

Minutes of the Community Education Council for District 1

Calendar and Business Meeting, December 14, 2016

Present: Marco Battistella, Cynthia Cartagena, Luke Henry, David Post, Moses Seuram, Michael Stutman, Stephanie Thompson, Aline Traphagen

Absent, excused by consensus: Naomi Peña (family medical issue), Jennie White (family medical issue)

Calendar Meeting

Office of District Planning Update: Eric Herman

- Underutilized buildings: 150-299 seats: M019, M020, M097, M134, M446, M510; 300+ seats: M025, M056, M060. Mr. Herman noted that underutilization does not mean another school will be placed in a building: for example, at PS20, would be unlikely
- Over-utilized schools: M330, M034, M539, M110, M363, M361, M320, M315, M364, M080
- District Programmatic Needs: supporting and promoting diversity and integration and supporting over-aged middle school students (140 students)
- No plans for any D1 consolidation proposals that would be voted on during 2016-2017 year and implemented Fall 2017
- ODP makes decisions based on Blue Book, ODP's own projections based on retention rates/enrollment trends. Work closely with superintendents; point to community feedback is to get input into proposals
- Request for Mr. Herman to convey to DOE disparity between significant funds granted to schools by Reso A and capital plan funds

Superintendent Update:

- PS 134: stable enrollment; UNMS doing very well
- Over-aged middle school students—looking into D79 Restart program
- New Family Support Coordinator in D1: Elvis Marte
- 93 teachers up for tenure
- D1 team formative assessments
- MS Regents Academy—less attrition than Year 1
- 114 attendees at PreK/K Fair on 12/1/16 (200 last year)
- Arts Festival : CEC asked questions about extent of funding from SIPP grant & PS15 focus
- Janya Tagat, FACE liaison, will check if Building Condition Assessment Surveys happening this yr.

SIPP Update

- Letter sent to state, assurances state would respond
- Concerns about funds being scheduled for things not covered by grant—not related to socioeconomic integration
- DOE showed set-aside data at WG meeting, demonstrated very minimal impact of program in small handful of schools. Continued advocacy for district-wide student assignment policy needed

- Family Resource Center effectively merged with Socio-Economic Integration group; latter has no parents, mostly DOE employees. FRC meeting tomorrow.
- Planner has given/been given some Pre-K data
- Superintendent says text of grant ties funding to magnet program only, not district (based on feedback from state). But thinks grant can benefit both PS 15 and district.

Public Comments

- Preferred Essentials program
- Dynamics among families of 134/137 consolidation
- Safety incident between two district students—parent requesting answers: clarity on communication between principal and district office, on follow-up from district office, concerns about district-wide issues

Business Meeting

- Need to finalize budget lines
- Safety and bullying issues—role of district employees in advocating for/aiding parents
- Apparent need to document significant safety/bullying issues in schools and understand what to do when existing pathways don't lead to resolution