

President Steve Stowe  
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Council Members

Ghada Amin  
Li Ping Jiang

Maya Rozenblat-ELL REP  
Kevin Zhao-BBP Appointee

Administrative Assistant: Natalia Mondesir

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## Community Education Council District 20 December Business Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021

**Meeting ID:** <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/87464577016?pwd=WmVwdFVlcGRzcEtEYTJqRXowUGV2QT09>

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:05 pm

**Present:** Steve Stowe, Elizabeth Chan, Vito LaBella, Marie Brugueras, Li Ping Jiang, Jennifer Hu, Maya Rozenblat, Kevin Zhao

**Excused:** Ghada Amin

- I. **Meeting Called to Order:** Steve Stowe, President
  - a. **Roll Call:** Vito LaBella, Recording Secretary
  
- II. **Old Business**
  - a. Approval of November Business Meeting Minutes
    - i. Minutes unanimously approved
  - b. Approval of December Special Meeting Minutes
    - i. Minutes unanimously approved
  
- III. **New Business**
  - a. President Steve Stowe opened the discussion of creating a new line in the budget to reimburse a Parent Coordinator who has been paying for the D20 Arts Showcase Website
    - i. Paid \$51.16 per month, for a total of \$255.80
  - b. Discussed which line to use for the reimbursement
    - i. Choices include: Instructional Supplies, CEC Website, and Equipment.
    - ii. CEC Website currently has no money in the line
  - c. Motion to move \$256 from Equipment to CEC Website- Steve Stowe, Second: Jennifer Hu
    - i. All in Favor
  - d. Motion to reimburse Michelle Ngai for payment towards the Arts website- Steve Stowe, Second: Jennifer Hu
    - i. All in Favor
  
- IV. **Candidate Interview- Marya Shuksta**
  - a. She was unable to finish her interview at the Special Meeting
  - b. Questions: She was asked the same questions from the interview

- i. President Steve Stowe asked the first question: Besides overcrowding, what do you think is the most important education issue in District 20?
- ii. First Vice President Jennifer Hu asked the second question: Please describe a time where you had to work with a team of people to set a goal and accomplish it
- iii. Second Vice President Elizabeth Chan asked the third question: Parents are often ignored by the Department of Education on important issues. What should the CEC do in response?

**V. Executive Session**

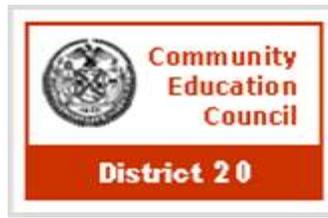
- a. Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the candidate interviews- Steve Stowe,  
Second: Jennifer Hu

**VI. Adjourn**

- a. Motion to adjourn-Steve Stowe, Second: Vito LaBella
  - i. All in favor
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir  
Date: December 15, 2021

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## Community Education Council District 20 December Calendar Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, December 8, 2021

**Meeting ID:** <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/87464577016?pwd=WmVwdFVlcGRzcEtEYTJqRXowUGV2QT09>

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:01 pm

**Present:** Steve Stowe, Elizabeth Chan, Vito LaBella, Kevin Zhao, Maya Rozenblat, Li Ping Jiang, Jennifer Hu,

**Excused:** Ghada Amin,

**Guests:** David Pretto, D20 Superintendent; William Chin, D20 Family Leadership Coordinator; Jaynemie Capetenakis; CSA Representative and P.S. 69 Principal; Javier Muñiz, P.S. 200 Principal; Jamie Dollinger, Senior Director of Planning; Perry Stein, Associate Director of Planning; Steve Gonzales, SCA External Affairs Manager; Andrea Bender, Vice President of External Affairs, Diana Mendez, Capital Planning; Elias Stampolis, Senior Project Officer for SCA Construction Management for D20

**I. Meeting Called to Order:** Steve Stowe, President

- a. Roll Call: Vito LaBella, Recording Secretary

**II. Old Business**

- a. Approval of November Calendar Meeting Minutes  
i. Minutes unanimously approved

**III. Vote on CEC Candidates**

- a. Council members cast their votes for two of the eight candidates: Jona Isufi, Yamina Kezadri, Maira Kazmi, Edward Lai, Daniel Lewis Yunqian Lin, Marya Shuksta, Joyce Xie

- i. Steve Stowe: Joyce; Marya  
ii. Jennifer Hu: Joyce; Jona  
iii. Elizabeth Chan: Joyce; Jona  
iv. Vito LaBella: Joyce; Jona

- v. Marie Brugueras: Jona; Edward  
vi. Li Ping Jiang: Joyce; Jona  
vii. Maya Rozenblat: Jona, Edward  
viii. Kevin Zhao: Joyce; Marya

**b. Results**

- i. Jona Isufi: 6 votes  
ii. Edward Lai: 4 votes  
iii. Marya Shuksta: 2 votes  
iv. Joyce Xie: 6 votes

- c. Jona Isufi and Joyce Xie have been voted onto the council

**IV. District Planning Presentation**

- a. Jamie Dollinger and Perry Stein gave a presentation on what the Office of District Planning does, and a summary of the data, needs, and opportunities in the district
- b. Questions from the Council
  - i. Steve Stowe asked what can CECs do; what works well regarding the working relationship between the ODP and CEC;
  - ii. Elizabeth Chan asked if the CEC has a say in the interior design or traffic patterns outside of schools;
  - iii. Vito LaBella asked about enrollment in D20 against citywide enrollment from 2016-2020; if the school aged population has changed by a similar amount to Kindergarten students (biggest change between D20 and citywide population); do they know if the change in numbers is because parents are choosing to send their children to non-DES schools; does anyone conduct exit interviews when children transfer to non-DOE schools; is there a breakdown of reasons for people leaving such as race, ethnicity, and economic need, asked for an update on the Santander site
  - iv. Steve Stowe asked (to Steve Gonzales) about not hearing from the SCA regarding the Santander site

## V. Capital Plan Training

- a. Steve Gonzalez and Andrea Bender discussed the overview of the 2020-2024 Capital Plan, proposed amendment to the Capital Plan, and funding sources for school project
- b. Questions from the Council
  - i. Steve Stowe asked for clarification on the ranking system and listing bathroom upgrades; asked about using stimulus money to buy sites and build schools; how does the SCA predict the number of seats for a school if it does not have a location; asked what happens next with the Santander site; who determines the timeframe of how long it will take to build a school building; asked at what point the SCA holds public hearings; asked if there are follow-up hearings after the project is approved by the New York City Council of design is completed and construction schedule has been determined; asked why not build the D75 school in Bay Ridge and the elementary school in Bensonhurst
  - ii. Marie Brugueras asked if ground has been broken and do they have a contractor
  - iii. Vito LaBella asked for clarification on the bidding process, and who can bid on a lot; how and where the public can view the building specifications; asked for clarification on asbestos abatement
  - iv. Kevin Zhao asked how the SCA estimates the amount of money set aside for projects when they do not have a contractor yet
- c. Questions from Principals
  - i. Jaynemie Capetanakis stated that P.S. 69 is also under construction;
  - ii. Agatha Alicandro stated that a discussion on the money awarded to P.S. 127, but not dispersed due to Assemblywoman Pamela Harris leaving office, has been going on since 2016

## VI. Report of Superintendent

- a. Dr. Pretto congratulated Principal Jaynemie Capetenakis on becoming the new CSA Chair
- b. Discussed the middle and high school admissions process, and Bilingual programs in D20
- c. The CEC will receive a link to the next Principal's Conference on December 21, 2021
- d. Questions from the council
  - i. Elizabeth Chan asked about there being no guarantee that a student will get a seat in high school and high schools being unzoned
  - ii. Kevin Zhao asked how is the decision to remove zoning for a school made, if anything will be done to celebrate P.S. 310 winning a National Blue Ribbon Award
  - iii. Vito LaBella acknowledged and thanked the previous council and the former superintendent, Karina Costantino; stated that we need to give everybody a center in the spotlight, extended congratulations to Principal Hong

**VII. Report of Council President**

- a. Principal Capetenakis introduced herself as the new CSA Chair
- b. Steve Stowe discussed the feedback on the DESSA screening: what parents can ask for, the number of questions, how it will be used; discussed the senate bill to equalize funding for A53 and 41-10 schools; discussed the Chancellor's Regulation D-210 which regulates councils in terms of speech and actions

**VIII. Public Speaking**

- a. Danielle Lamana requested that Vito LaBella read out her statement regarding the new regulations on parents entering school buildings

**IX. Adjourn**

- a. Motion to adjourn: Steve Stowe, Second: Jennifer Hu
  - i. All in favor
- b. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir

Date: December 15, 2021