



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL - DISTRICT 17

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Ms. Fanny Spencer, Borough President Appointee

Mr. Clarence Ellis, *Community Superintendent*

## BUSINESS/CALENDAR MEETING - MINUTES

*Tuesday, September 19, 2017*

*6:30pm – 8:45pm*

**Maggie Walker Campus MS 354  
1224 Park Place, Brooklyn, NY 11213**

### **Business Meeting:**

#### Call to order – Agenda Item #1:

Meeting was called to order at 6:41pm by Ms. Job, President.

#### Roll Call- Agenda Item #2:

Roll call was taken by Ms. Mark, Recording Secretary

#### **Members Present:**

Lafleur Cumberbatch  
Joanna Henry-Barrow  
Nicole Job  
Kathleen Mark  
Vanessa Moore  
Duane Singh  
Fanny Spencer  
Takiya Swaby

#### **Members Absent:**

Erika Kendall (EA)  
Margo Henry (UA)

**Quorum was established**

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

The council introduced themselves and greeted all. Ms. Job took a moment of silence for the staff and community liaisons who has passed away. Principal Campbell and MS 354 staff welcomed everyone to the building. MS 354 also shared that they have a partnership with Medgar Evers College offering 3-4 regents, and a “college access for all” grant

#### **Presentations – Agenda Item #4**

GO Project, Olivia Nunez Director

Key points:

- \*Provide year round academic support to students who are struggling in school
- \*Based in Manhattan; opening the first Brooklyn location this October
- \*Classes offered on Saturday during the school year and Monday –Friday in the summer
- \*No more than 15 students in each class
- \*Free to schools. Will waive the year round fee of \$20 for Parents who can’t afford it
- \*Also offer family workshops

Ms. Nunez took questions and provided resources.

Ms. Job acknowledged Paola Dekock from the Division of Family and Community Engagement (FACE):  
Ms. Dekock shared that there is a CEC training approaching to address school visits.

Council acknowledged and saluted Fathers for “Fathers take your child to school” day.

Keisha Alleyne, Esq. owner of Elite Vision Enterprise

Key points:

- \*Created to empower students (Visionaries) to live beyond their limitations and dream beyond their lives
- \*Mentoring, advising, public speaking, professional development
- \*Focused on empowerment and developing communication skills, entrepreneurships, and public speaking through different avenues
- \*After weeks of mentorship there are culminating events such as mock trials, debates, and oratorical competitions.
- \*Building confidence, leadership abilities, etc.

Brian Aguilar – American Debate League

Key points:

- \*Offer public speaking and debate courses for 4- 8<sup>th</sup> grade and HS students
- \*Collaborate with fellow employees
- \*Build academic performance

Council thanked Presenters for sharing.

Ms. Job shared that lunch is now free for all and parents are still required to complete lunch form by sometime in December in order to continue receiving the services

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

Mr. Ellis acknowledged Principals and District staff. Mr. Ellis Presented the District report.

Key points:

- \*Principal changes

-Stephanie Martin I.A. Principal at PS 221, Jean Rowe I.A Principal at MS 352, Monique Toran I.A. Principal at MS 394

\*September 29<sup>th</sup> Coffee with Clarence (Community chat from 10am-12pm)

\*October 24<sup>th</sup> District wide elementary open house; October 25<sup>th</sup> for Middle school

\*Collaboration with new teacher system

\*Developing a partnership with Superintendent Conyers (6 HS in D17)

\*Principal Campbell Master Principal; Principal Elisa Brown Model Principal

\*Conceptual development in math programs

\*Superintendent Reports distributed.

Ms. Job announced that there are flyers provided with Specialized HS information session info.

Lashawn Robinson's office offers preparation for HS exams at MS 352 and 353

Through a grant from the Chancellor's office, Kaplan comes twice a week to prepare for exam in October

Save the date: November 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 3:00PM UFT Parent Conference at PS 140

### **Report of District Family Leadership Coordinator: Delmira Henry**

Ms. Henry presented Key points:

-Working together to create more workshops

- 6 schools need to do elections by next week

-Upcoming Events

Parent Workshop Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Middle School Fair October 3<sup>rd</sup> at PS 12/MS 484

### **Quarterly Meeting with Presidents' Council #6**

President Mr. T. Loney spoke on behalf of Presidents' Council

\*Introduced executive members of Presidents' council (VP Ms. V. Clarke and Secretary Ms. L. Cumberbatch)

\*Setting goals as a district

\*Work with Principals and Parent Coordinators (School Collaboration)

\*Purpose is to advocate for the children

\*Want to implement district-wide incentives and activities

\*Meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month (tentative schedule provided)

\*Would like to meet with all PA/PTA Presidents for a "breaking bread" meeting

The council moved to agenda item # 8: Public Comment Session

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

- Approval of August 15<sup>th</sup> Calendar meeting minutes:

Ms. Mark motioned to approve, Ms. Cumberbatch seconded and all members were in favor.

Ms. Mark made note that CEC 17 established a website domain cec17.org.

-Election of Officers (President):

Ms. Mark motioned to table election to the next scheduled Calendar meeting; Ms. Moore seconded.

Roll call vote was taken:

Lafleur Cumberbatch - Abstain

Joanna Henry-Barrow - Yes

Nicole Job - Yes

