

Minutes of the Community Education Council for District 1
Calendar and Business Meeting
August 3, 2016

MINUTES OF THE CALENDAR MEETING

The Calendar meeting of the Community Education Council for District 1 was called to order by Luke Henry at 6:15 p.m. on August 3, 2016 at P. S. 20.

Present at the meeting were Marco Battistella, Cynthia Cartagena, Luke Henry, Naomi Peña, Michael Stutman, Stephanie Thompson and Jennie White. Absent were David Post, Moses Seuram and Aline Gnali all of which absences were deemed excused. Also in attendance was the Manhattan Borough President Ms. Brewer.

Minutes of the July 13 meeting were read, amended, and approved as amended.

Superintendent Daniela Phillips gave her report which included a high-level summary of certain relevant statistics that were gleaned from the learning environment surveys that were submitted during the 2015/2016 academic year. A lively discussion followed concerning the meaning of the results and possible statistical anomalies. Superintendent Phillips also reported with respect to certain district wide hires that had been made and the Family Support Coordinator hire that will be made. Luke Henry inquired, again, as to whether there would be some role for the Community Education Council to play in that procedure. Superintendent Phillips indicated that his request was still under consideration. There were reports received from the committee on Admissions, Charter Schools, Class Size, and Dual Language.

Throughout the meeting there were comments from some members of the public and so when it came time for public comment in accordance with the agenda, there were no further comments to be had save for some kind words from the Manhattan Borough President.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the calendar meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

At 7:45 PM, the business meeting of the Community Education Council for District 1 was called to order by President Luke Henry. The same persons who were in attendance at the calendar meeting were present for the business meeting. The same persons who were absent from the calendar meeting were absent from the business meeting and, as with the calendar meeting, the absences were deemed excused.

After some introductory remarks with respect to the structure that should be created for the work of the CEC and the role of committees in that regard, various committees were established and chairpersons for those committees were chosen.

The committees that were established and the chairpersons are as follows:

Title 1-Cynthia Cartagena, chair;
Middle School-Naomi Peña, chair;
Admissions-Luke Henry, co-chair;
Class Size-Aline Gnali, chair;
Capital Plan-Moses Seuram, chair;
Housing-David Post, chair;
Testing and Special programs-Marco Battistella, chair;
Dual Language- Marco Battistella, chair;
Safety and Bullying-Stephanie Thompson, chair;
Governance-Michael Stutman, chair;
Special Education-Jennie White, chair;
Charter Schools-Luke Henry, co-chair;

The next order of business was to assign liaisons from the CEC to the various schools in the district. The assignments as set forth for the 2015/2016 academic year remain in effect for 2016/2017 academic year EXCEPT for the following:

Cynthia Cartagena will be the liaison to PS/MS 188 (Island School) and Naomi Peña will no longer serve as the liaison to PS 315 and will take on MS/HS 450 (Eastside) in addition to PS 134, PS 137 and PS 140.

Aline Gnali will no longer be liaison to PS/MS 140 but will retain PS 142.

Luke Henry will be liaison to PS/MS 34, PS 110 and PS 140.

Michael Stutman will take on PS 64, PS 364 and MS 839 along with MS 378.

Stephanie Thompson will take on PS 20 and NEST+m.

It was noted that the foregoing assignments may not be conclusive and are subject to revision between now and the next business meeting which is scheduled for September 14, 2016. The next calendar meeting will be September 28, 2016.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the business meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Stutman
Recording Secretary