



Resolution #85

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RESOLUTION FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF DR. SANAYI CANTON FROM THE SEAT AS PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 5

WHEREAS, The Bylaws for Community Education Council in District 5 states; Officers are elected officials and are expected to conduct themselves in a positive manner. Our code of conduct reminds us of the expectations of a council member; and

WHEREAS, Members shall be careful in their choice of words and behavior. Bearing in mind that some language or behavior may be hurtful and offensive to others; and

WHEREAS, Members shall show respect to all members of the school community and/or councils they serve. Members shall treat others professionally and respectfully; and

WHEREAS, President, Dr. Sanayi Canton has repeatedly use abusive, derogatory and offensive language and gestures towards the Council and community, as the President of Community Education Council in District 5, causing repeated contention and strife among the Council members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanayi Canton uses Robert Rules of Order to silence the voice and negate participation from the Council Members. Members of the Council are not allowed to contribute to the creation of the agenda, are not allowed to present at each meeting and are only allowed to speak when asked a question by the President; and

WHEREAS, questions from the Council are ignored, dismissed with a wave of her hand, silenced abruptly or addressed by the President in an offensive, abusive, and derogatory manner, in person or by email, to moralize the issue and further discourage the Council's desire to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, all efforts to organize the Special Education Committee, proposed projects and events were stalled, due to frustration and discouragement among the Council Members; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanayi Canton withheld important budget information from the Council members, which significantly delayed the approval and voting of the budget; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanayi Canton's refusal to support, help or guide new members in the proper protocols and procedures as CEC members created a toxic environment and ineffective Council; and



WHEREAS, Dr. Sanayi Canton's abusive behavior extended beyond the realm of the Council meetings. At an Education Council Consortium (ECC) Steering Committee retreat, Dr. Canton verbally referred to the Vice President of CEC5 as a monster, which was met with total disgust and revolt by several members of the ECC Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanayi Canton attended a school visit at Columbia Secondary School unannounced and verbally mistreated the PTA President and Parent Coordinator in the Principal's office and outside, resulting in Vice President Stewart, demanding that Dr. Canton vacate the school building immediately; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanayi Canton knowingly referred to another member of CEC5 as dirty and a drug addict in formal settings (public or private), in lieu of using the member's legal name to old and new CEC5 members and colleagues outside of the Council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sanayi Canton prematurely informed Council members that they could not attend an Education Conference in Pittsburgh, PA and will be kicked off the council, if they attend, causing fear, anxiety, confusion and further animosity among the Council members; and

WHEREAS, Chancellors' Regulations C-110 - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL MEMBERS, EMPLOYMENT OF FAMILY MEMBERS dated 6/29/2009 – Section F. Approval of Travel Related Expenses Paid by Non-Government Entities states; ...For Community Education Council Members, decisions as to whether a trip serves a Department purpose will be made by the Chief Family Engagement Officer of the Office of Family Engagement and Advocacy. Travel plans paid for by nongovernment entities must be approved by the Ethics Officer, Office of Ethics and Conflicts of Interest, before travel plans are finalized: Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Dr. Sanayi Canton be removed as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Community Education Council in District 5 effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dr. Sanayi Canton be removed from Community Education Council in District 5 effective immediately, if this behavior continues.