

MINUTES – CEC 16 ANNUAL, CALENDAR & BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: August 8, 2018

TIME: 6:30PM

PLACE: District 16 Family Resource Center (16K057)

ATTENDANCE-----ROLL CALL

Present- NeQuan McLean, *President*, Victor Iroh, *Vice President*, Ralph Yozzo, *Borough President Appointee*, Felicia Alexander, *Council Member*, Marta Torres, *Council Member*, Rahesha Amon-Harrison, *D16 Superintendent*

Late: None

Absent: Natasha Seaton, *Council Member*, Gwendolyn Moore, *Council Member*, Tonya Channell, *Treasurer*, Tanya St. Julien, *Recording Secretary/B. P. Appointee* Barnabas Shakur, *Council Member*

CEC 16 Calendar meeting was called to order at 6:41 P.M. by President NeQuan Mclean

- Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy (BELA) was on the agenda to present but they requested more time and will be placed on a future agenda.
- Superintendent Amon gave her report
 1. Summer in the city is wrapping up. The programs included STEM and the arts. These programs are available during every long break during the year.
 2. There are two interim acting principals in place now. Alex Brunner will be at Brooklyn Brownstone and Jeremy Daniels will be at Brighter Choice Community School. The C-30 process will be forthcoming.
 3. The district office has been meeting with school leaders and reviewing their CEP's.
 4. The district is still waiting for the testing data and expects them by the end of August. Parents can find out their children's scores via their accounts online.
 5. A list of district events for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year was shared.
- Questions and Answers opened at 6:46 P.M.

1. CEC Member – Who can attend the Principal, Parent Leader and PC joint meeting on October 12? The meeting came out of the DLT and is open to PTA and SLT members along with principals and PC's.
 2. CEC member- How do we get our school account information to see our children's scores? Parents can get their school account information off the DOE website and no longer need school assistance. Mrs. Brogdon-Cruz can help parents if needed.
 3. Audience member- What is the parent empowerment conference? It's a chance for families to come together and for parents to be pampered. There are workshops and information disseminated. This year PTA's have the chance to participate in this year's planning.
 4. Audience member- Has the C-30 process began for the principal at Brighter Choice yet? The process cannot be started until the job can be posted which is after August 24th Mrs. McIntosh last day.
- CEC member Tonya Channell joined the meeting at 6:52 P.M.
 - More questions and answers
 1. Audience member- Does the oratory contest go from 3K to 12th grade? The district does not sponsor the event. It is sponsored by the Adelaide Sanford organization. It has participants from third grade to high school. Pre-K and Kindergarten have a chance to participate but are not featured in the main event.
 - Calendar Meeting was closed by President NeQuan Mclean at 6:54 P.M.
 - An audience member from the American Debate League addressed the council unaware that the comment portion of the meeting had passed. He is the Brooklyn, and Manhattan coordinator for the American debate league and they are looking to establish a district 16 team. They teach debate and public speaking skills. It can start with as few as three schools

CEC 16 Business Meeting was called to order at 6:58 P.M. by President NeQuan Mclean

- Presidents Report

1. President Mclean sits on the planning committee for CEC elections. The new term will start July 2019. Late December/ early January ads for the elections will be out. He would like to host at least two events for people to interact with the CEC and learn what we do and what it entails.
2. President Mclean is on the committee to select the nine supervising superintendents. This is the first-time parent leaders are being represented on a committee of this type.
3. President Mclean sits on the Mayors diversity taskforce. They will be going on a retreat September 8 to work on their recommendations. They will deliver these recommendations by January.
4. A new Deputy Chancellor has been hired and she is from San Francisco.
5. The DOE has a new website. President Mclean asked that comments be made on the site about our experiences using the site to give the DOE feedback.

- Questions and Answers opened at 7:12 P.M.

1. CEC member- There is concern that the new deputy chancellor is from San Francisco and not New York. Were there no qualified people in NYC that could have been awarded this position? It is believed that change is good, she has no ties here and can do the job without prejudice. She is highly qualified and seems to be a good fit.
2. Audience member- Expressed concerns that the recommendations from the mayor's diversity taskforce aren't binding? It is believed that the recommendations while may not be followed exactly as given will be heavily

considered being that the mayor created this group and it has over 50 members from highly regarded organizations. It would not be in his best interest to dismiss them and the public pressure would not paint him in a good light.

3. Audience member- Are there any priorities for this district that would affect our children? What is the focus? How integral is integration in the planning? These concerns can be sent to the committee to be included in their assessments of what is needed in this district.
4. Audience member- Only three high schools must still test to get in what about the other five? These concerns will be relayed to the committee.
5. CEC member- Do we as a CEC have a position regarding the specialized high school test? It was acknowledged that education isn't equitable and that we can have a committee set up to address this.
6. Audience member- Concerned was expressed about outsiders coming in and running NYC public schools (Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor)
The new chancellor has streamlined some offices and while there are two new people many of the previous people are still in their positions. The revamped DOE is not operating in silos and as separate entities anymore. Sometimes change can be what's best.

Our next meeting will be September 12th at the district office at 6:30 P.M.

Motion made to go into executive session at 7:39 P.M. by NeQuan and seconded by Tonya

Roll Call- NeQuan Mclean, Tonya Channell, Felicia Alexander, Marta Torres, Victor Iroh, Ralph Yozzo, Barnabas Shakurwa

There was no further business to be discussed. Business meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by Felicia Alexander in absence of Tanya St. Julien, Recording Secretary

Signed & Approved by

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