.
2. High School Admissions – Chair Wright reported that they have asked for more engagement from the DOE in the letter and they can reach out to high schools without the DOE. Looking forward to better attended meetings with Zoom, especially for the Fall Admission process.
3. Middle School – Chair Berger reported that there will be a Middle School Committee Meeting May 12th at 7:00 PM.
4. Multilingual – Chair Liu will schedule a meeting
5. Special Education Committee – Co-Chairs Berger and Ramudit reported that the April 21st Zoom meeting had under 12 attendees but was substantive. Home schooling for special needs children was discussed and parents were surprisingly positive. Parents still need additional resource information. Some paraprofessionals have setup additional Zoom time with parents, but it still needs to be looked into and evaluations are on-going. They circulated a special needs survey and will send it out again.

❖ **Adjournment of Business Meeting 7:55 PM**