



## **Community Education Council District 20**

### **August Calendar Meeting**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 9, 2023

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:00 PM

**Present:** Steve Stowe, Joyce Xie, Elizabeth Chan, Kevin Zhao, Wenming Chen, Yanqing Chen, Meifang Chen, Tamara Stern, John Ricottone, Maya Rozenblat

**Excused:**

**Unexcused:**

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

**II. Roll Call:** Joyce Xie, Recording Secretary

### **III. New Business**

#### **I. Public Speaking Session (General)**

- No participants signed up nor did any participant volunteer (virtually and in-person)

#### **II. Conversation between CEC 20 and Assemblyman Lester Chang**

- CEC 20 and Assemblyman Lester Chang spoke on current issues impacting District 20 including the Class Size Law, influx of migrant students, shortage of teachers and teacher hiring, the status of the School Construction Authority,

#### **III. Report from Deputy Superintendent Joseph O'Brian**

- The new interim acting principal for M.S. 936, Raquel Diaz introduced herself to the community and spoke on her commitments as the new acting principal.
- Deputy Superintendent Joseph O'Brian gave a report that included a review of the 2022 - 2023 District Priorities, district goals for the 2023 - 2024 school year, and an overview of the Respect for All Initiative.
- Review of 2022 - 2023 District Priorities: Throughout the past school year Superintendent Preto and his office prioritized community engagement by conducting listening tours, presenting at multiple CEC meetings, PTA visit meetings, and attended/presented at monthly presidents council meetings. In regards to District Planning and Development, established a rezoning committee to aid in zoning lines for the three new schools opening in Fall 2024, designed and expanded districtwide academically screened middle school opportunities, designed and enhanced district wide elementary gifted and talented program, expansion of dual language programs in elementary and middle school, expansion of D20 STEAM Initiative programs, and launch of Civics for All District Partnership. Integrated social-emotional learning. Reduce chronic absenteeism.
- District Goals for 2023 - 2024 School Year: Mirror Chancellor Banks priorities, all students learn to read well, are physically and emotionally safe, have high-quality academic experience, graduate college and career ready to have

economic security, all districts and schools are more inclusive and responsive to parents and families, and to reduce chronic absenteeism.

- Overview of Respect for All Initiative: All students deserve a safe, supportive school environment free of discrimination, harassment, intimidation and/or bullying, including sexual harassment. Went over the Chancellor's regulations, means to contact, rights when reporting incidents, and confidentiality.
- Deputy O'Brian gave insight into what to expect for the September report which will include SY 2022 - 2023 EOY District Data, NYS Assessments, IReady Reading and Math Grades, Acadience, and examining D20 Bullying and Suicide Ideation.

#### **IV. Council President Announcement**

- Liaison School Assignments: President Stowe shared the liaison school list. All CEC members are assigned a set of schools that they are responsible for in building and maintaining a relationship.
- Class Size Law: A proposal is going to be introduced to the DOE in September.

#### **V. Resolution 1 - Resolution To Support Students With Personal Information Compromised in the Recent Data Breach**

Motion to vote: Joyce Xie, Second: John Ricottone

- I. Stephen Stowe - Yes
- II. John Ricottone - Yes
- III. Elizabeth Chan - Yes
- IV. Joyce Xie - Yes
- V. Meifang Chen - Yes
- VI. Wenming Chen - Yes
- VII. Yanqing Chen - Yes
- VIII. Maya Rozenblat - Not Eligible
- IX. Tamara Stern - Abstained
- X. Kevin Zhao - Yes

#### **VI. Resolution 2 - Resolution to To Increase the CEC 20 Administrative Assistant's Compensation**

Motion to vote: John Ricottone, Second: Joyce Xie

- I. Stephen Stowe - Yes
- II. John Ricottone - Yes
- III. Elizabeth Chan - Yes
- IV. Joyce Xie - Yes
- V. Meifang Chen - Yes
- VI. Wenming Chen - Yes
- VII. Yanqing Chen - Yes
- VIII. Maya Rozenblat - Not Eligible
- IX. Tamara Stern - Yes
- X. Kevin Zhao - Yes

## **VII. CEC 20 Budget Approval**

The council approved the following plan for their 2023 - 2024 Budget -

 CEC20 Budget FY24.xlsx

Motion to vote: John Ricottone, Second: Wenming Chen

- I. Stephen Stowe - Yes
- II. John Ricottone - Yes
- III. Elizabeth Chan - Yes
- IV. Joyce Xie - Yes
- V. Meifang Chen - Yes
- VI. Wenming Chen - Yes
- VII. Yanqing Chen - Yes
- VIII. Maya Rozenblat - Not Eligible
- IX. Tamara Stern - Yes
- X. Kevin Zhao - Not Present

## **VIII. Motion to table the election of CEC 20 treasurer to the next calendar meeting**

Motion to vote: Joyce Xie, Second: Tamara Stern

- I. Stephen Stowe - Yes
- II. John Ricottone - Yes
- III. Elizabeth Chan - Yes
- IV. Joyce Xie - Yes
- V. Meifang Chen - Yes
- VI. Wenming Chen - Yes
- VII. Yanqing Chen - Yes
- VIII. Maya Rozenblat - Not Eligible
- IX. Tamara Stern - Yes
- X. Kevin Zhao - Not Present

## **IX. Motion to approve meeting dates for School Year 2023 - 2024**

Motion to vote: John Ricottone, Second: Joyce Xie

- I. Stephen Stowe - Yes
- II. John Ricottone - Yes
- III. Elizabeth Chan - Yes
- IV. Joyce Xie - Yes
- V. Meifang Chen - Yes
- VI. Wenming Chen - Yes
- VII. Yanqing Chen - Yes
- VIII. Maya Rozenblat - Not Eligible
- IX. Tamara Stern - Yes
- X. Kevin Zhao - Not Present

## **XI. Public Speaking Session**

Members from the public spoke on the lack of staffing issues in regards to occupational and physical therapists due to lack of contracts. This will cause some students to go without the required assistance. Also, the district has 6 schools without parent coordinators and should be addressed. Members also spoke on the benefits of the programs discussed by Deputy O'Brian but questioned the means to budget these programs.

## **XII. Old Business - Approval of the July 2023 Calendar and Annual Meeting Minutes**

Both minutes unanimously approved

## **XIII. Adjourn**

a. Motion to adjourn - Elizabeth Chan, Second: Joyce Xie

I. All in favor

b. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

The full meeting recording is available here: [YouTube](#)

The Complete written Transcript is available here: [Transcript](#)

Submitted by Kevin Vizhnay, Administrative Assistant