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Community Education Council District 20

October Business Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Meeting ID: <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/82729534731?pwd=bmQ2YUJPWURtOWFjcllXc1E5UGhYQT09>

Meeting Start Time: 6:05 pm

Present: Steve Stowe, Elizabeth Chan, Jennifer Hu, Vito LaBella,

Online: Kevin Zhao, Li Ping Jiang, Mei Yun Lin, Maya Rozenblat, Ghada Amin, Marie Brugueras

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Steve Stowe, President
 - a. Roll Call: Vito LaBella, Recording Secretary

- II. **Old Business**
 - a. Approval of September Business Meeting Minutes
 - i. Minutes unanimously approved

- III. **New Business**
 - a. President Steve Stowe discussed the presentation that the Office of District Planning was supposed to give at the Calendar Meeting
 - i. Planning is a major role of CECs—they influence the type of school being built
 - ii. The District 20 map is color coded to indicate the capacity of the schools
 1. Red schools are severely overcrowded (150% capacity and above)
 2. Orange schools very overcrowded (125% - 150% capacity)
 3. Yellow schools are above 100% Capacity (100% - 125% capacity)
 4. Green schools are below capacity (approximately 75-100% capacity)
 - iii. Comments from the council
 1. Kevin Zhao asked for clarification about the percentages represented by the color coding of the map, and if we have the numerical data of capacity and students actually enrolled
 2. Maya Rozenblat asked if there is a model demonstrating how the ODP predicts future enrollment, commented that raising rent costs in Manhattan will lead to people moving back to Brooklyn and an increase in school enrollment, asked that she be notified if there is any news about bilingual programs
 3. Vito LaBella asked if the Santander property (located on 5th Avenue, between 88th and 89th Streets) was purchased or still in the process of being purchased

- iv. Elementary school enrollment has decreased as students attended schools in other districts
 - v. Middle school capacity increased with the opening of the new school on 86th Street
 - 1. If enrollment does not increase, the only school needed will be the middle school at the Nathans site
 - vi. There is an adequate number of D75 seats in elementary schools, but not in middle or high schools
 - 1. There was talk about the former Angel Guardian Home (Located at 12th Avenue, Between 63rd and 64th Streets) including D75 seats once the school is built
 - vii. There are three types of specialty programs in D20: ASD programs, G&T programs, and Bilingual Education programs
- b. Approval of the minutes from the October Special Meetings
 - i. Candidate Interviews: Minutes unanimously approved
 - ii. Remote Learning Discussion: Minutes unanimously approved

IV. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn: Vito LaBella, Second: Jennifer Hu
- b. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir
Date: October 20, 2021

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Meeting ID: <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/82729534731?pwd=bmQ2YUJlPWURtOWFjcllXc1E5UGhYQT09>

Meeting Start Time: 7:02 pm

Present: Steve Stowe, Elizabeth Chan, Jennifer Hu, Vito LaBella,

Online: Kevin Zhao, Li Ping Jiang, Mei Yun Lin, Maya Rozenblat, Ghada Amin

Guests:

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Steve Stowe, President
 - a. Roll Call: Vito LaBella, Recording Secretary
 - b. Motion to read aloud and discuss the CEC's press release in response to the Mayor's decision to eliminate the G&T program without parent input: Vito LaBella, Second: Jennifer Hu

- II. **Old Business**
 - a. Approval of September Business Meeting Minutes
 - i. Minutes unanimously approved

- III. **Vote on CEC Candidates**
 - a. Council members cast their votes for the four candidates
 - i. Steve Stowe: Edward
 - ii. Jennifer Hu: Yamina
 - iii. Elizabeth Chan: Yamina
 - iv. Vito LaBella: Yamina
 - v. Marie Brugueras: Edward
 - vi. Ghada Amin: Yamina
 - vii. Li Ping Jiang: Joyce
 - viii. Mei Yun Lin: Joyce
 - ix. Maya Rozenblat: Edward
 - x. Kevin Zhao: Joyce
 - b. Results
 - i. Yamina Kezadri: 4 votes
 - ii. Edward Lai: 3 votes
 - iii. Joyce Xie: 3 votes
 - c. As no candidate received 6 votes, there will be a second round of voting

- IV. **Report of the District Superintendent**

- a. Dr. Pretto spoke on several topics: the impact of the health and safety policies set forth by the DOE, the updated attendance percentages, the release of social emotional screeners through StrongResilientNYC, the support that schools are receiving in ELA and math coaching through the Brooklyn South instructional leads, the Emergency Broadband Benefit, the Principal Instructional Leadership Team Professional Learning Series, the announcement of Brilliant NYC and the New York City college savings program known as New York City Rise

b. Questions from the Council

- i. Steve Stowe asked about staffing with the new mandate, what is the percentage of people who are on leave and who are filling those positions, if it would be useful to sit down with DOE Central staff to discuss the G&T reform
- ii. Marie Brugueras asked if students other than the Kindergarteners will be eligible for the New York City Rise program
- iii. Elizabeth Chan asked if parents would be able to view the results of the screeners
- iv. Vito LaBella stated that parents want a standalone, enriched curriculum option for their children

V. Report of the CEC President

- a. Steve Stowe discussed the CEC's liaison outreach and listed the topics discussed at the State Senate Joint Committee Hearing on Education Funding,
- b. He summarized the report he gave at the Business meeting

VI. Press Release in Response to the Mayor's Decision on G&T Programs

- a. Vito LaBella read aloud the CEC's press release in response to the Mayor and Chancellor's decision to change the G&T programs without consulting parents
- b. After the resolution vote, Vito LaBella made a motion for the press release to be emailed to the district principals for them to distribute to their parents, Second: Jennifer Hu
 - i. All in Favor

VII. Public Speaking

- a. No one signed up to speak, no one in the audience raised their hand to speak

VIII. Resolutions

- a. The council discussed the changes that were made to the resolution on remote learning since the Special Meeting
 - i. Vito LaBella added that any student with any excused absence should be able to remotely log in to their classroom and have synchronous learning, and the city should negotiate with the UFT to make this happen
- b. Vito LaBella read aloud the asks
- c. Roll call vote on the resolution:
 - i. Steve Stowe: Yes
 - ii. Jennifer Hu: Yes
 - iii. Elizabeth Chan: Yes
 - iv. Vito LaBella: Yes

- v. Marie Brugueras: Yes
- vi. Ghada Amin: Yes
- vii. Li Ping Jiang: Yes
- d. Resolution passes unanimously with 10 Yes votes

- viii. Mei Yun Lin: Yes
- ix. Maya Rozenblat: Yes
- x. Kevin Zhao: Yes

IX. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn: Jennifer Hu; Marie Brugueras
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir

Date: October 20, 2021

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