



Community Education Council For District One

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Minutes of the Community Education Council for District 1

Calendar Meeting & Business Meeting, April 26, 2017

Present--Marco Battistella, Michael Stutman, Stephanie Thompson, Cynthia Cartagena, David Post, Luke Henry (Calendar and Business), Naomi Peña (Business); Absent, excused--Moses Seuram, Aline Traphagen (work obligations); Absent, unexcused--Jennie White

Calendar Meeting

Superintendent's Report:

- Neighborhood & Star Earth Day event today—outdoor fair.
- Start of state math exams next week.
- 5th graders & families heard MS matches last week; About 88% matched to one of top 3 schools this year.

Sarah McPhee, Director of Middle School Admissions, Office of Student Enrollment:

Proposal for blind ranking at MS level

- On school end, instead of school leaders seeing where families ranked school, would not be known (blind) to principals/receiving school.
- Choices could reflect interest without anxiety of principal not seeing if didn't rank school first.
- Across city MS process has some variation. This pertains to screened middle schools--one data point in revealed ranking is looking at how family ranked the school. In particular schools, principals/schools indicate they can only take those who rank them first. Not everyone knows about revealed ranking system and the "need" in some schools to rank school first.
- HS process is entirely blind. Allows families freedom in how they rank. Larger range of schools considered as a result of this process.
- OSE will continue to talk to Superintendent about blind ranking possibility--could implement for next year's admissions timeline, or following year. No specific timeline set. It is a long-term OSE goal to implement blind ranking, but not a forgone conclusion in every district. MS Principals in D1 are currently discussing. Discussion included the need for DOE to show the success and failure in achieving any declared objectives elsewhere for this community to make an evaluation.

Public Comment

- Concerns from D1 parents about specific incidents of bullying; questions about what's being done to ensure student safety. Follow-up from district office with these individuals planned.
- Request for safety/bullying protocols to be shared by district office staff at CEC meeting in fall 2017.
- District office can share updated suspension data.
- Schools should be giving lessons related to discipline/intervention protocols.
- PS 110 principal's use of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. Data-driven tracking of minor to major occurrences, more detailed than Online Occurrence Reporting System, facilitates

targeted interventions such as guidance meetings, restoratives circles. Requires participation of entire school community.

Calendar Meeting, Continued

SIPP Grant Update

- Meetings irregular, parents rarely in attendance—discouragement, lack of funding, meeting times difficult for working parents, frustration that promises weren't delivered, lack of commitment by partners. Need for process to be reanimated and DOE breach of faith with community addressed.
- Model K admissions presented to SEI work group, not +/- 5% in at-risk categories and thus not controlled choice model requested by group, no PreK data given. Need for written request related to data, process. Model needs to be marked up, shared widely, given back to DOE with community feedback.
- Diversity conferences not a replacement for the work of the grant.

Business Meeting

- Administrative Assistant leaving position early June 2017.
- Need for committees to share updates/work to be done.
- Note to move next year's testing topic earlier.
- Middle school committee meeting needed, discuss of blind ranking proposal. Need for more data.
- Liaisons—year end round-up for each school.
- Consensus reached for budget allocation of \$300, admissions organizing.
- Consensus to approve 3/29/17 minutes as amended, David Post's absence excused due to work emergency.
- Concerns about DOE marginalizing and chastising parent advocates. Most vocal parents, black and brown, who speak out about issues have fingers pointed at them.
- Adjournment, 8:14pm