

AUGUST 12, 2015
MINUTES OF THE CALENDAR MEETING
OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR DISTRICT 1

The Calendar Meeting for the Community Education for District 1 (CECI) was called to order by the President, Arnette C. Scott at 6:10 pm at P.S. 20, 166 Essex Street, New York, NY. Present for the meeting were David Post, Michael Stutman, Stephanie Thompson, Arnette C. Scott, Luke Henry, Naomi Pena, and Marco Battistella, Absent were Moses Seuram and Aline Gnali and their absences were deemed excused. Absent was Latesha Moore.

Also present was the District 1 Community Superintendent, Daniella Phillips, and the Community Education Council Administrative Assistant, Jill Pierce.

The President called the roll and, their being a quorum present, the meeting continued.

A report from the Charter School Committee, via Luke Henry, was presented where he advised that the Charter School Committee had a presentation which will soon be circulated.

The council also heard from Lisa Donlan, who is a Community Member of the Charter Schools Committee and who advised as to the progress of the application for Charter Schools for the Arts and the process by which that application will proceed.

The Community Superintendent, Daniella Phillips, continued her report with respect to leadership changes in the district schools for the 2015/16 academic year along with a presentation concerning the rationale behind the consolidation of certain schools. Ms. Phillips continued to provide a directory of her district one team, what they do and how they do it. She advised as to the status of the diversity grant.

Next, Jim Newman was introduced. He is the Parent Leadership Coordinator who will be the liaison for FACE. The Community Superintendent then reported on receipt of a grant to fund fifty eight grade students to attend a Saturday Academy, twenty five students for living environment courses and twenty five students for algebra courses which will be at the Regents level and the students will be selected from schools that do not offer Regents courses to eighth graders. The criteria for selection of the fifty students will be based on teacher recommendations, and extremely strong attendance records.

A motion was made to designate Lisa Donlan as the Community Education Council Designee to the district leadership team, said motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously.

Thereafter, Ms. Donlan reported on the history of need studies and their relationship to portfolio management which is now known as district planning.

The council then heard from Cynthia Cartagena, the President of the PTA at P.S. 140. She advised that due to retirements and other personnel changes, P.S. 140 now has neither an Assistant Principal nor a Guidance Counselor and that there is now no administrator who can

take over responsibilities for issues in the middle school. She advised a certain mystification over the fact that the new Principal brought with her a Secretary from her prior situation so now P.S. 140 has one Principal but two Administrative Assistants. Cynthia voiced her confusion over why there are two Administrative Assistants yet no Guidance Counselor nor Assistant Principal. She received an explanation from the Community Superintendent with respect to the budget issues affecting such circumstances.

Thereafter on motion duly made seconded and unanimously carried, the Calendar Meeting was closed at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Stutman
Recording Secretary

AUGUST 12, 2015
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
AT COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR DISTRICT ONE

Immediately upon the closing of the Calendar Meeting of this date, the President, Arnette C. Scott, called the Business Meeting of Community Education Council for District One to order. Those who were present at the Calendar Meeting remained present for the Business Meeting as well. The parties who were absent from the Calendar Meeting were absent from the Business Meeting as well.

The Council heard a presentation from Lisa Donlan with respect to the proposed testimony to be given to the Panel for Educational Policy (“PEP”). With respect to the amendment of Chancellor’s Regulation-A101, in particular, there was a letter to be presented to PEP that requested.¹

Upon motion duly made seconded and unanimously carried it was agreed that such testimony should be deemed as the testimony of each member of the Community Education Council for District One.

A discussion was held with respect to the designations of various persons with respect to the committees that were constituted at the July 15, 2015 Business Meeting and it was agreed that Lisa Donlan would serve as a community member on the Admissions Committee and co-chair said committee with Luke Henry. It was also agreed that Lisa Donlan was not a member of the Capital Plan Committee. It was also agreed that Lisa Donlan, as a community member, would co-chair the Charter Schools Committee with Luke Henry. It was agreed that the Class Size Committee Chair would be Aline Gnali with an additional committee member being Marco Battistella.

It was agreed that Marco Battistella was to be a member of the Middle Schools Committee and it was acknowledged that Stephanie Thompson would be a member of the Safety/Bullying Committee.

Thereafter at 9:06 p.m., the remaining items on the agenda were deferred to the next meeting of the Community Education Council for District One and, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Stutman
Recording Secretary

¹ To the said regulation be deleted and that the following language be replaced: “School districts are strongly encouraged to consider legally permissible race-conscious and race-neutral approaches to promote diversity and reduce racial segregation.”