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Community Education Council District 20

January Calendar Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Steve Stowe, Li Ping Jiang, Joyce Xie, Jennifer Hu, Jona Isufi, Elizabeth Chan, Ghada Amin, Maya

Rozenblat

Excused: Vito Labella, Kevin Zhao

I. Meeting Called to Order: Steve Stowe, President

a. Roll Call: Steve Stowe, President

b. Principal announcements: Principal Stanislaus welcomed the CEC and shared information about the school. Color guard and a student speech about anti-bullying was presented.

II. New Business

a. Presentation from The School Construction Authority

- External affairs officers for District 20, Steve Gonzalez, presented the missions of the Five Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2020 2024
- Goal is to design and construct safe, attractive and modern schools in a responsible and cost effective manner that achieves a high standard of excellence.
- The budget of \$20.1 billion is appropriate as such: \$8.75 billion in capacity, \$3.49 billion in mandated programs, and \$7.87 billion in capital investment.
- Projects include upgrades in infrastructure, accessibility, technology, and safety.
- Steve Gonzalez addressed questions from CEC members including the delay in projects, the status of constructing a new high school in District 20, and addressing issues within specific schools.

b. Report of Superintendent Dr. David Pretto

- Four students were presented an awarding certificate by Dr. David Pretto for their participation in Respect for all. Respect for all is an annual event that celebrates diversity and anti-bullying awareness where all schools in district 20 partake in an essay and poster contest.
- Update on the district wide initiative, Civic for All. Soapbox initiative, a public speaking
 forum where students identify an issue or topic that is important to them and design a
 solution to address the issue. Students then compete in a citywide competition. In the
 spring, District 20 will hold its own soapbox competition where all schools will partake.

c. President Steve Stowe

- Shared information regarding elections for the Community Education Councils and Citywide Councils.
- Presented the application process for the Gifted & Talented Program for Kindergarten.

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 Families add the G&T program to Kindergarten Myschools application, teachers evaluate students who have applied to G&T, teachers nominate students and seats are awarded in April.

d. Public speaking -

- One member from the public shared their concern of the increase of budget cuts and asked for the potential plan to address issues that may arise in the future. Another member from the public shared her thoughts about parent engagement. Another member representing Iwen Chu let CEC 20 know that she is available to help and meet with the council.
- **e. Ranking priority for School Construction Authority Request Form** Council discussed and ranked the projects being submitted to the School Construction Authority
 - a. Motion to vote: Jennifer Hu, Second: Jona Isufi Approve list of projects for submission to the SCA
 - i. Hu Yes
 - ii. Chan Yes
 - iii. Brugueras Yes
 - iv. Zhao Excused
 - v. Jiang Yes
 - vi. Xie Yes
 - vii. Rozenblatt Yes
 - viii. Amin Excused
 - ix. Isufi Yes
 - x. LaBella Excused
 - xi. Stowe Yes
- III. Old Business Approval of the December 2022 Calendar Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes unanimously approved

IV. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn- Elizabeth Chan, Second: Joyce Xie
 - I. All in favor
- b. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

The full meeting recording is available here: Youtube

The Complete written Transcript is available here: Transcript

Submitted by Kevin Vizhnay, Administrative Assistant