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CEC3 Business & Calendar Meeting 6:30 PM Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020

Register in advance for Zoom this meeting at www.cec3.org

Minutes

(Business & Calendar Minutes | Approved at the Dec. 16, 2020 Business & Calendar Meeting by all Council present (8))

Business Meeting

- ❖ **Call to Order 6:35 PM**
- ❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Naveed Hasan, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Deirdre Garrett Scott, Assietou Sow, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright
Excused Absence: Lisa Byrd, Sharmilee Ramudit
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes**
 1. Oct. 7, 2020 CEC3 Business Meeting were tabled pending possible inaccuracy. Point in question will be reviewed and minutes re-submitted at the next Business meeting.
- ❖ **Old Business - none**
- ❖ **New Business - none**
- ❖ **Adjournment of Business Meeting 6:40 PM**

Calendar Meeting

- ❖ **Call to Order 6:40 PM**
- ❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Naveed Hasan, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Deirdre Garrett Scott, Assietou Sow, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright
Excused Absence: Lisa Byrd, Sharmilee Ramudit
DOE Staff: Marisol Rosales, Executive Superintendent – Manhattan, Christine Loughlin, D3 Superintendent, Tracy McClaire, D3 Family Liaison Coordinator, Michelle Chang, FACE
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes**
 1. Oct. 21, 2020 CEC3 Calendar Meeting Minutes were approved with modified edit by all Council present at the call for all to approve.
 2. Nov. 2, 2020 CEC3 Special Calendar Meeting Minutes were approved by all Council present at the call for all to approve.
- ❖ **President's Report**
 - President Watkins voiced parent frustration at school closings and what will happen with families in the coming year.
 - Model CEC is in its' 3rd week. State Sen. John Liu joined the last meeting.
 - D3 was awarded a grant by Children's Environmental Literacy Fund which was submitted by District 3.

- ❖ **Superintendent's Report**

- Supt. Loughlin reported on the latest school closings because the 3% threshold had been reached.
- 15% of schools have had positive CoVid cases. 70 schools per day had been visited.
- School Bandwidth Report: DOE has a limited number of donated hotspot devices, NYCHA, Students in temporary shelters and children in foster care are being given priority distribution. All devices are being shipped to the schools.
- Attendance – District Goal 95% | Average 92.6% In person/remote
- 11/2 – 11/15 opt in dates for blended learning for parents requesting a change from 100% remote to blended.
- Learning preferences data 9/20: 5409 Families remote | 4004 Families blended by default | 2606 Blended
- 11/20 666 opted in blended from remote
- D3 Digital Curriculum needs grading policy. Students should not be penalized around pandemic issues.
- Supt. Rosales relays that there are 51 Learning bridges sites in Manhattan.
- In response to remote classes for Special Needs students, Supt. Loughlin said that fully remote is difficult for special needs children and they are working with principals to ensure proper model.

❖ Public Comment

1. AM Linda Rosenthal: (The DOE closing of schools) was handled as badly as one could. The open-endedness of “we’ll return when we return’ is ridiculous. It’s not fair to parents or kids.
 - Member Sow remarked that more needs to be done to help parents.
 - Supt. Rosales said that is a valid comment; they will continue to partner with parents and offer help.
2. CC: In person learning has been very positive for us. Streaming really works. Asynchronous didn’t work for us.
3. KL: Any news on the letter re opt-in period?
 - Pres. Watkins said that typically, there is very little response. We are one of 6 CECs that wrote.
4. MP: Trusts principals to make the right choice
5. ALeG: How does this impact funding in D3?
 - Supt. Rosales: Based on Fair Student Funding and number of students in school and based on number on roster. There has been some attrition. We don’t have it down to an exact science.
6. LL: Public Advocate Williams expressed a lot of disappointment. A lot of parents are disappointed with leadership by the Mayor.
7. AB: Are there additional remote learning supplies, especially at the elementary school level? Ink, paper, pens, printing, are needed.
 - Supt. Loughlin: Principals are aware. You need to have a conversation with your principal.

Is the DOE going to support our families?

 - Executive Supt. Rosales: We will do whatever it takes to make sure children have the supplies they need.
8. NP: The logic of who is paying the prices (for school closing) doesn’t make sense. We need more nuance in how we make these decisions.
9. MP: What about the equity of supplies?
 - Supt. Loughlin: It is my and Executive Supt. Morales responsibility to make sure teaching is happening. We are working on alignment. It is not something that a PTA should purchase.

❖ Old Business

1. Admissions Letter – touched on earlier.

2. In response to question about PS185 principal search, Supt. Loughlin said they are looking at Dec. 10 for the C-30 interview and she will be conducting the interview. There were 14 applicants, 5 will be selected.
3. Councilmember suggested possibility of using CEC funds left over for purchasing supplies for families. Council will visit the options in December meeting.

❖ **New Business**

1. Emergency School Nurse Contract – PEP approved 2 contracts for two private companies. Full time nurses are a priority.
2. Dec. 2 is the CEC3 Chancellor Town Hall. There is time for 10-11 questions. There are at least 6 topics of interest among them remote learning devices, pedagogy, admissions communications.

❖ **Liaison Reports - none**

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Middle School and Equity & Excellence Joint Committee Meeting will meet on Nov. 30.
2. High School Admissions Committee – Will set up next meeting early Dec., looking at what do 8th graders do next year?
3. Dual Language Committee – Chair Liu questioned how dual language programs and ESL programs were being delivered. A lot of schools are not getting their dual language services. He is trying to set up a meeting on kids who speak a target language.

❖ **Public Comments**

1. AB: Town Hall question: Looking for a re-opening plan with timeline.

❖ **Adjournment of Calendar Meeting 9:37 PM**