

MINUTES
Community District Education Council 30
Virtual Business Meeting
April 6, 2021

The April Virtual Business Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 was held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, via the Zoom platform.

Deborah Alexander, Co-President, called the Business Meeting to order at 9:13 PM.

Roll Call

Shannon Lee, Secretary, conducted roll call for the Business Meeting.

Present:

Deborah Alexander
Roberto Cruz
Jonathan Greenberg
Ka-Trina Harris
Fatima Lakrafl
Shannon Lee
Amina Maiza
Dani Marr
Chuck Park
Scott Sharinn
Preeti Minhas

Absent:

Nuala O'Doherty (Unexcused)

Ms. Preeti Minhas, Student Member, spoke about how wonderful it is to see parents advocating for their children.

Reading and Approval of Minutes

Robert Cruz made a motion to dispense with the reading of the March 9, 2021 Calendar and Business Meetings minutes and accept them as presented. Amina Maiza seconded the motion. A show of hands vote was conducted. All in favor.

Ms. Alexander thanked the Council for the support of the photography project. A tent was purchased and she applied for permits at 2 parks.

Zoning next steps:

There were about 25 speakers out of more than 100 attendees.

Dr. Composto asked that the Council make decisions and move forward. Everyone needs to work together to come up with a plan.

The walk around LIC with District Planning allowed DP to see the number of new high-rise buildings being constructed. The principals are on board with the zoning.

Enrollment numbers for September are unknown because of covid, which may complicate things.

Dr. Composto has spoken with the Principal of PS/IS 111 about adding programs such as STEM, Spanish Dual Language, Mandarin, etc.

Ms. Alexander discussed truncating PS/IS 111 and putting in desirable programs, and creating a diversity in comprehensive admission plan.

Mr. Greenberg stated this would not be easy. Hire a consultant.

Ms. Harris stated the Council needs to speak to the PS/IS 111 community.

The Council will start the engagement and continue until all communities are heard.

Ms. Harris will encourage parents in her community to attend the zoning meetings and have their voices heard.

Dr. Composto said that Council would hear from all communities and listen to everyone. The community wants plans. Present the plans to the community and then ask what they think.

Ms. Alexander said PS 384 was promised a zone. The zoning of PS 384 was already delayed a year. It is not right to ask them to wait another year.

Ms. Marr suggested we start with PS/IS 111 and then continue. Mr. Cruz suggested that a second community also be planned now.

Ms. Alexander suggested the committee meet with SLT, PTA, and community members and fill the May calendar with meetings.

There will be zoning committee meetings on April 22, 2021, and April 27, 2021.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Amina Maiza made a motion to adjourn. Fatima Lakrafli seconded. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lee

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Secretary

The recording of this meeting is available on the Council's website cec30.org