



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL - DISTRICT 17

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Mr. Clarence Ellis, *Community Superintendent*

CALENDAR MEETING - MINUTES

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

6:30pm – 8:45pm

Public School 138

760 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, NY 11216

Calendar Meeting:

Call to order – Agenda Item #1:

Meeting was called to order at 6:47pm by Ms. Swaby, Vice President in the absence of the President.

Roll Call- Agenda Item #2:

Roll call was taken by Ms. Kendall, Recording Secretary

Members Present:

Joanna Henry-Barrow
Nicole Job
Erika Kendall
Vanessa Moore
Fanny Spencer
Takiya Swaby

Superintendent Clarence Ellis

Members Absent:

Lafleur Cumberbatch (EA)
Duane Singh (EA)

Quorum was established.

Welcome/Greetings – Agenda Item #3

The council invited PS 138 to give greetings. Principal Chauvet gave greetings and welcomed everyone to PS 138.

Presentations – Agenda Item #4

CFE & D17: Alliance for Quality Education (AQE) – Kindeya Chiaro, NYC Campaigns Organizer, AQE

Key Points

*What is CFE?

-The Campaign for fiscal equity

*CFE in practice

-Schools were to receive \$5.5 billion over 4 years

-During recession, NYS froze aid and cut funding

-Now, more than a decade later, NYS still owes schools \$4.2 billion

*What about D17?

-Public School in D17 are owed \$26,268,611 in aid

*NYS Education Budget 2018-19

What our schools needed vs what are schools got

*What can you do?

-Sign up with AQE to become a Parent Leader in your district and community

*Contact info: Kindeya@aqeny.org Twitter: AQE_NY

Questions were taken from the audience.

*Independent Democratic Conference (IDC)

*The new budget allocates \$22.6 million to charter schools citywide.

Report of Community Superintendent: Mr. Clarence Ellis – Agenda Item #5:

Superintendent Ellis presented the District report. Mr. Ellis acknowledged all school leaders and district staff.

Key points:

*Shared highlights of the district

-Thank you for work done at the Health fair March 24th at PS/MS 394

*Exam season: April 11th & 12th – ELA and May 1st & 2nd Math

*April 26th, D17 will meet the new Chancellor

*RISE Festival June 23rd at PS 289/Brower Park

*April 8th – Reopening of Food Pantry PS 12/MS 484

*April 16th – Election for Big Apple Finalist

- finalist from PS 12, MS 484, MS 722, PS 532, MS 353, MS 61, and HS for Global Citizenship

*April 13th AM Richardson was Principal for a day at PS 161

* 3 Major Professional areas

-Professional Development

-Learning Progression

-Branding & Marketing (all 32 Principals)

*D17 CEC retreat for planning initiatives and goals

*Update on Principals: Upcoming C-30 for new Principal at PS 221, new AP at PS/MS 394 and PS 138

*Principal Advisory Council: Principals sit with the district office staff and advise on district needs

*More focused on improving conceptual math as opposed to procedural. The district have been working with Nation Teacher's Network (NTN). Also, the field support Brooklyn South office provides professional development for teachers every month.

*Superintendent Reports were distributed.

Report of District Family Leadership Coordinator: Philton Lewis-Thomas

Mr. Lewis-Thomas shared with the community.

- * Family Resource Center
 - * PA/PTA leaders are preparing for upcoming spring elections
 - * PA/PTA executive board training was held April 12th in collaboration with D18 and D22.
 - * Parent Coordinator and school counselor meeting April 18th at Wingate Campus
 - * Health workshop at the family resource center May 22nd.
 - * Literacy Inc. at the family resource center on June 9th 10:30am – 12:00pm.
 - * Family resource center advisory board
- CSD17Familyresourcecenter@gmail.com

The council asked if the district can speak to the functionality of the Presidents’ council and the support to hold the body accountable.

A parent leader noted that the bylaws should state if there is 3 absences, they should be off Presidents’ council.

Unfinished/ New Business – Agenda Item #6

The council discussed proposed bylaws changes. Ms. Swaby motioned to table the bylaws; all were in favor.

Public Comment Session – Agenda #7:

Community member inquired about a Superintendent’s report, the names of the standing committees and their chairs, and the number of charter schools and pending proposals.

PS 316 PTA President asked Superintendent about the ELL parent outreach for CEC.

Wear orange on April 20th in support of Gun Control.

PS 241 PTA member addressed the council in regards to the school’s current liaison. CM Barrow requested to be the liaison for PS 241. May 14th PS 241 will have a culturally responsive education community meeting. It was also expressed that there is a lack of real books in the curriculum.

Adjournment – Agenda Item #8

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Ms. Swaby at 8:47pm.

Ms. Moore seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Recorded and Submitted by: Ms. V. Walters, Administrative Assistant

Read and Approved: _____
Date