



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL - DISTRICT 17

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Mr. Clarence Ellis, *Community Superintendent*

## CALENDAR MEETING - MINUTES

*Tuesday, December 18, 2018*

*6:30pm – 8:45pm*

**Parkside Preparatory Academy – MS 2  
655 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226**

### **Calendar Meeting:**

#### **Call to order – Agenda Item #1:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:41pm by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ms. Swaby, in absence of the President.

#### **Roll Call – Agenda Item #2:**

Roll call was taken by Ms. Kendall, Recording secretary.

#### **Members Present:**

Nicole Job  
Erika Kendall  
Vanessa Moore  
Duane Singh (L)  
Fanny Spencer  
Takiya Swaby

Superintendent Ellis

#### **Members Absent:**

Lafleur Cumberbatch (EA)  
Joanna Henry-Barrow (EA)

**Quorum was established later in the meeting.**

#### **Welcome/Greetings – Agenda Item #3**

There was a student performance from the band at MS 2. Principal Spencer gave greetings, welcomed everyone, thanked the band and leader and then, introduced the Parent Coordinator Ms. Mobley.

Ms. Swaby introduced School Construction Authority (SCA) to present the Capital Plan presentation.

**Presentations – Agenda Item #4**

Capital Plan – Steve Gonzalez and Tamar Smith, SCA

Key points:

- \*Capital Plan is the budget the city sets aside for school construction
- \*New Plan FY 2020-2024; total \$17 Billion
- \*Reso A funds are received from elected officials
- \*Citywide Highlights of SCA work
  - Capacity Projects
  - Capital investment & Reso A projects
  - Capital improvements
- \*Proposed FY 2020 – 2024 Capital Plan
  - Capacity projects – 8.88 billion (52%)
  - Capital investments – 5.2 billion (30%)
  - Mandated programs – 3 billion (18%)
- \*Highlights
- \*CEC request form due January 4<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Questions were taken.

**Seeds in the middle:** Nancie Katz

Key points:

- \*Fit to be Healthy
- \*Started at PS 91 in District 17 with the intent to help decrease diabetes and heart disease in minorities.
- \*Chef night
- \*Fresh Food Box Program
  - Site chooses a person to hire to operate the program
  - Looking for schools to participate
- \*Schools have ran Farmer’s market

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

Mr. Ellis presented the superintendent report

Key Points:

- \*School visits
  - December 5<sup>th</sup> visit at RISE school MS 352 with Deputy Chancellor and Executive Superintendent
- \*Spelling Bee confirmed for January 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm at 1224 Park Place
- \*Legal and Lease issues have been resolved at PS 398/770
- \*Charter applications for D17
  - 7 general requests (2 specifically for D17)
  - 4 expansions and 3 new school sitings
  
- \*Superintendent Reports distributed

**Report of District Family Leadership Coordinator: Mr. Lewis-Thomas**

Key Points:

- Chancellor's vision
  - \*parent empowerment
- December 8<sup>th</sup> the Community feast/Talent Show was held
- Upcoming events
  - \*CEP training
  - \*SLT makeup training in January
  - \*Health Fair
- D17 would like to host a CSD "Got Talent"

**Quarterly Meeting w/ Presidents' Council – Agenda Item #6**

President Ms. Clarke shared her updates and concerns.

- PC was elected in October
- Two meetings were held (1 successful)
- PC will host CEC candidate forum for the upcoming elections

**Unfinished/ New Business – Agenda Item #7**

Council shared that Alliance for Quality Education (AQE) presents lobby day on January 14<sup>th</sup> to advocate for monies owed to the schools.

AM Mosley will host a job fair for 14 – 24 year olds.

\*The council distributed gifts and games to families present for the holidays in hopes of promoting family quality time.

**Public Comment Session – Agenda #8:**

A parent from PS 316 asked if the council can share a calendar of upcoming events so that the community can plan ahead.

Co-founder of MESA Charter High school in Brooklyn introduced himself and the school to the community and expressed interest to open another school in D17.

**Adjournment – Agenda Item #9**

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Ms. Swaby at 8:45pm.

Ms. Spencer seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

**Read and Approved: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Date**