



Citywide Council on High Schools

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Calendar and Business Meeting Minutes- via Zoom

Wednesday, December 14th, 2022

Roll Call and meeting called to order at 6:10PM by President K. Wang

Meeting attendees:

S. R. Atteberry, Y. (K.) Bo, E. Garcia, D. Kross, T. Leather, K. Mark, A. O'Shea, V. Pisarevskiy (Late Arrival at 6:51PM), Anibal Torres, K. Wang, E. Zakry, Superintendent J. Sullivan,

Quorum Met

Calendar Meeting

1. Approval of the November Meeting Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from last calendar and business meeting.

2. Presenters/Presentations: B. Goodman – External Affairs Manager of New York City Construction Authority

FY 2020-2024 Capital Plan

- ◆ Highlights- 7.87 billion in capacity, 750 million in accessibility, 400 million in electrification, 1.02 billion in technology, 317 million in TCU removals and playground development.
- ◆ New Capacity Projects for replacement programs, class size reduction, early education, and Capacity to remove TCU
- ◆ SCA are performing major capital plan improvements projects with the Division for School Facilities. Renovations of 2 billion, Reso A Projects 254 million.
- ◆ SCA is dedicated to minority owned, women owned, and locally base business enterprises. So far, they have awarded 778 million in funding, and are accepting contracts with businesses.

Public Comment & Q&A

S. Atteberry: Questions on Staten Island Schools and how to get help for them, regarding new schools, new windows, and security cameras.

A: Will have to check with Staten Island Member of SCA and get back to you.

A.O'Shea: Question on the Mayor and Chancellors new accelerated learning program and how it would fit in capital plan.

A: At this time, I don't believe that it is in the current capital plan.

A.O'Shea: Are there any updates on pools being fixed or upgraded?

A: I will have to get back on the update.

E. Zakry: Questioned pools and cameras in school in capital plan.

A: Concerning cameras SCA doesn't determine where cameras go they just install and purchase.

E. Zakry: in school Q497 confused on construction of school.

A: There are 2 phases for site construction. Currently there is a funeral home that needs to be demolished and cleared, once that is finished contractors awaits permits which will then follow building the schools

E. Zakry: Advocated for more Queens High School seats.

T. Leather: Have spoken to facilities, there is 155 million dedicated to six pools, this request will be available for next Capital Plan, there is major work and upkeep that Schools must deal with for pools.

K. Wang: Every year CCHS compiles a list of capital plans that is need for schools in January, but they do not hear back until October to which the schools that was advocated for does not get picked to have money allocated for those projects. How do we get projects chosen?

A: There is a survey that ranks schools to find what to fund.

K. Wang Are only chosen project that have been preapproved by SCA get chosen?

A: We look toward CCHS and do take it serious, schools that are rank 5 and 4 are priority. We do consider all CEC projects.

A.Torres: Wanted to know more about building ADA Accessibility

A: There is funding int the capital plan for full accessibility for new projects in the works.

3. Presenters/Presentations: Council Member Inna Vernikove

- ◆ Disappointed in readiness report as NYC is behind in education. Priority should be in math and science over pronouns and gender education. Students need to be more prepared for success
- ◆ Wants to pass legislation for merit-based education and schools
- ◆ City Council votes on NYC budget, they are provided discretionary funding and capital funding and are allocated 2.6 million. Want to extend that to schools for handicap bathrooms, green space and enrichment, SYEP youth employment program
- ◆ School safety bill to mandate school cameras outside of building going through vote.
- ◆ CUNY Antisemitism rise in city and schools, in assaults, and speech. CUNY will allocate 750,000 for antisemitic training and distributed through all 26 schools. Created a central portal where students can log complaints in and outside of CUNY. Portal will be live in December. CUNY has also expanded Israel Exchange programs.

4. Presenters/Presentations: Sharon Rencher- DCEP High School Superintendent Requirement

- Revised DCEP template to align with student readiness
- DCEP references effectiveness for all schools, along with expectation for high school stakeholder engagement.
- Monitors, measures, and targets progress to help superintendents see if schools are on track.
- Superintendents are given timeline for DCEP submission and review from January to June.

Public Comment & Q&A

A.O'Shea: How does someone get into the DCEP working group

A: You can reach out CCHS letting them know of your interest and you can be added to the group.

E. Zakry: How can parents get a hold of DCEP? There has been a change for district to oversee superintendents, how can parents get a hold of improvement and use historical data?

A: School CEP are posted on the iplanportal.com

Motion to vote:

Motion to post-pone agenda on Public Hearing

D. Kross makes motion, K. Mark seconds the motion

Motion passes Unanimously

Motion to vote: To postpone agenda item.

D. Kross made motion, K. Mark seconded motion

Motion passes with a vote of 10-1

5. Presenters/Presentations: Brooklyn North Superintendent M. Prayor & Principal J. Mosely- on Decreasing Absenteeism

- ◆ Chronic Absenteeism- Missing 10% or more of school days
- ◆ Chronic absenteeism begins in summer where students are identified for chronic absenteeism before school year starts
- ◆ Began a M.E.T. (Motivate, Engage, And Transport)
- ◆ Strategies and structures
 - ACPE certified stores, morning supervision, Free play beginning at 7:20, Mighty Jumpers program
 - Afterschool supports, weekend event and activities

- Student selected clubs, and intentional staff connection

Public comment & Q & A

Public Comment

J. Choi: 60% of students have IEP, what is the percentage of students with IEPs ? is there research on students with IEPs, since they don't necessarily have 10 days missed but don't conventional come to school

A: We look at students, whether its disabilities, ELL, or economically disadvantaged, we pay close attention to the student and the school.

Council comment

A.Torres: Are you able to provide data on transportation-related absences?

A: I can investigate and provide you more information on a later date.

6. Resolution to promote School Safety

Motion to vote: D. Kross makes motion, T. Leather second's motion

Motions passes with a vote of 9-0, 2 Abstain

7. Resolution on Fair Student Funding

Public Comment

Q. Liu: disagrees with the ides of cutting funds to schools that does not get enough already. In full support of resolution and should be passed.

M. Athy: Recommend the council look over resolution, does not support the resolutions wording.

C. Kwok: In support of resolution, felt that people on committee is biased against specialized high schools.

L. Parkin: Fully supports the resolution, advocated for the elimination of academic weight, cutting funds with percentages as high as 14% from these schools will be devastating for the school, teachers, and staff. Decreasing the ability for students to access accelerated learning.

J. Solganik: Strongly opposes fair fund, in support of resolution, affects students who are low income. Cutting funding will destroy the top schools in the United States.

D. Alexander: In support of resolution, wanted to emphasis the word children and how you are they are pitting children against each other when taking money from one child to another.

There is no representation for specialized high schools in these meetings. Takes offense and says they are biased against specialized High Schools.

J. Hahn: In support of resolution, child is in middle school and is very concerned about applying to High Schools. Creates a certain bar for students who want advanced academics.

E. Polkovitz: Co-President of the Bronx Science Parents Association and Recording Secretary of the Bronx High School President's Council. In support of the resolution, oppose specialized High School cut and opposing raising the floor because it would hurt schools' budgets.

M. Walsh: In support of the resolution, thinks that these cuts are unfair, and serves someone else's agenda.

Y. Chu: fully supports of resolution, unfair to target the 13 schools over 1,700 in NYC. Going to affect teachers' salaries. Also opposed of the floor 101. Thinks schools should operate more efficiently in a financial standpoint.

A. Lauren: Co-President of the Parent Teacher Association, demonstrated how cutting fund of up to 10% to 15% will force schools to cut academic departments. Echoed sentiments spoke prior. In full support of resolution.

M. Perlstein: Fully support resolution, Smaller and specialized school with be affected the most because they rely on fund to pay for schools' salaries and to buy books and supplies.

M. Timotheatou: Has a child attending specialized High School and is a special education teacher for moderate and severe disabilities. Believes that that it is politically motivated, and it does not serve our children. Affects lower income children majorly.

Council comment

E. Zakry: The idea of funding a certain school over another is ridiculous, there is no clear benefit to the other schools. This will affect many workers in schools.

Motion to vote: A. O'Shea makes motion, D. Kross Seconds motion
Motion with a vote of 9-0, 2 Abstain.

Resolution on Co-Loaction of Elementary Charter School with Publi High School

A.O'Shea describes contents of resolution

Council Comment

K.Wang: would like to make it clear that this is not against charter schools or school school choice, it should be be done In a collaborative manner that benefits all parties, would like to see DOE make more of an effort for collobroation and community when it comes to co-locations.

Public Comment

C. Kwok: concerned about age gap and behavioral differences

E. Zakry makes motion,

Motion is read

D. Kross makes motion V. Pisarevskiy seconds motion

Motions passes with a vote of 9-0, 2 abstain

Motion to vote

Fair Student Funding

Public comment

Q. Liu:

Public Comment & Q&A

Member Comments

Public Comments:

Motion to vote:

Treasurer's Report:

7. Committees

8. Presidents Report:

9. Superintendent Report:

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10. Public Comments:

Calendar Meeting Adjourned at

Business Meeting

Business Meeting called to order at

Meeting attendees:

New Business:

Motion to adjourn:

Business Meeting adjourned at