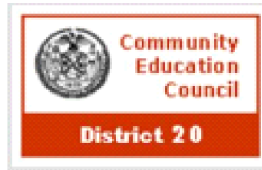


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Community Education Council District 20

September Calendar Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Meeting Start Time: 6:00 pm

Present: Steve Stowe, Elizabeth Chan, Marie Brugueras, Ghada Amin, Li Ping Jiang, Maya Rozenblat, Joyce Xie, Kevin Zhao, Jennifer Hu

Excused: Vito LaBella, Jona Isufi

Guests: City Councilmember Alexa Aviles, Donovan Swanson - Borough President Office, Sergey Chuprik - Comptroller Office, Susan Zhuang - office of State Assemblyman William Colton; District 20 Superintendent Dr. David Pretto, Deputy Superintendent Dr. Joseph O'Brien, Family Leadership Coordinator Bill Chin, Family Support Coordinator Sylwia Jasinski, UFT Representative Ariel Arroyo, CSA Representative Jaynemie Capetenakis,

I. Meeting Called to Order: Steve Stowe, President

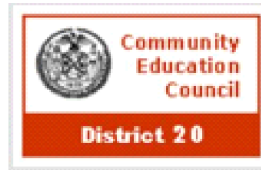
a. Roll Call: Steve Stowe, President

II. New Business

- a. Report of Superintendent Dr. David Pretto** - discussed his priorities for the upcoming year including; Dr Pretto recently held a meeting with the NYPD precincts covering District 20; any incidents should be reported to 911 for criminal activity or 311 for complaints; harassment is a crime; if submitted online, can include pictures; hate crimes are low using CompStat data but suspected many incidents go unreported; every precinct has a Neighborhood Community Officer and a Youth Community Officer; the District expects to have a website online in the near term;
- b. Councilmember Alexa Aviles** - despite City Council resolution asking for reinstatement of \$469 million in funding reductions, the Mayor has not responded; the court appeal will begin at the end of the month; deeply disturbed about the resolution calling for the reinstatement of academic screens which are discriminatory; all children should get quality education; urges the Council to vote no on the resolution and look more deeply into the data;
- c. President Steve Stowe** - commented on the Career Readiness and Modern Youth Apprenticeship program announced this week by Mayor; shared data showing District 20's very low placement rate in middle and high school admissions under the lottery-based system;
- d. By laws** - Introduced a proposed by-law reform to eliminate a line requiring the CEC to hold meetings in schools accessible to disabled. The change would better align with the rest of the by-laws, state law and allow the Council to utilize all District facilities.
- e. Public speaking** -

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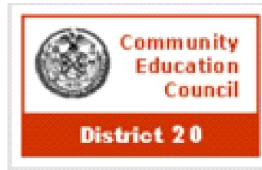
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- a. Maria Garcia - believes the District changed the admissions policies at MS 936 without being aware of the issues impacting the community
 - b. Susan Zhuang - AM Colton working to restore funding to school budgets; Colton's office offering free workshops to improve reading and writing
 - c. Michelle Magnuss - lowering standards does not provide equity; support for all kids; would like more info on proposed programs, for example the STEM initiative;
 - d. Donovan Swanson - education policy analyst from BP Reynoso's Office. Will be trying to attend CEC meetings regularly. Also connecting with Superintendent Pretto. BP priorities include equity, civic engagement, literacy and restorative justice.
 - e. Yiatin Chu - supports reinstating screens in middle and high school admissions
 - f. Al Suhu - supports resolution on reinstating screens
 - g. Vincent Lu - noted the lower placement rates for Asian students under the current system in stating support for merit-based admissions
 - h. Yesmenia Placencia - opposes screens as many families will not have the resources or time to do things like pay private tutoring for kids to prepare for the tests
 - i. Effi Zachery - screening helps run programs more efficiently and ensures students are matched to their correct learning level
 - j. Yifang Chen - families may consider leaving the system if the lottery is renewed
- f. Resolutions** - Council discussed and voted on 2 resolutions
- a. Vote on COVID-19 Mandate Resolution
 - i. Stowe - Yes
 - ii. Hu - No
 - iii. Chan - Yes
 - iv. Brugueras - Yes
 - v. Zhao - Yes
 - vi. Jiang - Yes
 - vii. Xie - Yes
 - viii. Rozenblatt - Yes
 - ix. Amin - Yes
 - b. Vote on Middle and High School Admission Reforms
 - i. Stowe - Yes

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- ix. Amin - Yes

III. Adjourn

a. Motion to adjourn-Steve Stowe, Second: Jennifer Hu

1. All in favor

b. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

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Submitted by Steve Stowe, President