



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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CEC3 Business & **Special Calendar Meeting**

6:30 PM

Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021

Register in advance for Zoom this meeting

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(Approved as submitted at the Feb. 24, 2021 Calendar Meeting by all Council present (9))

Minutes

Business Meeting

- ❖ Call to Order & Roll Call of Members
- ❖ Approval of Minutes
 1. 1/6/21 Business Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Contracts for Excellence (C4E) Presentation – Matthew Manner, MFSC
- ❖ President’s Report
- ❖ Old Business
- ❖ New Business
 1. In Person Learning for Previously Remote Families
 2. CEC Elections
- ❖ Liaison Reports
- ❖ Committee Reports
- ❖ Adjournment of Business Meeting

Special Calendar Meeting

- ❖ **Call to Order 8:23 PM**
- ❖ **Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Lisa Byrd, Naveed Hasan, Lucas Liu, Dennis Morgan, Deirdre Garrett Scott, Assietou Sow, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright (9)
Excused Absence: Mike McCarthy
Absent: Sharmilee Ramudit
Doe Staff: Christine Loughlin, D3 Superintendent, Tracy McClaire, D3 Family Liaison Coordinator
- ❖ **Middle School Sibling Admissions** – The schools in D3 that use siblings as admission process use it as a screen. Citywide Policy 2021 affects schools differently: a couple of schools that want a sibling priority and some that do not. Other districts are keeping sibling priority but, in our district, it’s considered a screen and is being eliminated.
Supt. Loughlin: The DOE has never had sibling policy for any district. Center School and Computer School did have sibling priority as a screen. D15 I the only district in city that has sibling priority. D1 is on pause.
Several members ask what CEC3 is trying to accomplish as a district and as a council.

Goal for Middle School Admissions is to have D3 schools reflect the student body. It is decided that for tonight there is no goal, Council will hear attendees.

❖ **Public Comment**

1. KP: Keeping siblings in same environment is advised.
2. HL: It's important to keep siblings together. Priority for Diversity Initiative is important but there has to be a balance.
3. DK: Has 3 arguments for keeping sibling priority, a. Academic Priority was removed, b. accommodation for working parents, c. "simplification" by allowing siblings to attend (same) schools. Poll the schools.
4. JWS: What is the difference between a screen and a priority? What is the Diversity Initiative?
Member Berger: A screen is applied at school level/school by school. Priority is an algorithm that triggers through DOE computer. The number one difference is how parents rank school. In Diversity Initiative the goal is for D3 schools to better reflect the district. 25% of all offers would be prioritized with academic and economic need based on 4th grade final test scores. This year the DOE will use 25% free or reduced lunch.
5. AK: Supports asking schools for data.
6. BT: ? *audio*
7. JR: The social/emotional impact has to be considered for well-being of kids, especially during this time.
8. TJ: Wants option for twins to stay together.
9. JH: We are under-estimating the importance of health. We are not taking families seriously.

- Pres. Watkins said the CEC3 can advocate for Middle School changes on behalf of the district but the decision rests with the Mayor and Chancellor.
- Member Liu said that for families affected by it, it is not just for one year.
- In absence of data we don't know the impact on diversity.
- Member Byrd said equity is not a direct health issue, it is the issue of equal access to resources. As working parents, we all need help. Having sibling policy during this period would support all families.
- Middle School Applications are due 2/23. CEC3, as a council, could write a letter to impact admissions cycle.
- CECs can only help parents advocate; we don't have the decision-making power on this.
- Council asked whether to take action now or widen the scope on admissions?
- Majority Council responded with taking short-term action.
- Reach out to liaison schools.
- Member McCarthy is nominated to draft a letter on sibling priority.

❖ **Adjournment of Calendar Meeting 9:56 PM**