



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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Wed., Jan. 8, 2020

6:30 P.M. Business Meeting

Joan of Arc – 154 W. 93rd St., Room 204

Minutes

(Approved at the March 11, 2020 Business meeting by all Council present (10) at the time of the motion to approve)

- ❖ **Call to Order 6:37 PM**
- ❖ **Roll Call of Members** Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Deirdre Garrett Scott, Assietou Sow, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright, *Teddy Tawil, student member*
EA Kristen Berger, Lisa Byrd, Naveed Hasan
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes**
 1. The motion to approve the Dec. 18, 2019 CEC3 Business Meeting was called, seconded and approved by all members present (7).
- ❖ **Old Business**
 1. Legislative Breakfast
 - Ms. Watkins and CEC3 Administrative Assistant did a walk-through of PS75/ M.S. 250 and discussed set-up for the Jan. 31st Legislative Breakfast. Ms. Watkins encouraged those attending the breakfast to let legislators know their liaison schools D3s needs and wants.
 2. Harlem Schools Summit
 - Date changed to May 16th at PS76.
 - My Brother's Keeper will co-host.
 - Discussion ensued about supports for event to generate interest and attendance.
 - ✓ Member Garrett Scott will reach out to Epsilon House
 - ✓ Member Sow will compose a letter in French to be sent to all 50 African consulates. She will reach out to the U.N.
 - ✓ A flyer will be sent over social media
 - ✓ Reach out to Dual Language programs to connect and invite immigrant populations, especially in Harlem
- ❖ **New Business**
 1. Structure of Business Meeting: The President reviewed the structure of Business and Calendar meetings for attendees and that there is no public comment at Business meetings.
 2. CEC3 change of meeting locations were discussed and inquiry as to the possibility of rescheduling a meeting back at a school from which a meeting had been changed, e.g. P.S.199 to P.S. 180, in response to an emergency situation and in support of that school. One member felt that the next CEC meeting should be held back at the school that was canceled. The President stated that the unwritten norm was to rotate meetings amongst the D3 schools and this was not the first time a meeting had been changed with short notice, from one school to a different school.

3. Special Education Committee Co-Chairs are K Berger and S Ramudit. The first meeting will be Jan. 24th, 9 AM at Joan of Arc.
4. Revisions to the Draft Resolution on Foundation Aide were discussed and the Council president and secretary will rewrite the resolution for clearer language.
5. Discussion – Draft Resolution on Removal of CEC22 Council Member
 - Member Liu said the issue is not straight forward, that despite group protests very little has been done to address the racial slurs used by the CEC22 member toward the Asian community. The Chancellor has chosen not to get involve. The CEC22 member has not issued an apology 6 weeks on.
 - Council discussed the most effective way to sanction the CEC22 member while making provisions within CEC3 bylaws to address future similar actions should the need arise. Considered were:
 - ✓ A resolution that addressed bylaws changes and suggesting all CECs do the same.
 - ✓ A letter to the Chancellor asking him to take immediate removal action
 - ✓ A change in CEC3 bylaws. Member McCarthy will craft language for revision to the bylaws.
 - ✓ Council will further consider what type of document to vote on in the next meeting, a resolution or a letter, so there is consensus.
6. Member Ramudit discussed the possibility of Council co-sponsoring NYCPAC Annual Parent Education Conference which informs parents on public school issues and advocates for their children.
 - ✓ Council members noted that CECs cannot publically endorse organizations that support political candidates. The NYCPAC flyer states they support candidates.

❖ **Liaison Reports**

- PS 185 Liaison Morgan reported that Harlem Link is looking at expanding their space to the 185 side. Charter schools frequently expand into schools with empty space.
- PS 180 Liaison Morgan reported that the winter program went well. They are also working on a program to bring in additional resources to the school. The social workers are still there offering support.
- All council liaisons are reminded to reach out to their schools for Capital Plan Requests.

❖ **Committee Reports**

1. Equity & Excellence ~ none
 2. High School Admissions – Chair Wright reported that due to a scheduling error the next meeting will be moved to Jan. 21, 9:00am at Joan of Arc.
 3. Multilingual – Chair Liu reported there is a meeting Jan. 16, 6:30pm at Joan of Arc.
 4. Special Ed – Co-Chairs Berger and Ramudit reported the first meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 24th, 9am.
 5. ECC – There is a meeting, 5:30pm.
- Council discussed raising awareness of parents of 3 & 4 year olds re G&T as well as reaching out to parents to come to meetings to express their views on G&T. Listening to both sides regarding possible elimination of G&T should be a priority.

❖ **Adjournment of Business Meeting 10:00 PM**