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**Community Education Council District 20
November Business Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2020

Meeting ID: <https://nycdoe.zoom.us/j/82988904137?pwd=Q2ZBYIRKMHBTa2JrWG5laWw3THFMQT09>

Meeting Start Time: 6:05 PM

Present: Adele Doyle, Vito LaBella, Alan Aja, Mauricia Cadillo, Yi Fang Chen, Simeon Stolzberg, Alice Licato, Inga Smolyar, Dina Guirguis,

Excused: Robert Aguilar

Guests: Alora Bailey, FACE Representative; Dr. Joseph O'Brien, Interim Acting Superintendent; Sylwia Jasinski, Family Support Coordinator; William Chin, Family Leadership Coordinator; Janine Faustner, President of Presidents' Council

I. Meeting called to Order: Dina Guirguis, First Vice-President

Roll Call: Alice Licato

II. Executive Session (00:00:20)

a. Council members discussed their preferred candidates for the open seat

III. Old Business (00:07:47)

- a. Approval of October Business Meeting Minutes
- i. Minutes unanimously approved

IV. Report of Council First Vice President (00:07:43)

- a. Report will be postponed to the Calendar Meeting to conserve time

V. New Business (00:08:33)

- a. Discussion on purchasing care packages for students in temporary housing
- i. The Borough Appointees received information about a company creating care packages, the CEC was also emailed
 - ii. Information on the number of D20 students living in temporary housing was requested, but not received
 - iii. FACE was asked if there was a way to ensure that packages would be delivered to students in D20, but the council received no response
 1. According to Alora Bailey, the person contacted was out
 - iv. Discussion on how to donate the council's money will be tabled to next month

VI. Adjourn

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

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Guests: Alora Bailey, FACE Representative; Dr. Joseph O'Brien, Interim Acting Superintendent; Sylwia Jasinski, Family Support Coordinator; William Chin, Family Leadership Coordinator; Janine Faustner, President of Presidents' Council; Marielena Ciprianosantiago, Principal of J.H.S. 62; Feiga Mandel, Principal of P.S. 205; Javier Muniz, Principal of P.S. 200; Josephine Sportella, Principal of P.S. 682

- I. Meeting called to Order (00:19:10):** Dina Guirguis, First Vice-President
Roll Call: Alice Licato

- II. Old Business (00:25:20)**
 - a. Approval of October Calendar meeting Minutes
 - i. Minutes unanimously approved

- III. New Business**
 - a. Officer Election- Council President (00:26:05)
 - i. Simeon Stolzberg nominated himself
 - ii. Roll call vote: Dina Guirguis- Yes; Robert Aguilar- Excused; Alice Licato- Yes; Inga Smolyar- No, Alan Aja- Yes; Mauricia Cadillo- Abstain; Yi Fang Chen- Abstain; Adele Doyle- No, Vito LaBella- Abstain; Simeon Stolzberg- Yes
 - iii. Simeon Stolzberg is not elected as president with 4 votes (6 votes, or quorum, is needed)
 - b. Candidate vote (00:28:45)
 - i. Roll call vote: Dina Guirguis- Steve Stowe; Robert Aguilar- Excused; Alice Licato- Tamara Stern; Inga Smolyar- Steve Stowe, Alan Aja- Tamara Stern; Mauricia Cadillo- Steve Stowe; Yi Fang Chen- Steve Stowe; Adele Doyle- Steve Stowe, Vito LaBella- Steve Stowe; Simeon Stolzberg- Steve Stowe
 - ii. Stephen Stowe has been elected to the Council with 7 votes (6 votes, or quorum, is needed)

- IV. Report of Community Interim Acting Superintendent (00:31:07)**
 - a. Dr. O'Brien gave an update on schools closing and reopening; issues with getting devices out to the students; principals have been writing grants to get devices; will work on issues presented at the October Equity Team Meeting; highlighted what some schools are doing with the students
 - b. Principal Marielena Ciprianosantiago from J.H.S. 62 discussed their smooth transition to fully remote learning, the school's Positive Behavior Intervention Support program, the new PTA President the grant where they will give coats to students in need, The school is well staffed and can support the social and emotional need of the blended and remote students (00:34:28)
 - c. New Principal Colby Muscarelle from P.S./I.S. 192 discussed that the school is in the red one and has been closed since October 6th, staff has been working hard on remote instruction and reaching out to

students who have not been logging in, staff developed a virtual teacher's lounge to share ideas and strategies, Pre-K – 8th grade Halloween Campfire story, working on a new initiative for virtual bulletin boards, parent outreach team (00:37:27)

d. Questions from council members (00:42:30)

- i. Adele Doyle asked how and when the district will begin to assess the long term effects of remote learning (00:42:33)
- ii. Alan Aja asked if the district is prepared for another transition to remote learning if we reach 3% and schools have to close (00:45:50)
- iii. Adele Doyle asked how is the district assessing what the students are learning (00:48:56)
- iv. Alice Licato asked how Title 1 funds are working, being distributed, how are schools handling the Title 1 Committees, how are efforts being coordinated (00:53:05)
- v. Adele Doyle asked if there is a mental health expert that the CEC can hear from about the impact to the families (00:59:43)
- vi. Alan Aja asked if there would be a public forum for the parents to hear from the superintendent candidates (01:01:31)

V. Update about storage and YouTube (01:03:20)

- a. The Google Drive is almost out of space to store the meeting recordings
- b. AA Natalia Mondesir saw that CECs 2 and 25 have their meetings posted to YouTube and posted the July Annual and Calendar meetings
- c. The AA will be uploading the FY2020-2021 meeting recordings

VI. Comments from PTA/PTO Presidents (01:06:35)

- a. Janine Faustner, the Presidents' Council President, discussed that 4 schools still do not have PTAs, but are in the process of getting them running, Presidents' Council will hold their elections on December 11th (01:06:45)
- b. Michael Loeb asked Dr. O'Brien what kind of support have the teachers been getting for remote learning (01:08:43)
- c. Paulette Healy asked what the district is doing to make sure that iPads are getting to the students that have been waiting months for devices, are there instructions to navigate Google Classroom, when is the district getting a Title 1 Representative (01:15:04)
 - i. Adele Doyle asked if surveys are being sent to the schools about the percentage of students who have trouble with their internet (01:22:37)

VII. Public speaking (01:06:35)

- a. Stephen Stowe agrees with a lot of what was said during the meeting and is looking forward to working on the council (01:28:30)

V. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn: Alice Licato, Seconded: Vito LaBella
- b. Adjourned at 8:13 PM

Submitted: Natalia Mondesir
November 24, 2020

