

MINUTES
Community District Education Council 30
Business Meeting
September 18, 2017

The September Business Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 was held on Monday, September 18, 2017, in the Auditorium of I.S 126 located at 31-51 21st Street, Long Island City, NY 11106.

Ms. Alexander, Co-President, called the Business Meeting to order at 8:03PM.

Roll Call

Adriana Lynch, Secretary, conducted roll call for the Calendar Meeting.

Present:

Deborah Alexander
Robert Cruz
Ka-Trina Harris
Adriana Lynch
Amina Maiza
Nuala O'Doherty
Sabina Omerhodzic (arrived 6:55pm)
Myrna Palacios (arrived 6:55pm)
Amie Ravitz
Diane Walcott

Absent and Excused:

Valarie Lamour (ill)

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Diana Walcott made a motion to dispense with the reading of the August 14, 2017 Calendar and Business meetings minutes and accept them as presented. Adriana Lynch seconded. A show of hands vote was conducted. All in favor.

Response to Capital Plan

Ms. Alexander gave an overview of the Capital Project Request process. Ms. Ravitz stated that there was a study linking school performance and facilities.

Dr. Composto reported that that Assemblywoman Nolan gave P.S./I.S. 111 one million dollars to upgrade electrical system, put an air conditioner in every classroom and upgrade the cafeteria.

Liaison Assignments

Final Liaison assignments were reviewed.

Committees

Committee assignments were reviewed. A strong zoning committee is needed.

Ms. Alexander, Ms. Lynch and Ms. Harris will work on spotlighting a school each month.

CDEC Priorities

Council members will review the letter from CEC16 and consider priorities for District 30.

New Business

P.S./I.S. 111 is a Receivership school. Public hearing is September 19th. Short notice to CEC

members.

Ms. Harris asked about I.S. 126 losing students. Dr. Composto reported that city-wide, the number is dropping.

Ms. Omerhodzic asked about schools rolling over money. Dr. Composto explained that rolling over money will not impact the next year's budget. Money is allocated per capita.

Ms. Palacios asked if schools can accept political donations. Dr. Composto explained that schools must be cautious but donations are permissible. Ms. Walcott encouraged parents to ask all politicians for money.

Ms. O'Doherty reported that P.S. 149 parents are happy that students have physical education twice a week, the library is open with a librarian and most students have recess once a day. Ms. O'Doherty expressed concern about the loss of Title 1 funds and free lunch for everyone. Members suggested changing the name of free lunch forms. Ms. O'Doherty requested permission to write to the mayor suggesting that he work with middle schools to bring NYC ID to our middle schools because 14 year olds can get IDs. Ms. Ravitz pointed out that many are fearful of sharing personal information. Dr. Composto explained that there are similar concerns from parents about opening bank accounts for students. Parents need to be assured that they are not collecting social security numbers or other personal information.

Adjournment

There being no further business Ms. Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Ravitz seconded. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Adriana Lynch
Secretary