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CEC 13
Business & Calendar Meeting
October 22nd, 2024 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Minutes

- **Meeting Start Time**: Official meeting start time 7:13pm

Members In Attendance: Ben Greene, Cynthia McKnight, Faraji Hanna-Jones- Dr. Myriam Bencheikh, Jordan Feigenbaum, Kimberly Steger,

President's Report: Cynthia McKnight & Ben Greene 1st Vice President

- Meeting started at 7:13
- President Introduction Cynthia McKnight President, 1st Vice President Ben Greene, 2nd Vice President Faraji Jones, Kimberly Steger, Dr, Meryem Bencheikh-Ellis, Jordan Feigenbaum,
- Meghan Dunn, Restorative justice practices by June 2028. That schools have specific programs and placements that are aligned to restorative justice principles that includes community building rituals District goals.
- District 13 assessment and mathematics, which we call our AIM.
- five question math assessment based on the questions that are most frequently asked on the New York State exam. It's a five question multiple choice assessment and each of those multiple choice answers is focusing on a different misunderstanding.
- So if a student does not know how to multiply five times three, is it because they think that five times three is eight because they don't understand how to multiply and they're

- We are expanding those arts programming in those after school and weekend times for this year to be more suited for the district.
- of New York City grants over the past three years to provide instructional technology and science coaching to all of our former magnet schools, as well as schools who are Title I in our Bed-Stuy area. We were able to provide Practice Makes Perfect tutoring and after-school tutoring to all CSI and TSI students for last year.

- We're in our fourth year of our teacher residency, where 6 to 10 teachers are in District 13 schools for 180 school days, learning how to be good teachers, and at the same time supporting their classroom teacher
- NYU Metro Tech to do a FIRE series with parents last year, and we're doing that again for the summer coming year.
- We spent 20% of our district budget on organizations and vendors that are minority and human-owned business enterprises. The citywide average is 10%. We've been over 20% for the past two years. Our top MWE spending schools are PS 80, PS 133, PS 46, and PS 87.
- PS11 was able to participate in our kinder community conversations. They also piloted our Black Studies curriculum for last year.
- in-person middle school fair, gotta make a good plug, on Thursday, 5.30pm, at MS113, right up the street, 300 Adelphi, for parents to come
- Faraji, We need to make sure that students are given the education that they deserve, that they are given the education that affirms them, that sees them, and that pushes them to be the adults that we want them to be. And we have to align what we're doing every day in holding true to that promise.
- Lincoln Restler, I am very truly impressed by the work of Superintendent Dunn and her team, and I really appreciate the really thoughtful engagement from our CDC members tonight and always. So thank you for the work you all are doing. I think we're off to a great start this school year. In our little slice of District 13, we've got a lot of fun stuff going on. District 13 School Equity Initiative.

- We've got a schoolyard project underway for a big renovation at PS8. We've got another schoolyard project underway that we're hoping to break ground on later this school year over at PS307. We put $1 million into PS8 and $1.3 million into PS307. So those are going to be, I hope, really transformational projects for those schools.

- Basically, we've identified five schools in our council district, two in District 13 and three in District 14, that are high-poverty schools. Between 77% and 90% of the students are living in poverty. We're going to just throw as many resources and support as we can to help these schools. In District 13, it's PS307 and PS54. We've got capital projects in the pipeline.
- We got $225,000 with support from Speaker Adrian Adams to be able to invest in this high dosage tutoring in District 33 schools.
- Do a call to order and roll call. Cynthia McKnight, president. Ben Greene, 1st Vice President.Faraji Hannah- Jones, second vice president, Dr. Miriam Benjamin-Gillis, secretary.
- Shanique Pass, treasurer.
- We also added $5,000 to the P card to address a deficit, I believe it was. We used that for.
- $250 payment for Ms. Ruby Sales from our anti-racist town hall. I believe we discussed that at our September meeting for that, and we voted to reimburse her. $250 for the last CEC meeting for food at PS44

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III.) **Public Comment:**

- No Comments

VI.)**Meeting Adjourned** 8:54