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Community District Education Council 30
Calendar Meeting
January 8, 2018

The January Calendar Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 was held on Monday, January 8, 2018, in the Cafeteria of The Baccalaureate School for Global Education located at 34-12 36th Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11106.

Spotlight School

Ms. Lamour introduced Lisa Hidalgo, Principal of P.S. 280 who discussed Math instruction in Elementary School.

Ms. Valarie Lamour, Co-President, called the Calendar Meeting to order at 6:59 PM.

Roll Call

Robert Cruz, Secretary, conducted roll call for the Calendar Meeting.

Present:

Deborah Alexander
Robert Cruz
Valarie Lamour
Amina Maiza
Nuala O'Doherty
Myrna Palacios
Amie Ravitz
Diane Walcott
Marwa Rahmani (Student Member)

Absent and Excused:

Ka-Trina Harris (Illness)
Sabina Omerhodzic (Work)

Presentation: NYC Kids RISE, Debra-Ellen Glickstein, Executive Director

District 30 Kindergarten students are participating in a College Savings Accounts program in partnership with NYC Kids RISE, a non-profit organization working to expand economic opportunity and equity by providing families, schools, and communities with a way to work together to save for their children's education

Presentation: School Construction Authority 5 Year Capital Plan Presentation, Michael Mirisola, External Affairs Director and Danielle Schaaff, Project Support Manager

Every year, the Capital Plan is amended. Mr. Mirisola reviewed the Capital Plan Amendment. The plan funds 4,456 in District 30 but 1,519 seats are still needed. Parent from PS/IS 300 spoke in support of one building and suggested possible location to be the P.S. 151 playground and the Sports Authority on Northern Boulevard.

Mr. Mirisola explained the Mayor's plan that every classroom have air conditioning by 2022.

Ms. Lamour made a motion to take a short break. Ms. O'Doherty seconded. All in favor. The break started at 8:10pm.

Ms. Lamour called the meeting to order at 8:33pm.

Pledge was recited.

Public Agenda and Speaking Time

Rachel Ford has a child in the ASD NEST Program at P.S. 76 and would like District 30 to have a Middle School NEST program. She has an online petition with 500+ signatures. She requested that the superintendent tell District planning to open a middle school NEST program.

Jennifer Choi, an SLT member at P.S. 300 stated that bussing for children in the middle school NEST program in District 25 is not acceptable. They should attend school in their neighborhood.

Dr. Philip A. Composto, Community Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent's report follows the minutes.

Ms. O'Doherty asked if double math periods is a requirement. Dr. Composto said that it is not mandated by NYS but many District 30 schools have it. Ms. Alexander stated that dual language classes are supposed to be a support for ELL students. The classes begin with 50% English speaking students and 50% ELL students. Over time, the percentages change because ELL students leave the classes.

Adjournment

There being no further business Amie Ravitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. O'Doherty seconded. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Cruz
Secretary

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In support of the Framework for Great Schools under Supportive Environment

Dr. Philip A. Composto - Happy New Year!

- **Progressive Education in District 30**

All District 30 schools participate in Progressive Education. Progressive Education is learning by doing, hands-on projects, group work, cooperative learning, problem solving and critical thinking. There is integration of community service and service learning projects into the curriculum. Students understand the goals of learning as opposed to rote knowledge. Lifelong learning and social skills are embedded throughout lessons. There is a de-emphasis on the use of textbooks and an emphasis on problem-based learning through the use of technology and primary source documents.

Classrooms are more student directed and collaborative. Instruction is led by questions and inquiry generated by students. Teachers are the facilitators, who guide learning rather than the disseminators of information. Students are active participants with rigorous tasks and learning is fun. Assessment comes in different forms, such as self, peer, and teacher.

Below are some of the ways District 30 schools are involved in Progressive Education:

Schools have a Vision and Mission - decisions are made from the mission.

Curriculum goes deeper

Community Involvement

- Outside partnerships are encouraged
- Parents are involved within the school and encouraged to be guest speakers

Project Based Learning

Schoolwide Enrichment Model

- Enrichment clubs

Collaborative Professional Learning Communities

Hands-On Experiences: real world application

- science labs, math – open ended tasks

Technology

- Robotics
- Computer Science
- Coding

Guidance for Outdoor Play in Cold Weather

Children benefit from vigorous exercise and should be given the opportunity to play outside whenever possible. Unless it is snowing, or there is ice on the playground, or the wind-chill factor is below zero degrees Fahrenheit (-18 degrees Celsius), temperature alone should not preclude outdoor play. School officials are encouraged to work with their staff to maintain outdoor play periods, and should take precautions to keep students warm and ensure that they are appropriately dressed on very cold days. When outdoors, school officials are asked to ensure that students and staff cover exposed skin, wear warm clothing, and use multiple layers to maintain warmth.

Prepare for College Awareness Day - Event: January 11

- Principals and their staff are encouraged to begin making plans to celebrate the third annual College Awareness Day on January 11. In accordance with the four DOE priorities which I have attached for your convenience. It is important to ensure that students in every school have the tools they need to succeed. Schools should begin developing plans and activities in preparation for College Awareness Day.

Middle Schools received a College Access for All - Middle School Family Toolkit and College Access for All - Middle School – Powerpoint.

- Includes a Middle School Family Guide, early college readiness guide for families; and
- A CUNY Family Guide, information for parents who are considering going back to school; both guides are available in all DOE languages.

JANUARY CALENDAR

2018

January 1	Winter recess cont'd.
January 2	School resumes
January 15	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day: schools closed
January 26	Scoring Day for High Schools: high school students do not attend
January 29	Chancellor's Conference Day in High Schools: high school students do not attend
January 30	Spring term begins for high school students