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CEC 13
Business & Calendar Meeting
August 20th, 2024 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

Minutes

Council Executive Board

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Cynthia McKnight

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Ben Greene

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Faraji Hannah-Jones

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Cynthia McKnight
Ben Greene

Superintendent

Meghan Dunn

Chancellor

David C. Banks

Meeting Start Time: Official meeting start time 7:05pm

Members In Attendance: Ben Greene, Cynthia McKnight, Faraji Hanna-Jones-Zoom, Kimberly Steger-Zoom, Dr. Myriam Bencheikh, Shawneka Pass -Zoom

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

- The superintendent is on the way due to an event at the Montessori School
- Roll Call: 7:05pm Cynthia McKnight President, 1st Vice President Ben Greene, 2nd Vice President Faraji Jones, Kimberly Steger,
- We Will Table the Annual election to September due to not meeting quorum
- Table Anti-racist Townhall Payment for Mrs. Sales, Legislative Mixer to discuss in September when there is quorum,
- Request from PS44 September 14th for Back-to-School celebration, Breakfast for Bring your dad to school for September 19th.
- Policy Update for CEC13, request for funds must be done in writing and voting to take place by council, please send items in on time and in advance.
- Please send emails in to the President, Vice President or 2nd Vice President prior to asking AA for any items needed for school support.
- After events, please send AA all required documentation; sign in sheets, pictures & flyers to finalize payment for events.
- Reach out to FACE liaison for protocols and best practices.
- Must reach out to the council for everything that is needed and seven votes to take place before any approvals.

- Request for League Fees to be paid for Basketball Team at Dock Street, MS113, Fort Green Prep
- Request for Middle School prep for students for specialized schools for Art, dance & Performing Arts
- Support for the soccer teams
- Lorrie asks if we can do a district workshop for grants to put in place for schools for PTAs to get more funding for schools.
- Vendors forum for PTA's and schools to find vendors
- Table underfunded schools to September meeting
- How can we help schools that are short on funding? Schools need more than just instruction. How many schools need supplies and substitutes? How is money allocated at schools? Faraji, the lack of funding is targeted towards schools with low enrollment.
- Lorrie is waiting to get the updated schedule, sharing information for the SLT body, everyone has access and if you don't have access send an email and request.
- SLT ran in difficulty with hybrid meetings and not meeting quorum. There's a lot of newness and a brand-new school.
- Lorrie requested that the CEC do visits early to get meeting dates.
- Lorrie would like everyone to be more present at schools to support the SLT
- Have PTA and Title one meetings partner up. (Title one meetings are monthly)
- Having all SLT dates currently throughout the school year makes it easier for the CEC to plan.
- It is important to raise the voice of the Parents via Lorrie
- Call a Special meeting for CEC13 to vote for those who missed the August 20th meeting.
- Parents need to know their power to create the change needed. Systemic changes need to be made to restore trust with parents, and groundwork needs to be laid for conversations with them.
- CEC13 meetings to take place around different schools within the district, next General meeting to take place at PS44 for September 17th, 2024.

Superintendent's Report: Meghan Dunn

- Summer Rising 4 buildings open across the district, we were able to get 10 admin at the sites and 1000 students
- PS287 students went Kayaking at Brooklyn Bridge Park and created time capsules
- Arts programming at PS/MS492
- D13 started Summer ahead last year. This year it supported in PS287 & PS93
Focused on 5th grade students.
 - 11 students were reading below school level
 - WIST / TOSWRF program to measure reading growth
 - 8 & 10% growth from students who attended the program
 - Challenge is knowing where the students are coming from because this is for the entire district. Challenge was how to get students to the program.
 - Get parents involved early like in February to get students registered for the Summer ahead program.
 - They looked at 5th graders who scored under 35 percent for the program for intervention.
 - That's the cap from the city of how many students are able to attend.
 - City wide there's 130K spots

- Funding comes from the district budget
- NYC Trust Grant and work with BRIC to offer additional arts programming
- BRIC 266 / 301 Podcast programming at PS 3, PS54 ,PS93, PS256, PS287
- Jamel Gaines Creative Outlet partner schools is MS113, MS691 PS44, PS46, PS67, PS270, PS307
- Goal is to have it in school /school /Principle will work with programs on timing that works best in school or afterschool
- SCA Updates 307 300k for school yard improvements
- 270 375K for outdoor learning spaces.
- D13 Stem Center is almost complete up and running by the middle of September 1 Clinton Ave.
- Prioritizing 4th, 5th and 6th grade looking at transportation there's a day program already set, working on the weekend program
- Working on the after-school program

III.) **Public Comment:**

- No Comments

Important Notes:

Transportation for the new D13 Stem school Program for after-school & weekend programs, Get parents involved early for the Summer Ahead Program.

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