



Community Education Council District 20

May Calendar Meeting

Date: 6/11/25

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM

Present: Steve Stowe, Yanqing Chen, Meifang Chen, John Ricottone, Wenming Chen, Elizabeth Chan, Tamara Stern, Sabrina Mcnamara, Alina Lewis, Kevin Zhao, Fabiola Mendieta-Cuapio

Excused:

Unexcused: Ryan Li, Maya Rozenblat

I. Meeting Called to Order: Dr. Alina Lewis, Council Member

II. Roll Call: Kevin Zhao, Recording Secretary

III. New Business

a. Public Speaking Session

A representative from Michael Tannousis introduced themselves and provided upcoming community events (past) to celebrate a community leader and discussed parental concerns including concerns over students' quality of life. A parent spoke on the need for advocacy changing the priority process for Summer Rising enrollment for disabled students.

b. Report of Superintendent

Dr. Pretto began with a presentation regarding Contract for Excellence (C4E) for FY2026. C4E is increasing by \$286 million from \$802 million to \$1.089 billion in FY 2026. This comprises \$241 million of new funding to be used for the class size mandate in FY 2026 and \$45 million of existing funding that will be phased in as C4E from last year's class size allocation and will continue to be used for class size. Proposed Allocation of \$1.089 billion in FY2026. Discretionary - \$487 million. These funds are allocated to schools and may be used for any eligible C4E purpose at the discretion of the school. Principals will work with their School Leadership Teams (SLTs) to plan the use of this funding for SY2025-26 in alignment with eligible uses on the previous slide. They may choose to change the use of the funding from SY 2024-25 or to maintain existing staffing positions or programs that were funded in SY 2024-25. Targeted & Maintenance of Effort - \$602 million. District 20 will receive \$65,297,063, a majority of which, 48.55%, will be discretionary fundings for school. 19.22% will be used for the new C4E Class Size Law, 21.05% to Fair Student Funding, 4.59% to Integrated Co-Teaching Classrooms, 3.49% Phase-in for Class Size, 2.2% for Summer Programming, and .20% for Full Day Pre-K. Council members discussed the presentation with Dr. Pretto regarding the implications of Class Size Law in District 20, where feedback goes and how it is accounted for, how funds are allocated, preparations for Class Size Law, how federal regulations will impact funding, and more. Dr. Pretto also

discussed End of Year 2024 - 2025 iReady Reading placement scores. 56% of students are reading at grade level, an improvement from 2023-24, where 53% were on their grades reading level. Similarly, in iReady Math, 60% of students were at grade level for math, compared to last year 58%. Dr. Pretto also shared feedback results from an HMH Parent Survey, 4,584 parents responded. 78.6% of parents were satisfied, 18.6% of parents believe the program needs improvements. Provided an overview of the D20 Teacher Literacy Planning Collaborative Retreat from April - May 2025. Finally, Dr. Pretto, Lauren Tacconi, Russell Lieberman, and Sheldon Dempster, presented on D20 Priority 2 2024-2025 Goals - Physical and Emotional Safety including action plan for SY 2025-2026.

c. Public Speaking Session

Community members spoke of their dissatisfaction of the handling of the issues at P.S. 176. Parents feel that the school and DOE have not properly addressed the issues and need better communication. Dr. Pretto engaged in conversation with the public and council members providing a brief update.

d. Council President Announcement

President Stephen Stowe was presented an award from the Presidents Council for his tenure as CEC 20 President.

IV. Old Business - Approval of the May 2025 Calendar Minutes

Calendar Meeting Minutes Approved

V. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn - Stephen Stowe, Second: Kevin Zhao

I. All in favor

b. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

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

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

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