

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2016  
COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING**

The business meeting of the Community Education Council for District 1 was called to order at 6:10 pm on March 9, 2016 at P.S. 20 by the Chairman of the meeting, David Post.

All members of the council were in attendance, except for Arnette Scott, whose absence was excused. We heard reports from the Admissions Committee with respect to the progress being made in securing comments and/or endorsements of the Controlled Choice Resolution.

We heard from the Capital Plan Committee, which indicated that while it seems the Department of Education believes that the District 1 has not passed the threshold for permitting the construction of a new school, the Seward Park Urban Renewal Area has preserved site number 5 as the possible location for a school, should one be authorized.

The Charter School Committee reported a meeting with SUNY Charter School Institute Trustee Joseph Belluck, who, among other things, advised that his belief was that the only input from the community that he was required to listen to was from the members of the community who showed up at the SUNY meetings, which were historically held in the middle of the work day at a site that was “geographically challenged”, and that he was not required to consider the input from community members who would have attended a Department of Education meeting. There was also a report with respect to the dual-language program at various schools in the district.

The Middle School Committee reported on certain consolidation plans.

We also heard a concern about the leadership at P.S. 140, with respect to the absence of a guidance counselor, and continuing issues with budgetary concerns that have arisen due to the interim principal having been installed with staff from her prior school without consideration of the staffing needs for P.S. 140.

The fact that the new Title I survey was going to be soon disseminated was discussed, along with a discussion as to methods to assure that Title I schools filled out the survey.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the February 2016 minutes were approved.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Michael Stutman  
Recording Secretary