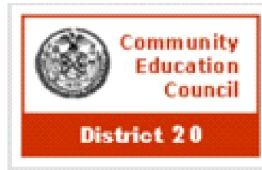


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## Community Education Council District 20

### December Calendar Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, December 14, 2022

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:00 pm

**Present:** Steve Stowe, Li Ping Jiang, Joyce Xie, Kevin Zhao, Jennifer Hu, Jona Isufi, Elizabeth Chan, Ghada Amin, Maya Rozenblat, Vito LaBella

**Excused:**

**Unexcused:**

**I. Meeting Called to Order:** Steve Stowe, President

**a. Roll Call:** Kevin Vizhnay, Administrative Assistant

### II. New Business

#### a. Report of Superintendent Dr. David Pretto

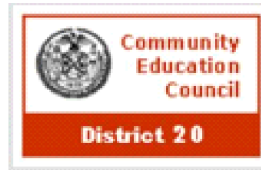
i. Update on Superintendent Program Task Force: Initiative will begin in January. The Task Force will include students who can provide input into the design and recommendation for a future superintendent program as well as parent leaders from CECS, and principals from elementary and middle schools. Outreach will begin in January.

ii. Address questions around Grading Policy and Attendance: In accordance with the Chancellor's Grading A501, the district wide policy on the potential impact of attendance on student grades is that attendance is not a factor in overall grades. The superintendent is aware of the uptick in absences due to illnesses and affirms that attendance is not a factor in grading. Concerned parents should communicate with their school's teachers and principals.

iii. Update on the Gifted and Talented Application Process for Kindergarten: During winter parents explore their options through Myschools.nyc and submit their applications through Myschools or by phone (718-935-2009). Results will be sent out during the Spring and parents will work with the schools to register, during the summer waitlisted offers will be sent out. Children born in 2018 are eligible to enter kindergarten in Fall 2023, applications are now open and the deadline is January 20th. This year, Kindergarten applications can be used to apply for G&T Programs. G&t programs give priority to families with siblings and families who reside in the district.

iv. Status for Tutoring/Enrichment in District 20: Research on the tutoring programs offered during weekends, holidays, and afterschool. 20 schools offer tutoring programs before school, 34 schools offer tutoring after school and 17 schools offer tutoring on weekends and holidays. Tutoring programs include ELA/Math, homework help, STEM, Regents, and SAT/SHAT. Other programs include theater, sports, music, and art. President Stephen Stowe asked whether schools with lower IREADY results are providing tutoring

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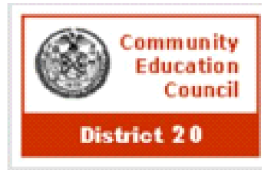


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programs. Being able to provide these programs is based on staffing and funding, schools can utilize IREADY to target students who need the support.

- b. President Steve Stowe** - Announcement of CEC Election, starting January 9th 2023 parents can submit their application and voting will occur April 21st to May 9th. Parents use their NYCSA Account to register. Application period is from January 9th to February 13th. Candidate Town Hall is from February 27th to April 20th. NYC Capital Requests should be sent to the CEC where they will be ranked during the January meeting. Council Member Jona Isufi announced that beginning in January she will join the Citywide Wellness Advisory Council.
- c. School Liaison Reports from Council Members Joyce Xie, Elizabeth Chan, and Liping Jiang** - Joyce Xie visited JHS 259 and PS 170 and discussed enrollment, capital funding requests, concerns from parents. JHS 259 requests to upgrade their library and PS 170 would like to install a green garden. Liping Jiang visited PS 205. Elizabeth Chan visited PS 69 and reported that there is a homeless issue around the school area. Schoolyard has broken concrete and asphalt, while the city council provided funding, the project was delayed and the contract price has increased. PS 69 is requesting additional funding. PS 163 has been requesting funding to fix a leaking issue in their auditorium, an issue since 2018. Pre-K Center at 93rd St. is requesting support in moving forward in the installation of a new playground, funding was allocated but the project has not moved forward. The schools visited have mentioned concerns regarding school safety.
- d. Public speaking** -
  - i. Jacob Goldfinger: Voiced their disapproval of the resolution to reject the Fair Student Funding Recommendation, asserting that the FSF Formula targets funds to go to students and schools that need it the most and claims the resolution is going to give more resources to schools that already have more than they need.
  - ii. Paulette Heally: Voiced their disapproval of the resolution to reject the Fair Student Funding Recommendation, asserting that no outreach has been done to the Fair Student Funding Task Force to ask about the clarity of the recommendations. Lack of outreach from CEC regarding Capital Project Proposals.
  - iii. Susan Zhuang: The revolving issue of budget needs for schools. Concerned with future budget cuts for schools. Public safety is lacking around schools, especially with crossing guards.
- e. Resolution**- Council discussed and voted on a resolution to reject the Fair Student Funding Resolution.
  - a. Motion to vote: Elizabeth Chan, Second: Kevin Zhao - Reject recommendations made by Fair Student Funding
    - i. Hu - No
    - ii. Chan - Abstained
    - iii. Brugueras - Yes

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- iv. Zhao - Yes
- v. Jiang - Yes
- vi. Xie - Yes
- vii. Rozenblatt - Yes
- viii. Amin - Abstained
- ix. Isufi - Abstained
- x. LaBella - Excused
- xi. Stowe - Yes

### III. Old Business - Approval of the November 2022 Calendar Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes unanimously approved with amendment to correct roll call attendance

### IV. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn- Elizabeth Chan, Second: Joyce Xie
  - I. All in favor
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM

The full meeting recording is available here: [Youtube](#)

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Submitted by Kevin Vizhnay, Administrative Assistant