



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL - DISTRICT 17

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Mr. Clarence Ellis, *Community Superintendent*

CALENDAR MEETING - MINUTES

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

6:30pm – 8:45pm

Public School 316/Middle School 353

750 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238

Calendar Meeting:

Call to order – Agenda Item #1:

Meeting was called to order at 6:44pm by Ms. Cumberbatch, President.

Roll Call – Agenda Item #2:

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

Members Present:

Lafleur Cumberbatch
Joanna Henry-Barrow
Erika Kendall
Vanessa Moore
Duane Singh
Takiya Swaby (L)

Members Absent:

Nicole Job (EA)
Fanny Spencer (EA)

Quorum was established was established at 7:15pm.

Welcome/Greetings – Agenda Item #3

Principal Maluf gave greetings, welcomed everyone to PS 316, and shared some good news including increase in enrollment. Ms. Maluf then introduced AP Weekes to share about the curriculum.

Presentations – Agenda Item #4

Specialized HS Proposal – Josh Wallack, Deputy Chancellor, Office of Enrollment

Key points:

- *Equity and excellence for all
- *List of specialized high schools (SHS)
- *A better and fairer admissions process:
 - Use of multiple factors to make offers and not just SHS admissions test
 - Maintain the academic rigor of the SHS
 - Increase diversity at the SHS
- *What is the proposal?
 - Expand the discovery program to 20% of seats at each SHS
 - Target students at high-poverty schools
 - Phase out SHS admissions test
 - Make offers to the top 7% of students from each DOE public middle school
- *What would the proposal accomplish?
 - Academics, Geography, Demographics Poverty, Home languages
- *What's next?

Questions were taken.

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

Mr. Ellis presented the Superintendent's report.

Key Points:

- *Acknowledged staff
- *Academic achievement
- *District 17 Spelling
- *School Leaders (Principals) meetings and Professional Development
- *Parent Engagement/Empowerment
- *CEC Election kickoff
- *February 8th 1 year anniversary of the Family Resource Center (FRC)
- *News in our schools

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

Mr. Philton Lewis-Thomas shared some recent and upcoming news

Key Points:

- Acknowledged Parent coordinators
- Dream to Read/test prep took place at FRC on Jan 28th; promoting the importance of reading.
- Financial reports were due January 31st; 31/32 schools submitted.
- March 16th – “know your rights” forum in conjunction with the Mayor's office at MS 354; 10:00am.
- March 30th – “Know your health; Know yourself” workshop
- Presidents' Council will host CEC candidate forum on April 9th at PS 181

Unfinished/ New Business – Agenda Item #6

Ms. Kendall motioned to approve minutes with the change to add excused absence for Ms. Barrow on December 18th. Ms. Swaby seconded. All members were in favor.

Public Comment Session – Agenda #7:

Representative from Touro College shared information in regards to free education for Paraprofessionals and bringing college courses to the buildings.

Parents from PS 316 inquired about maintaining adequate space for programs, resources, and funding.

Parent from PS 705 inquired about diversity in the curriculum.

Community member shared some things to consider when running for the CEC.

Parent Leader from PS 241 inquired about CEC 17 adopting a resolution to oppose the overflow of charters in D17. Also inquired about adopting gender neutral practices in schools.

Representative from AM Richardson’s office shared information

Adjournment – Agenda Item #8

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Ms. Kendall at 9:29pm.

Ms. Swaby seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:29pm.

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

Read and Approved: _____

Date