

BUSINESS MEETING

Call to order 6:30p

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Nadine Friedman

Tracy Jordan

Anna Brener

Zheng Hao Ma

Vanessa Cannistraci

Remote:

Sarrah-Jeen Exilas

Naomi Hopkins

Arthur Kleynerman

Christine Eddi

Tamara Telfort

Absent:

Patti-Ann Williams

- August Meeting Minutes approved
- **Old Business**
 - School assignments: have to table the assignments because of absences
 - Meet and Greet principals email sent
 - Richard to note we need to make visit tracker- can we get the 2022 list to copy?
 - CEC meeting locations - ask James Madison
 - Waitlist resolution- need to table till we have it to review
 - Wellness Fair- on hold till we have an AA, will wait till the spring

New Business

- IEP survey:
 - Bove's office will follow up if there's an existing report
- STEM inquiry weekend intensive
 - NFR and NW to partner on winter event / series
- X account:
 - ZHM posting events in the community, run by the city, posted the meeting;
 - VC and NH will join to send and share other opportunities
- Class size:
 - tabling till there's more community participation
- **School Bus Strike**

- - **Immigration wave impact**
 - **Committees**
 - Upcoming Events: NFR
 - Curriculum- TJ to chair and VC to support
 - TJ recommends that all council attends SLT meetings for our assignments
 - **Budget committee:** AK to chair, AB to support
 - AK updated on line items
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 - **Executive Session**
- Adjournment: 7:27p

CALENDAR MEETING

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- Land Acknowledgement and Moment of Silence
- Acknowledgement by AB- Grandparents' Day, and Acknowledgement of 9/15 as the start of Hispanic Heritage Month
- **President's Report**
 - Introducing new members
 - Looking forward to spring Wellness Fair
 - CE- memorializing D22 child, Hasebul Nehan, who passed
- **Superintendent's Report:**
 - Bove welcoming 2023-2024 school year!

- Welcome back letter received today; important to read all blasts and info sent by LD and HF. Use the website!
- Sept event reminders:
 - 9/14- Elementary PT / curriculum conferences
 - 9/15- Rosh Hashanah beginning
 - 9/19, 6:30p-7:30p- Superintendent virtual “Back to School” town hall, includes conversations about safety / lockdown /fire drills; info on HLH / ELA program with ELA specialist; may have nfo about bus strike
 - 9/21- Middle School PT / curriculum night
 - 9/25- Yom Kippur, school closed
 - 9/29- D22 “Wear Gold” to celebrate childhood cancer awareness
- Back to school supply giveaway - check under community events folder to find which schools are participating
- Family Income Form- very very critical- method of determining which schools receive additional funds
- Grandparents Day celebration
- Sept is Attendance Awareness Month
 - Definition of chronic absenteeism is more than 10% of the school year; 18% is categorized as chronically absent
 - Converts to 2 absences a month
- Potential bus strike- hoping it doesn’t happen, but in the event it does, please check D22 website and reach out to Parent Coordinator at your school
 - . DOE is planning alternative transportation options (including pre-paid ride share /reimbursement, metrocards, etc)
- School surveys- D22 did well! About 20k+ in district , about 10k responded; that’s huge
 - 94% satisfaction
- Middle school admissions coming up; more attention being paid to this milestone
 - Fair held, 4th graders invited
- Equity team to incorporate digital divide issue
- Dates to be distributed for safety drills
- Bove will be joining Rita Joseph at 217 for school kickoff
- **PTA President’s Council Updates**
 - PTA should have schedule prepared
 - Budget should be approved
 - Bylaws review
 - Workshops, events

- **Public Comment**

- Dr. Jackie Cody
 - Requests from D22 to understand issues of DOE hierarchy, student learning and achievement
 - 9/12- Citywide Leadership Team Summit, email to join the summit
- Holly Spiegel
 - Resolution passed for reduction and re-examination of number of lockdown drills and sent to House Assembly for bill
 - Parents to be notified in advance of the drills and be able to opt out; schools can conduct more
 - Evidence of drills show a dramatic reduction of feelings of safety; children expressing more fear; parents don't have access to the script or protocols and can't adequately respond to their children's emotional needs
- Christina Caputo
 - First Come First Serve policy discriminates against participants
 - Drills- encouraging their assembly member to keep them, aiming for happy medium of preparation
- Nicole Barnett
 - Class size concern- decrease in enrollment for 2nd graders and district office has reduced funding for 3rd class. 32 2nd graders at her school, 889
 - Up. Bove is meeting at 889 and also looking to address the upcoming mandate; explained the issues of discrepancies between when school ends and families make changes, thus changing demographics
 - Reinforced by Shannon
- Leonie Haimson of Class Size Matters reported on lack of movement to reducing class size; there is a Class Size working group to come out with final recommendations at the end of October
- Anna Alfredson
 - Also 889 parent commenting on class size, sensitive to the multiple facets of the argument

- **Budget Approval**

- Reimbursement for previous council member approved (8 yes - 1 no)
- Budget approved (9 yes - 0 no)

Adjournment at 8:20 pm