

MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2016
COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL for DISTRICT ONE BUSINESS MEETING

Business Meeting

The Business Meeting of the Community Education Council for District 1 was called to order. Present for the meeting were Marco Battistella, Cynthia Cartagena, Aline Gnali, Luke Henry, Naomi Peña, David Post, and Stephanie Thompson. Absent from the meeting were Moses Seuram (work travel) and Michael Stutman (work emergency), and their absences were deemed excused.

Superintendent's Update

Kristine Mustillo gave updates from the superintendent's office about:

- Meetings among newly consolidating schools and enrollment letters sent to 70 families about Fall 2016 openings at the consolidated UNMS
- A Middle School Fair planned at UNMS for a tentative date in Sept. 2016
- A Pre-K/K Fair planned at 134/137 for a tentative date in Dec. 2016
- A new principal professional development session featuring a walkthrough of PS 20 and a thorough look at the School Quality Review process
- Recruitment for Regents Academy on May 26 and 27, 2016
- Congratulations to Cahn Fellows Principals for 2016-2017: Darlene Cameron (Star Academy) and Laura Peynado-Castro (UNMS)
- Summer school for elementary school students at PS 20 and PS 64 and for middle school students at School for Global Leaders
- A Chancellor's visit to PS 34 on May 10, 2016

CEC and public members discussed:

- The desire for increased communication from principals to parents, and the need for more support for parent engagement generally
- Middle school options in D1

Committee Updates

Chairperson Aline Gnali heard committee updates on:

- Admissions: The Socio-Economic Integration work group of the D1 SIPP grant sent initial recommendations to Michael Alves, who is working with the Office of Student Enrollment. OSE is planning visits to Family Resource Centers in Cambridge and Brockton. The D1 SIPP grant Family Resource Center work group is in the middle of administering a survey online and in school lobbies about families' needs. The superintendent will give an update on the grant in collaboration with D13 at the next principals' conference.
- Dual Language: Marco Battistella and Stephanie Thompson will join the committee.
- Safety and Bullying: The committee discussed a need for greater clarity about where parents can go to have safety and bullying concerns addressed, and how timely action can be initiated following safety and bullying incidents.

CEC1 Publication

Options for a CEC1 mailing or other publication were discussed.

2016-2017 CEC Meeting Dates

Members agreed upon a calendar of tentative CEC1 Calendar and Business Meeting Dates beginning in July 2016.

Vacancies

FACE has received applications to fill a CEC1 Parent Member vacancy. The council will discuss interview options with Presidents' Council on May 13, 2016.

Minutes

The minutes from the April 13, 2016 CEC1 Calendar and Business Meeting were approved.

Adjournment of Business Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.