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Wed., Feb. 13, 2019

6:30 P.M. Business Meeting

7:00 PM Calendar Meeting

P.S. 241 - 240 W. 113th St.

Calendar Meeting Minutes

(Approved, as edited, at the March 21, 2019 CEC3 & CSD3 Presidents' Council Joint Calendar Meeting by all Council Members present)

Calendar Meeting

❖ **Call to Order 7:55PM**

- ❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Lucas Liu, Genisha Metcalf, Jean Moreland, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Deirdre Garrett, Scott, Kim Watkins
Excused Absence: Daniel Katz, Mike McCarthy
DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, D3 Superintendent

Approval of Minutes

1. Jan. 23, 2019 Joint Calendar Meeting Minutes were approved by all council members present at the time of the motion.

❖ **President's Report**

- President Watkins announced that member Sharmilee Ramudit has become Co-Chair of the CEC3 Charter School Committee along with Co-Chair Mike McCarthy.
- Pres. Watkins will work on a resolution regarding the public school nursing shortage in NYC Public School System and said that there is also a lawsuit by Advocates for Children re children with type 1 diabetes, who are not getting the services they need because of nursing shortage.
- At an ECC meeting, she spoke with Deputy Chancellor of School Space Planning re additional school space for high school students in D3 perhaps at the Silverstein location on the west side.

❖ **Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent and her team have completed Phase I of the State Integration Grant. Phase II, is in the works and looks at the root causes of segregated schools

- Zoning
- K-8 models
- Gifted and Talented Programs
- Dual Language Programs
- Middle School screening processes and admission criteria
- Staff implicit Bias

Also identified were the steps District 3 has already taken:

- ✓ Rezoning
- ✓ Middle School admissions pilot
- ✓ Schools are looking at their programming to provide additional opportunities for integration with the programming, across the grades and schools
- ✓ Schools are offering high-level Regents courses
- ✓ Importance of Community Engagement activities including family nights or rebranding,

- ✓ Importance of Community Feedback and Participation in CEC committee meetings and/or CEC meetings,
 - ✓ Harlem Stakeholder meetings for community feedback
 - ✓ Addressing biases- having professional development and support equity teams
- Implementation team(s)
State Implementation Team, District Equity Team and Harlem Stakeholders Team are working in concert. This Phase of the Grant is to increase family/community engagement, continue supporting the Equity Teams and the professional learning in culturally relevant curricula, supporting schools with strategies for integration, increase marketing and strengthening programming and to determine if shifts in grade reconfigurations is needed.
- Submitted Budget of \$130,000 includes: teacher, principal, para per session; teacher per diem; 8 sessions with Center for Racial Justice in Education for parents; professional books; supplies; refreshments; Professional development – culturally relevant curricula and equity team coaching; travel (2 sessions in Albany);
- Citywide Diversity Grant- due February 28th. The Superintendent plans on using this grant to support the work with additional funding for the State Integration Grant
- The Equity Team met with Dr. Fergus, author of ‘Solving Disproportionality and Achieving Equity’ on January 30th looking at the disproportionality data across the district. Dr. Fergus is joining the equity teams at PS 163 and MHII. Jonathan Foy visited the equity team at PS 87 and will be attending at PS 452.
- The pre-K application is open and the deadline for families to submit their application is March 15.
- Concerns around Dual Language
 - The Chancellor and Linda Chen, Deputy Chancellor, Academics, are both committed to dual language programming, and see importance of immersion in multiple languages for all students.
 - Ms. Chen communicated that she understands the financial challenges in sustaining dual language programs and wants to work with District 3 to identify how we can support our schools in sustaining dual language programs. Her team in the Division of Multilingual Learners is committed to continuing to work with all schools and their borough offices to look at dual language programming opportunities and sustainability.
- The Superintendent Participated in WESS 9th grade expedition – she discussed the segregation issue in public schools and ways for students’ to get involved.
- The Next Harlem Stakeholder meeting is March 1st at PS 185
- School survey for parents/guardians, students and teachers and support staff is now open– it will close April 3. The survey coordinator should distribute the survey soon.

❖ **Public Comment – none**

❖ **Old Business**

1. Harlem Schools Summit co-chairs gave an overview of this year’s Summit.
Theme: A Vision for Young, Gifted and Harlem. Visioning sessions will be focused on solutions.
Keynote Speaker: Shannon Waite, Mayor’s Appointee to PEP
Goal is to have at least 20 Harlem families from each of the Harlem schools participate.
Donations to PS 185 are being requested from each organization that has a table at the Summit. It was pointed out by a council member that the PS185 PTA must receive the funds directly and the donation has to be separate from the Summit. Eventbrite cannot make a check to 185.

❖ **New Business**

1. A Model CEC will be held in April or May by student leaders of middle school councils, participation will include middle school principals and Supt. Altschul.
2. Manhattan CECs 1 – 6 will collaborate Tuesday, March 26 on a diversity event featuring a production by Epic Theatre.

3. DOE Diversity Grant – was discussed during the Superintendent’s Report
4. KIPP 5th Grade Middle School Opposition –Council members are collaborating on a letter to SUNY in opposition to the KIPP proposal. The letter will also be sent to CEC3 database and posted and posted on the website.

❖ **Liaison Reports**

1. PS241, Liaison Watkins reported that the playground grant issue is moving toward resolution. The money left from the original \$500,000 grant will be transferred to School Facilities under John Hession.
2. MS859, Liaison Liu reported on the on-going basement ventilation issue. Supt. Altschul said that SCA Mike Mirisola and DDF-Manhattan John Hession, will do another walk through.
3. Dual Language Middle School & Computer School, Liaison Garrett-Scott reported that they are collaborating on using the library space as a media center.
4. MS254 Liaison Dennis Morgan reported that the parents are doing equity work.

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Charter School, Co-Chair Ramudit reported D5 & D13 passed a resolution calling on a moratorium charter schools.
2. Equity & Excellence, Co-Chairs Metcalf and Morgan reported that Harlem Schools Summit planning sessions were being held for the time being in lieu of committee meetings.
3. Multilingual, Chair Liu reported that the next committee meeting would be Feb. 26th

❖ **Public Comment**

1. KIPP Middle School will lead to further segregation.

❖ **Adjournment of Calendar Meeting 9:35PM**