

## MINUTES OF THE JUNE 15, 2016

### Community Education Council for District 1 Calendar and Business Meeting

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Members present: Marco Battistella, Cynthia Cartagena, Luke Henry, Naomi Peña, Moses Seuram, Michael Stutman, Stephanie Thompson, and Jennie White. Absent: Aline Gnali (family emergency) and David Post (illness); Their absences were deemed excused.

#### Special Education Panel

- Presenters: Stavroula Dapontes and Francisco Tamayo, Administrators for Special Education for D1 (Manhattan Borough Field Support Center, DOE); Ashley Grant, Staff Attorney (Advocates for Children); Lori Podvesker, Senior Manager of Disability and Education Policy (INCLUDEnyc); Ariel Levitan, Clinical Supervisor; Elena Canatas, SEIT Evaluation Director; Dr. Cassie Cao, Director of Education; and Margot Sigmone, Preschool Ed. Coordinator (Comprehensive Kids Developmental School).
- Panelists offered a brief overview of the process of referrals and evaluations for Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and of the services offered by their organizations. Panelists answered members' questions about IEPs and special education. The Administrators for Special Education for D1 instructed parents to contact them with questions about individual cases and ensured they would follow up on parent inquiries. They also advised that middle school 12:1:1 special education services are not ending in D1 and that families could contact them at the Manhattan Borough Field Support Center to find appropriate D1 school placements for their children.

#### Superintendent's Update

- PS 20's Principal Colón and Assistant Principal Huang will be leaving at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Sarah Pinto, the current principal of PS 137, will be taking the PS 20 Interim Acting Principal position. Ms. Pinto has a background in literacy and special education. The C-30 process for this position will begin in September.
- Carrie Chan-Howard, the principal from School for Global Leaders, is becoming the Field Support Liaison in the D1 office (replacing Ada Cordova), and she will be replaced by her AP Keri Ricks as School for Global Leader's Interim Acting Principal.
- D1 schools received their preliminary budgets in early June. SLTs should be aligning these budgets to preliminary goals in their (RS)CEPs ((Renewal School) Comprehensive Educational Plans). There will be supplementary budget information issued in the fall after audited school enrollment in October.
- The district office has seen an increase in applications to the Middle School Regents Academy program for next year. The superintendent hopes to provide more data on those applications at the next meeting.
- PS 15 hosted a public forum last week featuring a showcase of instructional examples of the Renzulli method, the school-wide enrichment model. The CEC expressed concern about the level of interest shown in the SIPP grant table at the forum, and asked about the opportunity for D1 outreach through a website and other mechanisms to inform the community of updates about the grant. PS 15 and Henry Street School for International Studies' renewal and receivership status was discussed, along with LAP and Reward Schools' status in D1.

### Superintendent Evaluation

- The CEC's evaluation of the superintendent is due to FACE at the end of July. The CEC will build on FACE's template and add sections from another CEC evaluation document as necessary.

### Parliamentarian

- A motion was made to elect a CEC Parliamentarian and the motion was approved. Moses Seuram was nominated to serve as Parliamentarian, a motion was made to appoint him, and the motion was approved.

### Bylaws

- The CEC discussed excused and unexcused absences, reviewed the practice of approving excused absences at the beginning of each meeting, and agreed to plan a meeting for further discussion of bylaws.

### Budget

- The council approved the following budget allocations for the 2017 Fiscal Year, to begin July 1, 2016:
- (#198) Supplies \$11,000
- (#300) Equipment (Laptops, desktops, printers) \$1,300
- (#400) Childcare, scanner/printer/copier, refreshments, etc. \$7,500
- (#600) PCS Plans (equipment install. and service plans) \$200

### New Business

- Members discussed adding Special Education as a meeting topic to next year's calendar meeting list, and offering more parent workshops during meeting times. Superintendent Phillips noted that the Deputy Chancellor of Special Education will be sharing data with principals at their June 30th meeting.
- The admissions committee will be meeting to discuss the call by the DOE for "Diversity in Admissions" plans.

### Minutes

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2016 CEC1 Calendar, and the motion was approved.