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November Calendar Meeting

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 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

Excused: Marie Brugueras, Vito LaBella

Unexcused: Maya Rozenblat

I. Meeting Called to Order: Steve Stowe, President

a. Roll Call: Steve Stowe, President

II. New Business

a. **Report of Superintendent Dr. David Pretto -** Presentation on Middle School screen admissions update, NYSESLAT Data 2022, Parent Coordinator Role, and Health Education.

i. Admissions will be based on School Ranking on Application and 4th Grade Composite Score: ELA, Math, Social Studies, and Science

ii. Compared state results from 2019 and 2022 (No exams in 2020 and few participants in 2021). Students are measured in five ranks, entering, emerging, transitioning, expanding and commanding. Their rank bases the amount of time they receive aid in language learning programs. The exam is given every year to English language learners. 37% of students stayed the same rank, 43% of students moved up one rank, 10% of students went up by two ranks, 4% of students went up by three ranks, and 3% of students went back one rank. In relation to Math, increase of Level 1 scores and decrease of Level 2-4 scores (The higher the level, the better the performance)

iii. Under the extension of the Mayoral Control Law, CECs have the ability to provide advisory input on the hiring of parent coordinators. PC's are responsible for increasing parent involvement in schools, serve as facilitator for parent and school community concerns, conduct outreach to engage parents in children's education, and serve as a liaison to DOE central. Once an opening is available for the PC position, the principal works with the HR Department of the DOE to have a posting on the DOE website. Principal conducts interviews and can have CEC member(s) present or conduct first round interviews alone and have final interview with CEC member(s).

iv. DOE Health Education K-5 Scope and Sequence based on NYS Health Standards, Nationals Health Education Standards, and National Sexuality Education Standards. All standards are available online. Skill-based approach in areas identified as critical to students health education and to maintain healthy behaviors. Topics include personal health and safety, nutrition and physical activity, social, emotional and mental health, alcohol, tobacco, and other drug-use prevention, growth and development, and disease

and illness prevention which are taught at appropriate age levels . Best means of learning how schools implement health education is by contacting the school principal, translation services are available. Parents are able to opt for certain components such as disease and illness education.

v. The district office is compiling data for available academic support programs for students, including tutoring and small group work. Includes before and after school and weekend schools. Will be presented at the next meeting.

vi. Discussion of public safety and influence of lottery numbers in admissions. Principals are connected to NCO's, therefore parents are encouraged to discuss public safety concerns with principals. Lottery number is utilized when two or more students have similar scores and in a tie-breaker situation for a seat in a limited school.

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. Plans to send a proposal to Chancellor Banks about construction of a new High School in district 20. Discussion of the Fair Student Funding Formula written response, which asks the Chancellor and PEP to reject recommendations made in the final report and form a new task force to assess the formula.

i. Vote to add 5 signatures to the Fair Student Funding Response (00:04:36)

c. **IEP Data** - Discussed an Individualized Education Program Report based on the Special Education Data Report. Compared the citywide use and delivery of special services to District 20. Overall, the citywide data and District 20 data are at similar levels.

d. **Public speaking** - One public speaker, Paulette Healy, discussed the open letter for Fair Student Funding. As a member of the FSF writing group, Healy, claimed that the DOE prevented them from discussing the actual monetary aid from the state and were instructed to work under a zero-sum model. Also, mentioned that issues with special services derive from staffing issues which is a budget issue.

e. **Motions** - Council discussed and voted on one motion

a. Motion to vote: Elizabeth Chan, Second: Kevin Zhao - Add council members signature to written response to Fair Student Funding

i. Hu - Yes

ii. Chan - Yes

iii. Brugueras - Excused

iv. Zhao - Yes

v. Jiang - Yes

vi. Xie - Yes

vii. Rozenblatt - Unexcused

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viii. Amin - Yes

ix. Isufi - Yes

x. LaBella - Excused

xi. Stowe - Yes

III. Old Business - approval of the October 2022 Calendar Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes unanimously approved

IV. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn-Elizabeth Chan, Second: Kevin Zhao

I. All in favor

b. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

The full meeting recording is available here: Youtube

The Complete written Transcript is available here: Transcript

Submitted by Kevin Vizhnay, Administrative Assistant