

# MINUTES – CEC 16 ANNUAL, CALENDAR & BUSINESS MEETING

DATE: November 12, 2018

TIME: 6:30PM

PLACE: District 16 Family Resource Center (16K057)

## ATTENDANCE-----ROLL CALL

**Present-** NeQuan McLean, *President*, Victor Iroh, *Vice President*, Marta Torres, *Council Member*, Tonya Channell, *Treasurer*, Ralph Yozzo, *Borough President Appointee*, Tanya St. Julien, *Recording Secretary/B. P. Appointee*, Rahesha Amon-Harrison, *D16 Superintendent*

**Late:** NONE

**Absent:** Natasha Seaton, *Council Member*, Gwendolyn Moore, *Council Member*, Barnabas Shakur, *Council Member*

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### CEC 16 Business meeting was called to order at 6:40 P.M. by President NeQuan McLean

I. Specialized High School Enrollment Proposal - an effort to make SH admission more accessible.

A. Goals:

1. Consider more than a single exam - NY is the only city in the country that uses only one measure
2. Maintain academic rigor
3. Increase diversity
4. Bringing back the discovery program to 20% seats at each school

B. Over three years phase out SHSAT and give top 7% of each high school a seat

1. Data shows that there is no difference in proficiency between those who currently get in through SHSAT and those in the top 7% in middle school

C. This effort is just happening to address the issue of test. This is not the silver bullet for the lack of equity in education for all kids. There is work happening outside of this proposal

II. Enrollment in district 16

. Where is the data on middle school G&T programs?

A. Enrollment representatives do not have information and say that G&T is a school-based decision that is not monitored by central teams

B. How recent is the income data? Who is included?

C. Why is the admin power of the mayor and chancellor not being used to advance changes in the 5 schools not held under the law?

D. What is the DOE and mayor doing to retain students and create culturally responsive curricula and agendas for all schools?

1. Lashaun Robinson leading this work
2. School Diversity Advisory Group making recs on this

E. Has budget (including budget and people capacity) been spent on this proposal, in light of the fact that most students will not be affected by these changes?

1. This is getting a lot of resource because of what it signals, but this is part of a number of initiatives

F. What opportunities are being considered in schools to support Black males? That can be worked on now? What is the plan for the whole child? What is the plan for the professional development training to inform all school culture?

G. That there is nothing that can be done to address the 5 schools is a notion that community member rejects. She believes that those in power are making a choice.

H. How can we ensure that this isn't hot air?

1. They believe this is not hot air

I. Which legislators are you working with?

1. Assembly member Baron and Senator Parker

J. Who is accountable to the success or failure of this proposal?

K. Why are people who are not decision makers, who can't speak to most of the work, making this presentation? It feels disrespectful because we are unable to engage in true dialogue. Why are we not being engaged by the influencers?

L. We will email and request Josh Wallack

M. We sent request for information on October 16th. Presenter shared that Ms. Kleinhander had a parent teacher conference and the presenters admitted to seeing the agenda this afternoon.

### III. Contracts for Excellence

. All info in the deck

A. Public Comment:

1. Of \$531 million (348 distributed to all schools), what is the total amount allocated to d16?

2. What is the relative rate of distribution to all schools?

a. Unclear, taking that question back

3. Why is no money allocated to d16 to teacher and principal quality initiatives

. Schools that receive Title1 funding can pool their money into one pot and allocate money where they want to, so the framework used by the presenter does not capture the ways that d16 principals are allocating funding.

4. If d16 schools are largely under-enrolled, why is so much money being allocated to class size reduction?

. Unclear, taking that question back

5. We are not getting what we need. D16 is owed millions of dollars

6. Why do the numbers not tally up to 100%

. Taking that question back

7. Why aren't we getting presentations from people that have answers that will empower us to do what we need to advance our students' needs

B. Send email to Karen Watts [kwatts@nyc.gov](mailto:kwatts@nyc.gov)

### IV. Superintendent's Report

. Diversity work being led by Ron Fergus

1. Rates of special education referrals

. RTIs in place to support them

A. Deputy Chancellor Hydra Mendoza attending 11.16 collaborative working session for CEC members, Principals, PTA Officers, SLT Members, and parent coordinators 4-6.

B. Where can we get SLT training dates?

### V. White Law Reed/ MS 57 name change

### VI. Brooklyn Movement - Black member based organization

. Would like folks to complete a survey (1000 people) blkcnensus/bymc to lift Black political power

There was no further business to be discussed. Business meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

*Submitted by Tanya St. Julien, Recording Secretary*

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