

<u>Council Members</u> Ghada Amin Jona Isufi Li Ping Jiang Maya Rozenblat-ELL REP Joyce Xie Kevin Zhao-BBP Appoint

Community Education Council District 20

February Calendar Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2023

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Steve Stowe, Li Ping Jiang, Joyce Xie, Jona Isufi, Elizabeth Chan, Maya Rozenblat, Vito Labella, Kevin Zhao

Excused: Marie Brugueras, Jennifer Hu

Unexcused: Ghada Amin

I. Meeting Called to Order: Steve Stowe, President

II. Roll Call: Steve Stowe, President

III. New Business

- a. Fair Student Funding Annual School Budget Engagement Presentation from Dr. David Pretto
 - Presenting the DOE's proposed Fair Student Funding budget allocation for fiscal year 2024
 - Review the DOEs' budget and allocation formula and review Fair Student Funding for 2023 2024.
 - Total budget for the 2022 2023 school year is \$37.6 billion (about \$30,000 per student).
 The city government contributes \$20 billion, the state government contributes \$13 billion, and the federal government contributes \$4 billion.
 - Forty percent of the budget is allocated to K 12 schools and instructions.
 - \$549 million budget across the 46 Pre-K 12 schools in District 20.
 - Chancellor Banks has accepted two recommendations made by The Fair Student Funding Working Group: new weight to support Students in Temporary Housing (STH) as students facing housing issues face more challenges. New concentration weight to support schools with high percentages of student need. Research shows that schools that serve higher concentrations of students with high needs (students with poverty and students with special needs) require additional resources to provide a robust education to students.
- Also accepted a recommendation to enhance the budget appeals process to ensure it is responsive to schools' special education staffing needs and to improve budget transparency around both the FSF formula and NYC Public Schools' budget as a whole.
- b. Presentation from Office of District Planning and Office of School Design
- Discussed planning process for new buildings, the issue of seat needs in District 20, rezoning process implemented to support educational access and learning conditions, and new elementary and middle school buildings opening in the 2024 2025 school year in District 20.

PresidentSteve StoweFirst Vice PresidentJennifer HuSecond Vice President/IEP Rep Elizabeth ChanRecording SecretaryVito LaBellaTreasurer/BBP AppointeeMarie Brugueras



- Reintroducing Imagine NYC Schools, a community-led initiative that seeks to design new school models and completely reimagine existing schools.
- In District 20, there is a deficit of approximately 1,906 elementary school seats.
- New capacity opening in 2024-2025 to address the seat need issue, two new elementary schools and two new middle schools (K053, K676, K322, K464).
- Rezoning is the process of changing existing school zone lines and creating new zones.
 CECs vote on rezoning proposals for the respective community school district. Necessary for improving educational access and learning conditions.
- Discussed hiring process for principal and support staff, funding process and allocation, and school naming process.

c. Report from Dr. David Pretto

- iReady Reading and Math progress is steadily improving.
- In Kindergarten literacy, students are improving in first sound fluency, phoneme segmentation fluency, and correct letter sound fluency.
- In 1st grade literacy, students are improving in correct letter sound fluency, whole words read fluency, oral reading words correctly, and oral reading accuracy.
- In 2nd grade literacy, students are improving with oral reading fluency.

d. Public speaking

- No questions or comments from the public.
- e. G&T Resolution Council discussed and voted on a resolution to request changes to the Gifted & Talented Admissions and Curriculum
- Motion to vote: Vito LaBella, Second: Jona Isufi Approve G&T Resolution
 - i. Hu Excused
 - ii. Chan Yes
 - iii. Brugueras Excused
 - iv. Zhao Yes
 - v. Jiang Yes
 - vi. Xie Yes
 - vii. Rozenblatt Yes
 - viii. Amin Unexcused
 - ix. Isufi Yes
 - x. LaBella Yes
 - xi. Stowe Yes



f. Lunar New Year Resolution - Council discussed and voted on a resolution to support State Assembly Bill A01275 naming the Lunar New Year as a state holiday.

- Motion to vote: Elizabeth Chan, Second: Joyce Xiei Approve Lunar New Year Resolution
 - i. Hu Yes
 - ii. Hu Excused
 - iii. Chan Yes
 - iv. Brugueras Excused
 - v. Zhao Yes
 - vi. Jiang Yes
 - vii. Xie Yes
 - viii. Rozenblatt Yes
 - ix. Amin Unexcused
 - x. Isufi Yes
 - xi. LaBella Yes
 - xii. Stowe Yes

IV. Old Business - Approval of the January 2023 Calendar Meeting Minutes and January 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes unanimously approved

V. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn Elizabeth Chan, Second: Vito LaBella
 - I. All in favor
- **b.** Meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM

The full meeting recording is available here: Youtube

The Complete written Transcript is available here: Transcript

Submitted by Kevin Vizhnay, Administrative Assistant