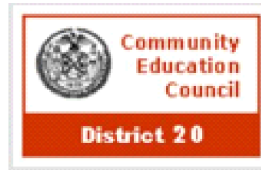


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## Community Education Council District 20

### July Calendar Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, July 13, 2022

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:00 pm

**Present:** Steve Stowe, Vito LaBella, Li Ping Jiang, Jennifer Hu, Elizabeth Chan, Jona Isufi, Joyce Xie

**Excused:** Ghada Amin, Marie Brugueras, Maya Rozenblat, Kevin Zhao

**Guests:** Dr. David Pretto, D20 Superintendent; FACE Representative, Diana Perez Miller;

Christina Bottego, Budget and Legislative Director for Council Member Alexa Aviles;

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

**a. Roll Call:** Vito LaBella, Recording Secretary

**II. Old Business**

**a. Approval of June Business & Calendar Meeting Minutes**

**i. Minutes unanimously approved**

**III. Christina Bottego, Budget and Legislative Director for Council Member Alexa Aviles; spoke about the status of the school budget negotiations going on between the City Council and the Mayor.**

**IV. Report of Superintendent**

**a. Dr. Pretto spoke about the "Summer Rising" program and acknowledged that there was considerably more demand than supply and parents have contacted his office to express their displeasure. He stated that he made "Central" aware of the situation.**

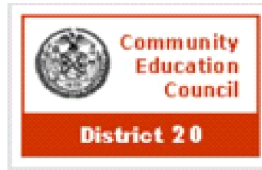
**b. Dr. Pretto spoke about some initiatives that will be starting in September. Two of those initiatives are "Civics for All" in partnership with the DOE including "Soapbox NYC" and Participatory Budgeting exercises.**

**c. Dr. Pretto discussed a Math, Science Olympiad program.**

**d. Dr. Pretto discussed his appointment and how new his role will change with the new Administration. District Teams are currently being reconfigured and expanded. Will likely be announced in August.**

**e. Dr. Pretto solicited questions from the council. Discussions on enrollment, accelerated programs and waitlists. He also answered questions on Summer Rising, waitlist for the summer program and busing during the summer. Question about the Middle and High School lotteries that left many top performing students failing to receive an acceptable Middle or High School offer. Dr. Pretto answered a question**

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about the ease of applying for different programs, ie: "User interface testing." He also answered another question about bussing for summer rising. Finally he answered a question about the "Class Size" bill and the possible negative ramifications to District 20 schools.

#### **V. Report of CEC President**

a. President Steve Stowe presented on the percentage of D20 kids who received their top choice for high schools and compared it to the city and to previous years. He then discussed the lottery numbers and how parents can properly understand them and where they place their child in the admissions queue. He also discussed the waitlist for high schools including schools that require auditions or supplementary admissions material. President Stowe said parents can contact the office of enrollment if they have any questions.

**VI.** There was an agreement to keep the Council Members' assignments of liaison schools as is and to waive any budget discussion.

#### **VII. Bylaws Discussion**

a. Jen Hu led a discussion on the new bylaws. The bylaws need to be amended and presented to the members and the public in two separate meetings. They are currently available for view and public comment on the CEC 20 Website. The goal is to approve the bylaws in August so we can use Hybrid meetings in September.

#### **VIII. CEC 20 #13 2022 Hybrid Meeting/Video Conference Resolution**

a. There was a discussion on the details of Hybrid Meetings and a segue to the public speaking portion for commentary on the resolution as well as any other issues.

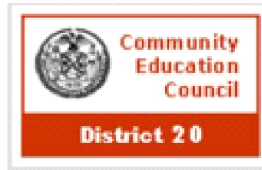
#### **IX. Public Speaking**

- a. No one signed up on the form
- b. There were no participants with hands raised

**X.** After it was determined that there were no public speakers a vote was taken to approve the above resolution. The results were as follows:

- 1. Steve Stowe- Yes 2. Jennifer Hu- Yes
  - 3. Elizabeth Chan- Yes 4. Vito LaBella- Yes 5. Marie Brugueras Excused 6. Ghada Amin- Excused
  - 7. Jona Isulfi- Excused 8. Li Ping Jiang- Yes 9. Maya Rozenblat- Excused 10. Joyce Xie- Yes
  - 11. Kevin Zhao- Excused
- b. Motion passes with 6 Yes; 0 No; 5 Excused

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## XI. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn: Steve Stowe, Second: Jennifer Hu
- b. All in favor
- c. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

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Submitted by Vito LaBella, Recording Secretary

Approved by Steve Stowe, President