

Community Education Council 22

December Business/ Calendar Meeting

December 5, 2023

Business Meeting

Called to order at 6:33pm

Roll Call

Present:

Tracy Jordan
Anna Brener
Arthur Kleynerman
Nadine Friedman
Natasha Wachman
Tamara Telfort
Zheng Hao Ma
Brandice Taylor

Absent:

Vanessa Cannistraci - Unexcused
Christine Eddi – Excused

Remote:

Naomi Hopkins – Unexcused

- **Old Business**

- Office Supplies – AA make a list and estimate for council to vote on
- AA reviewed IPR's, school report, reimbursement – Due monthly

- **New Business**

- Committee Updates – **N.F.** Equity Committee focused on the digital divide, educator summit (approach to A.I. tools that are used for education) planned for April. Will incorporate all CS, STEM, CTE Educators in the district, can attend.
 - M.S. 381 has Two Coding Session back-to-back this coming Friday.
- **T.J.** Curriculum Committee – A lot of discussions about scores. Opting out of taking the Standardize Test and considering the students grades and not just the standardize test. New curriculum is ongoing – Literacy, Dyslexia (need to discuss with resources to gather information).
- School Construction Authority for January 9, 2024, Business/ Calendar Meeting.

- o NYC opt out group in February – Tabled
- o Social Media Committee – AA will send social media information to the committee.
- o Note items for next meeting -
 - Questions for SCA
 - Get update on class size
 - Need more school safety
 - New families in the district
- Adjourned at 6:59pm

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Called to order at 7:04pm

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- **Land Acknowledgement – T.J.** Lenape Culture/ Indigenous Community – Honor their beginnings, history and reality. Moment of Silence.
 - o Student passing in the 203 community. Council to sign card for the family.
- **Monthly Acknowledgement**
 - o **N.W** – Universal Declaration of Human Rights – An international document adopted by the United Nations General Assembly that enshrines the rights and freedom of all human rights.
 - o **A.B.** – Learning a Foreign Language Month – Learning another language improves your understanding of your native language, other cultures, your confidence, job opportunities, and makes travel easier. It provides a boost to our brains by improving memory, creativity, attention span and reducing cognitive decline.

- **President Report**

- President Jordan gave updates from the CEC President/ Chancellor Meeting.
 - Spoke about cold schools, having to address everyone feeling safe in schools.
 - When a student body increases, you can get more funding.
- Extending clothing drive initiative – Still collecting clothes and other items
- Wellness & Art Fair – May 18 & 19, 2024 at P.S. 315
 - We need Volunteers from the community.
 - Working on vendors and activities for children
 - Need community input and energy!
- New lunch item – Mr. Harris will bring Jerk Chicken for February 6, 2024, Business/ Calendar Meeting with performances.
- Meet with UFT President – Mayoral control, small class sizes and budget cuts. Voice your opinion.

- **Superintendent's Report**

- Thanks everyone for their patience as Flatlands does not have the best reception. Apologies for the choppy sound in Business Meeting.
- New neighbors – Thanks all school communities, parent coordinators, PTAs, principals, administrators for what they have done to make these families welcome. They gave school supplies and whatever they needed. Schools have care closets. The Executive Director goes out once a week to make sure things are taken care of.
- What happens when an influx of extra students? There will be extra financial support.
- Acknowledged Jaime, Charles and District Planning.
- H.S. applications close Dec. 1. If you missed, please rush to your Guidance Counselor tomorrow morning.
- Kindergarten application is now open through 1/19/24. Register / Apply, call 718-935-2009 or online www.myschools.nyc.gov
- Visit District 22 website for information regarding GNT classes.
- Academic Front: HMH is doing well, Math is beautifully moving along.
- Phase 1 school is getting a lot of support with coaches from HMH and Central.
- Grateful for District 22 Enrichment classes that are bringing the smiles to the children's faces.
- Ultimate respect for teachers and UFT representatives
- Proud of teachers and the work CEC D22 is doing to help the families.

- o Wishes everyone health, happiness and peace.
- **District Planning Presentation – Jyoti Folch**
 - o Office of District Planning structure is part of the First Deputy Chancellor's (FDC) division within NYC Public Schools.
 - o Community Engagement – Go out to CEC give overview presentations & district data summaries. Want to have a strong community partnership that allows to be transparent and ensure to hear back from the community.
 - o District Data & Strategic Planning – Focused on enrollment trends post pandemic.
 - o **Key Terms:** Building Capacity, Building Utilization, The Enrollment, Capacity & Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), Instructional Footprint, School Construction Authority (SCA)
 - o District Planning Process –
 - Needs and Opportunities Assessments □
 - District Data Consultations □
 - Focused Community Engagement □
 - Mandated Processes (A – 190 & A – 185)
 - o Partnership with CECs to address planning priorities through proposals, rezoning and other means.
 - o District 22 Data Summary Highlights
 - Enrollment trends
 - Elementary School Retention
 - Middle School Retention
 - ES/ MS Retention Comparison
 - ES/ MS Seat Need
 - Low- Enrolled Schools
 - Highest Demand Schools
 - o District 22 New Capacity
 - New Capacity Projects – P.S. 206 517 seats Sept. 2026 anticipated opening
 - Capital Plan Funded Seats – Mill Basin 865 identified. 865 funded. 517 seats complete/ In process.
- **Public Comment**
 - o Dr. Jackie Cody – Citywide Leadership Team
 - o Yiatin Chu – Public School Parent
 - o Caolan Madden – PS 139 Public School Parent
 - o Christina Caputo – Public School Parent
 - o Mark Young
- Adjourned at 8:23pm