Wed., Nov 7, 2018

*6:30P Business Meeting
7:00P Special Calendar Meeting

Joan of Arc Complex
154 W. 93rd St. – Room 204

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

❖ Call to Order 6:38P
❖ Roll Call of Members Kristen Berger, Mike McCarthy, Genisha Metcalf, Jean Moreland, Dennis Morgan, Sharmilee Ramudit, Kim Watkins
Late: Lucas Liu 7:46p
Excused Absence: Daniel Katz
DOE Staff: Ilene Altschul, District 3 Community Superintendent; DJ Sheppard, District 3 Family Liaison Coordinator.

❖ Approval of Minutes
  1. Sept. 12, 2018 Business Meeting Minutes motion to approve was passed by all Council members present.
❖ President’s Report
  1. CEC3 sent a Town Hall follow-up letter to Chancellor Carranza. An audio file link to the D3 Town Hall with Chancellor Carranza has been posted to www.cec3.org
  2. Discussion of possible locations that are ADA accessible in which to hold the CEC3 Legislative Breakfast on Jan. 25, 2019. PS165 inside atrium was chosen. Member Berger will contact the principal.
  3. The Italian Consulate awarded a D3 K Italian Dual Language teacher a $25,000 grant to study Italian in Italy this year.
❖ Superintendent’s Report
  i. Still waiting for clearance on announcement of the Interim Acting Principal at M075
  ii. 2nd Harlem Stakeholder meeting is scheduled for November 26th at PS 242 at 10:30 a.m.
  iii. Principals attended Implicit Bias training with Bryan Marks – this was funded by the MFSC.
  iv. Working on their Strategic Plan for SIPP grant so that D3 will be invited to apply for Phase 2
  v. Held Implicit Bias training for approximately 300 staff members from D3 schools. Training was conducted by Shannon from Office of Access and Equity
❖ Old Business
  1. Town Hall Follow-up – posted under President’s Report
  2. Nurse Shortage – There is no budget line in Galaxy (DOE expense reporting tool) for nurses so that schools cannot individually hire nurses and pay out of their budgets. Citywide shortage of school nurses is partly due to DOE lower pay discrepancy.
❖ New Business
  1. Parent leadership at an unnamed D3 school is protesting principal’s stoppage of all sponsorships with local businesses. The Superintendent requested that they speak with her and she will speak with the principal.
  2. The Superintendent in response to a question about which schools might be understaffed said that she has that information, created by the schools and taken from the DOE Table of Organizations.
❖ School Liaison Reports
  1. Member Berger, liaison to MHII reported that the school is degenerating around them and in dire need of renovation. Supt. Altschul will reach out to John Hession, Director, Manhattan Facilities.
2. Member Morgan reported that the Diversity and Inclusion Parent Initiative of 452 showed the third episode of ‘America to Me.’
3. Member Liu reported that the ventilation problems at PS859 have spread.

❖ Committee Reports
1. Equity & Excellence, Co-Chairs G Metcalf and D Morgan: The meeting was at MHII. Would like to position the ‘America to Me’ discussions as a parent resource and would also like parity from the parents’ side.
   1.1 Participatory Budgeting - D3, 4, and 5 will get 1 project to submit to CC Bill Perkins. D3 will focus on technology.
2. High School Admissions, Chair J Moreland: DOE Director of High School Facilities Gabriel Ramos and representatives from the Office of Enrollment gave updates to attendees on current admissions cycle. Follow-up questions were given to the speakers on their presentations and on district priority.
3. Multilingual, Chair L. Liu: PS87’s movie night cash proceeds will go to PS145.
   3.1 In response to question about adding additional Mandarin classes, Supt. Altschul said that she learned there is only one vendor who creates materials in Mandarin and the prices are ‘astronomical.’

❖ Adjournment 8:27P