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CEC3 & CSD3 Presidents' Council Joint Calendar Meeting Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019 - 6:30 PM P.S. 166 - 132 W. 89th St., NYC 10024

Minutes

(CEC3 CEC3 & CSD3 Presidents' Council Joint Calendar meeting minutes were approved as corrected at the Nov. 20, 2019 Calendar meeting by all council members present when the motion to approve was called)

❖ **Call to Order 6:37 PM**

❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Lisa Byrd, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright

Late: Naveed Hasan 8:45p

Excused Absence: Deirdre Garrett Scott, Assietou Sow, Teddy Tawil, student member

DOE Staff: Christine Loughlin, IA D3 Superintendent, Rosemary Tafaro, DOE Manhattan Director Finance & Human Resources

❖ **CSD3 Presidents' Council Roll Call of Members** Kerri Keiger Chris? , Ira Mitchneck, others names not intelligible.

❖ **Contracts for Excellence Presentation** (*on file*): Rosemary Tafaro, DOE Manhattan Director Finance & Human Resources

1. Ms. Tafaro presented an overview of Contracts for Excellence for D3 which showed the DOE planned spending lines for the next 3 years of funds received from the state for "sound basic education," citywide and by district. \$531M is distributed as follows - \$183M restricted funds allocated to Fair Student Funding and \$348M unrestricted funds which must be distributed through school allocations which principals decide how it's spent.

1.1 Money should be spent in the following 6 categories:

- Class size reduction
- Tutoring in school called *Time on Task*
- Teacher & Principal Quality Initiatives for development and retention of quality teachers and principals
- Middle and High School Restructuring
- Full-Day PreK Programs
- Model Programs for English Language Learners to raise achievement among ELLs.
- No increases that were asked for, schools will get what they received in the past, *Maintenance of Effort*
- 92% of \$348M is spent on teachers

Council and Ms. Tafaro discussed particulars of various slides, such as funding for autistic programs, programs with special funding. Council was concerned with fact that all of the numbers are challenging for parent volunteers to understand and will there ever be a time when all the funding is combined into one presentation.

- ✓ Ms. Tafaro will return to discuss D3 schools funding in particular however the presentations as is, is required by law. C4E is not considered final until all public comment is in and before C4E is approved by PEP.

- ✓ Ms. Tafaro will supply the reason for differences in funding 100% and funding below 100%.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. MD, Chair elect CB 7: There are inconsistencies in the reporting Slide 10, numbers don't correspond for D3 with slide 11. Slides 4, 5, 8 appear to be at odds with each other, the numbers don't add up and there are others. And the institutionalization of FSF seems to violate the directive and puts us at risk for reduction of funds by the State. Campaign for Fiscal Equity Lawsuit point was to have smaller class sizes, but we are way off the target that the program was intended to create.
 - ✓ Ms. Tafaro: There may be discrepancies because of what's not included. On slide 11 there is an asterisk, it is acknowledged that the slide does not total. We have funded new initiatives.
2. Annie, PS166: Concerned about a note from the principal, received after the fact, regarding a teacher who was removed and who has been teaching since 1956 and is suddenly no longer at the school.
3. Justine B, PS166: Agreed with previous speaker. Also heard about the new teacher replacement but received no letter from principal regarding the teacher. Disappointed in the communication and clueless.
4. James, PS166: Seconded everything the others said.
 - ✓ Superintendent Loughlin: I completely understand your concerns. Proper procedures were followed. I can't speak to the actual issue. DOE has clear protocol around issues. We vetted a letter with legal and Principal Mastriano. I am concerned that the letter did not go out. Protocols are in place for a reason. It is a legal issue, In terms of trust and teacher retention, I am working with Deputy Supt. Rosales on how to better retain teachers and am in communication with the 166 PTA Co-President.

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

1. Sept. 25, 2019 CEC3 Calendar Meeting Minutes were approved by all members present at the motion to approve (9)

❖ **Superintendent's Report** – *(handout of Chancellor's Priorities on file)*

1. The Superintendent reviewed the Chancellor's Priorities handout and shared her commitment to its priorities in D3 of advancing equity, learning, instruction and partnering with families. She is developing a District Charter of which one emphasis is that principals will have to provide a comprehensive learning focus and insure that principals also provide the feedback teachers need.

❖ **CEC3 & CSD3 Presidents' Council Joint Agenda:**

1. Pres. Watkins and Presidents' Council (PC) President Keiger addressed the forming of a PC Equity Committee when a CEC3 Equity Committee already existed and the cause for confusions. The councils were not created to do the same thing. How can both groups support each other?
2. Presidents' Council President Keiger said the goal is to reach parents and let them know they have a voice. They have not taken a stance on issues because they represent all D3 schools and there are many voices. The PC equity team began as a way to find out what was going on in our schools.
3. CEC3 council member stated that this is an opportunity to work collaboratively with each other and much of this double work is because the equity pipeline is not well defined, there is overlap.

Presidents' Council (PC) member said that the letter that was written by the PC Equity Committee and focused on things CEC3 wasn't focused on, however in presenting those 'things': standard definition of equity team; funding mandates, guidance and inclusions and funding inequities among PTAs there didn't seem to be clear difference however we need to understand what the baseline is for every school.

- ✓ Supt. Loughlin said she has a lot of questions about equity team piece. Every school has one and there is no clear direction for what it means. She is committing to setting up a District Equity Focus Team. As a district we should have a common agenda and

there are major disparities between students with disabilities and black and Hispanic students.

❖ **President's Report - K Watkins**

- The Legislative Breakfast is Friday, January 31st at PS75 West Side Collaborative.
- CEC3 has a *Design a D3 Bookmark* contest and the finalists will come to the Legislative Breakfast.
- C37 process has not begun
- Ms. Watkins is in daily contact with the D3 nursing supervisor over the citywide and district school nurse shortage. One child has been pulled out of a D3 school because no nurse available. There has been media coverage on the nursing shortage and FOX news will be doing a story.

❖ **Old Business**

1. The Recess Resolution was read into the record
 - ✓ The Superintendent wanted to know if this was a system wide implementation of policy. She is concerned that a student who is having trouble regulating and might cause harm to someone. Lunch detention could be in response to safety issues. What is the policy?
 - The Disciplinary Code says that in-school disciplinary responses may include detention or exclusion from extracurricular activity or communal lunch time...but they must not take place during class time and must be done in accordance with the NYCDOE Wellness policy which says that may physical activity must not be withheld as punishment or used as punishment. The DOE Wellness policy overrules the Disciplinary Code the specific prevails over the general rule.

❖ **New Business - none**

❖ **Liaison Reports**

1. PS149 – Liaison Morgan reported that he attended the PTA meeting. 7 parents showed up for the PTA meeting. The afterschool group, *Street Squash*, geared for 6th grade to high school and college.
2. PS75 PTA – Liaison Byrd spoke about CEC3 and what it does. They put in for the Participatory Budget with West Side Collaborative.
3. MHII – Member Byrd is Title 1 person. CEC3 might want to look at how transferring in is done. They are trying to obtain data from the Welcome Center. MHII Liaison Berger said that CEC3 will have someone from the Wellness Center attending.
4. PS145 – Liaison Hasan said the construction project has put up a low fence and school is concerned about students leaving. CB7 representative said that the Community Parks Initiative has this new design and low fences are the standard.

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Equity & Excellence - Chair Morgan reported they held a meeting last week. A focus question to attendees was why they chose G&T program. He will have an update at the next CEC meeting... Member Ramudit has agreed to Co-Chair the committee.
2. High School Admissions - Chair Wright reported they discussed getting families more information, earlier in the admissions process in a sustainable way. Wondered if they can do something with Imagine Schools initiative.
3. Middle School - Chair Berger reported that they met Oct. 11th and set goals for this year and set a loose calendar for meetings. Nov. 8th the Office of Enrollment will be discussing initial admissions round and in Jan will be discussing changes to the waitlist. They are considering holding a Middle School Forum early Dec around heterogeneous education. Other topics: how parents learn about schools and, screened admissions in general. The Middle School Fair is Oct. 24th.

4. Multilingual - Chair Liu reported they are getting all the Spanish language programs tougher PS87 Dual Language Committee is sponsoring a movie night. Nov. with all proceeds going to PS242. Nov. 19th is the next meeting.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. MD, CB7: Forum on Vaping and Youth a week from today at MS54.

❖ **Roll Call Vote**

1. The motion was called for the roll call vote on the Recess Resolution and seconded. The Recess Resolution was passed unanimously by all members present:((K Berger-Y, L Byrd-Y, N Hasan-Y, L Liu-Y, M McCarthy-Y, D Morgan -Y, S Ramudit-Y, K Watkins-Y, E Wright -Y (9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

❖ **Adjournment 9:50 PM**