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COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 Calendar Meeting

Wednesday December 9, 2015

Joan of Arc Auditorium, 154 West 93rd Street
(Between Columbus & Amsterdam Avenue)

Minutes

Approved January 20th, 2016 Calendar meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:41pm

Present: Nan Mead, Joe Fiordaliso, Zoe Foundotos, Kristen Berger, P.J. Joshi, Theresa Hammonds, Lucas Liu and Kimberly Watkins. A quorum was present.

Excused Absence: Daniel Katz, Noah Gotbaum

DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, District 3 Superintendent; DJ Sheppard, District 3 Family Advocate

2. Approval of Minutes

a. The November 19, 2015

Amendment to November 19th Calendar Meeting Minutes. Additions made under Superintendent's report (section 2.2- Renewal School Update)

Renewal School update:

- Both schools will begin preparing for their Renewal Rooms where they present a problem of practice and strategize with other schools about the challenge looking deeply at data.
- The first round of progress monitoring is being conducted with the renewal schools by the DSR. Schools are identifying their 5 priority areas to focus on for the next 10 weeks until the 2nd round of progress monitoring. Priority areas of focus for both schools are on attendance, Danielson framework and teacher pedagogy, and planning and refining Common Core aligned curricula to provide access to all students.

b. November 19, 2015 Calendar meeting minutes were approved as amended

3. Superintendent's Report

The superintendent congratulated Marlon Lowe and Special Music School for receiving 2015 Blackboard Award.

MS 256 celebrated the revival of the Joan of Arc statue and the continued relationship between the France and America the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and the Riverside Park Conservancy.

On November 30th Pink, newest UNICEF ambassador, visited **M242** joining with Target and raising money for Unicef. Additionally, Harlem Globetrotters chose PS 242 to celebrate their 90th birthday.

PS/MS 165 will host a Family Night on January 22, 2015 in collaboration with the SLT and PTA.

West Prep and PS 145 are slated to receive a \$6 million dollar overhaul of our playground. The next Inclusive Playground Task Force meeting is on 12/16.

West Prep 5th annual Winter Arts Showcase will be on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 5pm.

PS 145 holding their Winter Spectacular on Friday, December 18th

STEM Institute of Manhattan will have their STEMulating your Mind Fair on Friday, December 11th. Students will present their culminating projects to the school community.

PS 84 had a math workshop for 4th and 5th grade parents. The objective is to give parents an opportunity to experience what math instruction looks like for students using PS 84's new Bridges curriculum.

PS 163 is hosting this entire week "Drop Everything and Read" aka DEAR. Each grade is opening its doors for parents to read to their child.

Museum Magnet School had a visit from Inside Schools and a positive review has been posted. The school also has a partnership with Ballet Tech and 4 of the students were accepted to their program.

West Side Collaborative hosted their first Showcase Schools Visit for DOE educators on December 1st. The visit focused on student reflection, student ownership of the learning process, and the school's online portfolio practices.

PS 452 had a food drive and collected 400 pounds of food and raised \$1369. PS 452 had a Stone Soup family event with around 100 families adding their ingredients to one big community soup and a re-telling of the Stone soup folktale. This was an initiative of the Community Building committee to organize free and diverse events to bring families and staff together.

Early Childhood Discovery and Design Magnet School- Kindergarten and first grade students are enjoying their grant-funded arts classes with teaching artists from the Center for Arts

Education. Second graders are finishing up their first unit of study in Photography with Magic Box Productions.

ECDD has added ORFF musical instruction for students in PK – 2 to the vocal music and piano instruction students receive each week.

ECDD second grade students are currently engaged in an engineering project at school. Using the Engineering Design Process with their Engineering Teacher Jenny, students identified a school wide problem area (recycling) and collected evidence school wide about how it works (and doesn't).

Superintendent Altschul has completed 16 **PPO visits** and Cynthia Dickman has completed 16, both have provided feedback to the principals. All schools have at least 1 PPO visit from either one, except for 2 schools that a Quality Review in November: M076 and M163.

Level 1s have been conducted for PS 84, PS 9, and tonight is MS 291 (WESS). The superintendent has conducted the level II for PS 84.

NYCDOE gave green light to proceed with Give Kids A Smile Day - Friday, Feb. 5 at PS 242. 400 students in Grades K-2 will learn about oral hygiene, get free dental checkup.

Superintendent Altschul held a Principal meeting at Wadleigh/FDA II and the Chancellor came and addressed the principals.

DLT- is completing the DECP goals, draft goals are focused around the five pillars and are available on file.

Kindergarten connect opened on December 7th and closes Jan 15th

Spelling Bee- February 6th at PS 208

Science Fair – March 19th at Brandeis Urban Advantage (Museum of Natural History) will assist with science fair.

District 3 Arts Fair- May 18th and 19th at PS 163

Tenure Workshop on January 21st at 4:30 p.m. at JOA

DLT will hold a Title I training for core School Leadership Team members on January 12th at 4:30 p.m. at JOA

Renewal School update:

- Both schools completed first round of progress monitoring. Superintendent Altschul will present the data (as requested) in January.
- Renewal benchmarks are now public on the website
- M149 has increased their attendance to 91.9%. Last year 40% of students had chronic absenteeism. This has been drastically reduced. Students are attending.
- M149 increased parent participation at parent teacher conferences to approximately 70% (up from 20% last year)
- Teacher Center is up and running and all teachers are scheduled to meet with the teacher center teacher for support.

- At M415 all students are being scheduled for January Regents exams.
- Wadleigh's winter showcase performance is on December 10th at 6:00 p.m.
- Students in culinary program cooked 30 turkeys and served them to people in need at First Corinthian Baptist Church. CBS and WPIX covered it.
- Boys Basketball team won their home game against Kennedy HS in the Bronx.

- Council member Foundotos asked about accessing translation services for meetings at schools. Request DJ Sheppard to clarify which meetings can receive free translation and how to access that.
- Council member Watkins noted that the most recent VADIR (Violent and Disruptive Incident Reporting) is to be made available from the NYS Education Department shortly. The councilmember questioned how schools and the community are made aware of schools that are at risk of a persistently dangerous school (PDS) designation.
 - The Superintendent is concerned that publishing old data could unnecessarily tarnish a school's reputation. The Superintendent reinforced that internally principals are aware of their VADIR data and the DOE works with them to make necessary corrections before they reach a PDS designation.
 - Schools may choose to reduce their OORS data as part of their CEP regardless of their VADIR data.
 - Council member Mead recommended the council discuss the VADIR data internally first and then we can share that with our schools via our liaisons.
 - Questions remain as to what the council or parents can do to address this data and respond to it.

4. President's Report

- Blackboard awards for Mott Hall II and Special Music School– would like to do ceremonial resolutions to congratulate both schools
- Would like to recognize the positive Inside schools review for PS191 and would like to work with the council to find ways to help them message such good news and the many positive attributes of their school.

- Will be working on joint agenda with D3 Presidents Council for January 20th joint meeting

5. Committee Reports

Multilingual Committee- Reported by Chair L. Liu the committee is meeting December 10th

Health and Wellness Committee- Chair T. Hammonds reports that she will be starting this committee again and is aiming to hold their first meeting in January

6. Resolutions

- Approve Hiring of AA Finalist- see Resolution attached, voting after public comment
- Resolution to Fill CEC3 ELL Vacancy- postponed until Jan 20th.

7. Public Comment

Mark Dillar- noted that ahead of the SCA budget hearing he advises council to send them questions in advance so that they can answer them at our meeting rather than leaving with the intent to eventually reply to the council.

Matthew Washington- the new Deputy Borough President for Manhattan. Came to meeting introduce himself to council. Reminded council that the Manhattan Borough President's Office is Launching Resolution A Capital Budget Process; applications will launch in next couple of weeks. The Borough President's office is still available to come to schools to meet with principals or is available to speak on the phone. Additionally the BP's office is starting a Youth Council, the first meeting will be on December 11th and it will pull together 14- 18 years old to be engaged & speak about issues they feel are important.

8. Roll Call Vote

1. Approve Hiring of AA Finalist
Resolution attached, passed unanimously by all council members in attendance (8-0)

9. Adjournment of Calendar Meeting 8:41

Submitted by K Berger, Secretary CEC 3