



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL - DISTRICT 17

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Mr. Clarence Ellis, *Community Superintendent*

CALENDAR MEETING - MINUTES

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

6:30pm – 8:45pm

**Public School 12/ Middle School 484
430 Howard Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11223**

Calendar Meeting:

Call to order – Agenda Item #1:

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Ms. Cumberbatch, President.

Roll Call- Agenda Item #2:

Roll call was taken by Ms. Kendall, Recording Secretary

Members Present:

Lafleur Cumberbatch
Nicole Job
Erika Kendall
Vanessa Moore
Duane Singh
Fanny Spencer
Takiya Swaby

Superintendent Clarence Ellis

Members Absent:

Joanna Henry-Barrow (EA)

Quorum was established.

Welcome/Greetings – Agenda Item #3

The council invited PS 12 and MS 484 to give greetings. Principal Dixon and Principal Luard gave greetings and welcomed everyone to the School. They also shared some school initiatives such as “We live a dream” for parents, the food pantry, and dental services.

There was student performances from both schools and Big Apple Teacher award acknowledgements.

Presentations – Agenda Item #4

Office of School Foods and Nutrition, Nicole Scarangelo, Wendy Mota, and Marian Osei-Boateng

Key Points

*Menu

-What goes into making the menu

*One Kitchen Concept

* Constant interaction with schools for student feedback

*Student taste testing

- Student surveys

*Nutrition analyzing of menus

*Recipe/Menu development

*Must meet standards

- Nutritional Standard USDA

- NYC standard which include specific sodium, fiber, sugar, etc. levels

- School Food Standards (includes prohibited items)

*It takes approximately two years to implement new menu items

Questions were taken from the audience.

Handouts provided

Derek Mitchell Regional Director of School Foods

Lunch 4 Learning/Universal Free Lunch – Liz Accles, Executive Director of Community Food Advocates and Jason Hilliard

Key Points

*Organization which sphere headed the campaign for universal free lunch

*work in partnership with NYC school foods

*Seeking capital funds for Marketing and Advertising

*Pushing for Halal & Kosher food

*Need funds for redesign

*Get involved

- Write letter to Mark Traitor, Head of Education Committee

- Send letter to Chancellor to express importance of fully functioning cafeteria

Handouts provided

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

Superintendent Ellis presented the District report. Mr. Ellis acknowledged his district staff.

Key points:

*Want to Implement School Choice in the Learning environment

*Organizing schools around student learning

*Incorporate the Arts

*Create mentoring for Elementary to Middle and Middle to High School

*Create opportunities with local Businesses

*Upcoming events

- Cultural Responsive Pedagogy (for Parent Coordinators): Session 1 – 4 June 11th, 12th, 19th, and 20th.
- School Leader’s Retreat – June 1st
- Assistant Principal Retreat – June 5th
- DLT/CEC Retreat – June 22nd
- RISE Festival – June 23rd at Brower Park

*Superintendent Reports were distributed.

Report of District Family Leadership Coordinator: Philton Lewis-Thomas

Mr. Lewis-Thomas was unable to attend. CM Kendall read the report on behalf of Mr. Lewis-Thomas.

Unfinished/ New Business – Agenda Item #6

There was no unfinished/New Business discussed at this time.

Public Comment Session – Agenda #7:

Parents, staff, and students of Public school 770 expressed the need for space for a growing school. A request was made for an independent audit of space.

Staff member from the HS of Global Citizenship expressed need for CPR 4 all implementation for HS students. A suggestion was made to add CPR 4 all be added to agenda at the DLT meeting.

Representative from Senator Hamilton’s office shared upcoming events. Event at Brooklyn Children’s Museum about the opium epidemic, May 16th 6-8pm. Participatory Budget meeting May 23rd 6 - 8pm.

Parent from PS 12/ MS 484 advocated for a speed bump to be placed in front of the school. It is a safety concern.

PS 241 PTA member addressed the council in regards to the status of committees, charters in the district and if there are any new applications, and a date for the district science fair.

Christian Barnes, Specialized HS Admissions Test (SHAT) Outreach Team, shared with the community:

*8 Testing Specialized HS (Separate from HS application process)

*Fair this Saturday, May 19th at George Wingate; 11am – 3pm

There are discussions about establishing more specialized high schools.

PTA President of PS 316 asked for Superintendent Report to be translated for sharing. Also, inquired about student member, minutes, committees, and updates on Presidents’ Council.

Adjournment – Agenda Item #8

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Ms. Spencer at 8:59pm.

Ms. Kendall seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Read and Approved: _____
Date