



# Community Education Council For District One

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## Minutes of the Community Education Council for District 1

### Business Meeting, March 1, 2017

Present: Marco Battistella, Luke Henry, Naomi Peña, David Post, Michael Stutman, Stephanie Thompson, and Aline Traphagen

Absent, excused: Cynthia Cartagena (worship), Moses Seuram (work travel), and Jennie White (illness)

Department of Education's Office of District Planning—Jeanie Baik and Eric Herman. Discussed potential proposal, introduced a week before Educational Impact Statement would be issued, to re-site and co-locate NYC Charter School of the Arts to University Neighborhood High School. UNHS family members and school community members spoke about:

- Lack of adequate space for existing students in UNHS, a school designed for elementary schoolers
- UNHS's increasing yearly enrollment (and existing demand for school but caps on enrollment from Office of Student Enrollment)
- Inadequate facilities (no gym or auditorium, no designated space for lunch, no theatre or A/V equipment, 4 bathrooms, 1 science lab with no sink, extremely narrow hallways. Students run stairwells for gym.)
- UNHS demographics (90% Title 1; large immigrant population; many Students in Temporary Housing). Pull-out spaces at capacity for ELLs and for students with IEPs and 504 accommodations.
- Existing lunch periods between 10-40am-1:00pm
- Student growth at UNHS exceptional but fragile
- Charter school promised to pursue private space, and wrote proposal contingent on dedicated arts spaces
- Only 20% of NYCCSA from District 1
- NYCCSA's budget planned for the under-serving of high-needs groups; lack of accountability for charters generally. Lack of clarity about NYCCSA lease situation. Past D1 community opposition to co-location of NYCCSA, and charter's acknowledgement of this opposition
- Broken Blue Book utilization formula does not lead to numbers that reflect reality of this school's space
- Area around school becoming extremely developed; more families moving in, and current traffic and chaos. Systemic inability to forecast growth and need for space preserved in existing schools

ODP staff will take community feedback back to ODP/Deputy Chancellor. Walkthrough scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2017. CEC members invited.

Approval of 1/25/17 and 2/8/2017 minutes

Melissa Moskowitz will be interim leader of University Neighborhood Middle School during principal's maternity leave

Budget moves proposed:

| Title                                  | Activity Code | Program                        | Object Code | From        | To       |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|
| SUPPLIES - GENERAL                     | LEML          | Supplies                       | 198         | \$13,100.00 | \$12,990 |
| NON-CONTRACTUAL SERVICES               | LEMO          | Childcare/printer/refreshments | 496         | \$6,600.00  | \$6,800  |
| TRANSPORTATION OF STAFF - NON-CONTRACT | LF2G          | Refreshments                   | 451         | \$300.00    | \$210    |

Votes in favor of budget moves: Marco Battistella, Aline Traphagen, Luke Henry, Naomi Pena, David Post, Michael Stutman, Stephanie Thompson. Votes opposed: none

March calendar meeting (3/29) –Fair Student Funding presentation, school funding presentation, testing

Committees—Ongoing Title 1 concerns in specific schools; Safety/Bullying committee meeting forthcoming; Meeting 3/8/17 with Urban Family Center shelter staff

Cursive initiative—no guidance as yet from Chancellor