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DISTRICT 3 COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL Business & Calendar Meeting BUSINESS MINUTES

Wed. May 10, 2017

6:30 PM

P.S.76 Auditorium

220 W.121 St.

Business Meeting

❖ **Call to Order 6:45 PM**

❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Manuel Casanova, Joe Fiordaliso (6:50p), Daniel Katz, Lucas Liu, Dennis Morgan, Vincent Orgera, Kim Watkins (8).

Excused Absence: Noah Gotbaum, PJ Joshi

DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, District 3 Superintendent

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. April 5, 2017 Business Meeting Minutes approved unanimously by all Council members present.

❖ **President's Report**

1. June 7 Business meeting will also be a Special Calendar meeting at PS 241. District Planning, Sarah Turchin and her team will present a summation on the Harlem Stakeholders

❖ **Superintendent's Report**

1. Keira Dillon, Grade 5 teacher from PS 163 won the Big Apple Teacher Recipient recognized as an outstanding teacher in District 3. Big Apple Award Recipients spend the 17-18 school year participating in the Big Apple Fellowship representing teachers citywide as a member of the Chancellor's Teacher Advisory Group. Chancellor Farina visited her class on Monday, May 8th to recognize and celebrate. She made an announcement on the PA system and spoke to the students.
2. Congratulations to Dr. Elster and MS 54, Booker T. Washington. She has been recognized for her dedication to sustainability within the school community. Dr. Elster is receiving an award on May 22nd for her commitment to promoting school sustainability.
3. PS 452 has two 5th grade students that are being honored for their entries to the 2017 Young Writers Awards competition. Samara Choudhury's poem *When They Came* is being recognized as an Honorable Mention in the 5th & 6th grade poetry category. Juliet Burguiere's story *Anika* is the winning entry in the 5th & 6th grade prose category
4. On May 12th, 9 Students from Wadleigh are participating in the 9th Annual Global Student video conference- part of the Remember Slavery program of Activities through the United Nations
5. The Superintendent and her PLF Cynthia Dickman have conducted a total of 70 school visits. 5 remaining visits.
6. 2 additional PreK classes at PS 84 are opening
7. G and T @ M191
 - o 138 interested applicants
 - o Recommendation includes a checklist of indicators of gifted behaviors and open-ended questions regarding the students' capacity to learn, application of knowledge, creative

and productive thinking, and motivation. These are behaviors and characteristics from the NYSED definition of giftedness.

8. May 3rd at PS 163, Superintendent participated on the panel Know Your Rights – provided information for parents of immigrant families in D3 schools. Council Member Levine and Rosenthal held this joint event for families in our district.
 9. District 3 Art Fair May 24th and 25th
 - May Parent Teacher Conferences: May 3- HS, May 17- Elem, May 18- MS
 - Summer School will run from July 5th to August 10th from 8:30-2:30 p.m. M163, M076, M054, M088 (Wadleigh and FDA II)
- Kindergarten waitlist:
- 03M087 and 03M199 have been able to make a number of waitlist offers
 - The 1 student that remains on the 03M087 waitlist was a late arriving applicant
 - 03M009 has not been able to make any waitlist offers yet
 - Until PS 9 receives response as to who will be attending they cannot make any offers
 - Families may have moved into the 9 zone because of 199 and 87.
 - Member remarks that the smaller waitlists at 199 and 87 validates the rezoning.
 - The 199 overflow is 191
 - Discussion on Dual Language at 87, Council Member asks for applicant numbers. Numbers have been lower in recent years.

	Zoned Waitlist (After Initial Offer)	Current Zoned Waitlist*
03M009	23	34
03M087	28	1
03M199	34	7

*Includes late arriving students

Rezoning Transfer Process Update:

- 1,108 D3 families were eligible to submit a transfer request through OSE to attend their new zoned school.
- 105 families opted into the transfer process by the April 7 deadline.
- 96 of these students currently attend 03M452.
- All 105 families received offers to their new zoned school. Letters were dropped in the mail on 5/1.
- The deadline for families to accept their offer is May 26.

Future Zoned School	2017-18 Grade Level					Total
	1	2	3	4	5	
03M087	24	15	13	19	2	73
03M199	9	4	11	3		27
03M452		2	1	2		5
Total	33	21	25	24	2	105

191 G and T

- 138 applicants for 191 3rd grade G and T
 - At the request of Council, **Supt. Altschul** will get the breakdown of schools of the applicants.
- Every child who scored 3 out of 4 could apply.
- There was no target percentage for diversity.
- Council feels the “opt-in” rather than “opt-out” process works against families and will miss a lot of students. Students who opt-in are not representative of students.

- **Supt. Altschul** responded that these questions and concerns were not raised in the last 3 CEC3 meetings when this was discussed. In D3 there are a large number of families that are eligible for G and T and want to stay where they are.
- **Member Katz** remarked that if 700-900 (for example) are eligible and only 1/7th or 1/9th apply, the process is flawed.

❖ **Old Business**

1. Superintendent Evaluation

- Council members Watkins and Fiordaliso reached out to the D3 Superintendent and asked for a self-assessments which will be circulated to Council. They will meet with the Superintendent. Evaluation will be done before term end.

2. End of Year Event

- Proceeding as in past events.
- Council will consider whom to choose as honoree.

❖ **New Business**

- June 7 Council meeting will be at P.S. 241. A Special Calendar Meeting will be added.

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