Special Calendar Meeting Minutes

CEC3 Candidate Interviews

(Approved at the Dec. 12, 2018 Calendar Meeting by all Council members present)

❖ Call to Order 8:27P
❖ Roll Call  Kristen Berger, Lucas Liu, Mike McCarthy, Genisha Metcalf, Jean Moreland, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Kim Watkins
    DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, D3 Superintendent, DJ Sheppard, D3 Family Liaison Coordinator
❖ Candidate Interviews:
  • Each of the 3 candidates introduced themselves with a brief biography.
    1. Ilona Coleman, PS87
    2. Kevin Garrelick, PS333
    3. Deirdre Garrett-Scott PS75
    4. Sara Linn – absent

I. Council posed the same questions to each of the three candidates: what has been the candidates’ involvement in their children’s schools?
   i. Individual candidate responses ranged from involvement in school’s dual language program, participation in IEP, PTA and other meetings and after school programs.

II. What do they feel is the Council’s and district’s greatest challenges?
   ii. Integration, under the surface issues that have not been addressed, parent engagement.

III. What CEC committees are they interested in?
   iii. They all concurred with Equity and Excellence and some added additional High School Admissions, Multilingual

IV. What is their experience working with Harlem schools and their challenges and creating a more equitable district:
   iv. The candidate’s individual responses ranged from very experienced to little experience to great experience with South Bronx schools which may be similar to Harlem schools.

V. What would you say to the Chancellor?
   v. Need for more handicapped accessible playgrounds and identifiable goals re diversity, needs of homeless children, busing – children who don’t get picked up and/or left on buses to The Chancellor visiting every D3 school and how to fix what is broken.

Council asked several more questions probing candidates experience and knowledge of District 3 issues.

❖ Public Comment
  1. School match question: Council noted that everyone will get a match even if you didn’t match and there will families will still have options during round 2.

❖ Adjournment 9:08P