



CEC 5 Calendar Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 27, 2021

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Superintendent
Dr. Danika Rux

Meeting called to order by President Stewart at 6:38 PM. Roll call taken by Lisa Kinsey, which resulted in the following:

Present: Schadell Barnhill, Sanayi Canton, Ayishah Irvin, Sonia Mendoza, Shaqua Randle, Pamela Stewart and Gina Williams

Approval of December 16, 2020 Calendar Minutes

Council did not have any changes to the minutes.

Report of President

- President Stewart will give her entire report at the February 24, 2021 Meeting. President Stewart gave an opportunity to our guest to impart some important information to the council and district.
- Attended the District 5 Family Institute very informative.
- Creating a CEC5 Website invited the community to participate.
- Attended the Manhattan Vaccine Task Force Meeting very informative any solutions/ideas on assisting shelters with receiving vaccines please contact President Stewart.
- Proposing a task force along with the council to help support the Manhattan Borough President and Elected Officials that are trying hard to get the vaccines to our community.
- Shout out to our amazing parent coordinators going over and beyond their call of duty to help our families. Thank you principals for supporting them. Next month will start shouting out individual parent coordinators and teachers.
- President's Scholars Program Nominee scholarships awarded to two of our District 5 high school students.

Carla Tenorio, D5 Family Support Coordinator

Shared highlights from the District 5 Family Institute.

- Google Class Room and Technology
- Adelphi Psych Professor trying to touch all topics that we know our families are suffering from.
- Next Family Institute February 24, 2021 facilitated by Dr. Asheena Baez. Registration is encouraged and required to attend. Flyers have gone out to the community.

Manhattan Borough President's Office, Chief of Staff, Jessica Mates

Thanked President Stewart for attending and participating on the vaccine task force. Ms. Mates states that we are in a bad place with vaccines we have a lot of work to do. Gale called on you because she knows that you are active and you always step up to help. We are looking forward to working with you to get vaccines in district five, to make sure people want to get vaccinated and to ensure they have access and ability. That is our major focus right now. We have a staff person at the PEP meeting tonight.

Report of Council

Vice President Barnhill reported out on:

- Mentioned an article sharing the rise in student suicide
- No scheduled school visits for the upcoming month.
- December 2020 school visit at PS/MS 46 visit was great as usual.
- Briefly attended the Kindergarten School Fair
- Attended PS/MS 123 SLT Meetings

Member Canton reported out on:

- Charter Committee update post links in the zoom chat.
- Charter School Renewals: KIPP, Global Charter and (2) Success Academies (2021-2023)
- Columbia Secondary School Middle School Data Process update (CSS) posted links in zoom chat.

Treasurer Irvin reported out on:

- Attended December 2020 participated on the school visit at PS/MS 46 with VP Barnhill nice informative virtual visit.

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- Attended Kindergarten Virtual Fair
- Attended DLT Meeting
- Attended CCEC Election Committee Meeting (Member)
- School visit at Harlem SEED in-person very informative.
- School Visit at IS286 in-person very informative.
- Healing Center is a group parent leaders and activist working together trying to bring social/emotional peace to schools to help students and teachers especially during this time of pandemic. Healing Center started in the Bronx. Prepping for a meeting with Councilman Trager to get the center in other schools.

Member Mendoza reported out on:

- Tried to schedule school visits with PS/MS 129, PS/MS 161 and New Design but to no avail.
- School visit at PS 197 main issue student absence.

Secretary Randle did not have a report at this time.

Member Williams report out on:

- Prince Hall O.E.S. Medical Foundation Doctors of Color enlighten the community on Covid-19 and other medical issues especially mental health.
- NAN the crisis center fully engaged in our youth in terms of financing college education with HESC, scholarships, grants, student loans etc. there are more scholarships within our community that we are not aware of.
- Attended CB11Youth Meeting discussed remote learning issues, different protocols, partnering with AQE regarding money for education.
- Civic Media Literacy Program with JB Chase starting February 1st -5th three-week program over three years.
- Attended East Harlem Community Partnership Meeting discussed Covid-19 and testing how a woman of color discovered the vaccine very instrumental.
- Shout out to Mr. Kelly (PS 197) parent for streamlining the middle school process.
- Harlem Children's Zone provided a list of resources. Member Williams will share information with the community.
- Attended TRIAD Meeting regarding high youth suicide rate. Harlem Dojo sensei started his own chapter and gives free dojo online classes with children.

Report of Superintendent

Superintendent Rux responded to Member Canton's question relating to CSS middle school enrollment of 25 seats for District 5 students. Superintendent Rux informed the community that she nor the district office is in receipt of any information.

Chancellor 5 Priorities

- 50% of students with blended programming model to attend 5 days of in-person school
- Identify families in grades 3k-5 who have identified that they want blended learning, but have not shown up in person
- Identify families in grades 6-12 who have identified that they want blended learning, but have not shown up in person
- NX Grades: Students in high schools or middle schools who have NX grades that have not completed course work
- Consent Forms (for random covid-19 testing for all students in school buildings)

Schools/classrooms are opening and closing every single day. It is not ideal, but it is what we have to do to keep our school community. Currently 16 schools that are open of the 16 buildings that are open 5 buildings are closed because they have two or more people in the community that tested positive for covid-19, two schools that have partial closure meaning 1-2 classes are closed within in that school community. Superintendent Rux is hearing that the information flow can be confusing to families. It is important that families are checking their emails regularly or their other means of communication that the school has set up. District 5 has an app the hope is that information will be provided about school closures when they receive the final notice from DOE.

Kindergarten and Middle School Fair D5 Early Childhood Director, Yael Leopold

Kindergarten Fair was a success all 16 schools participated. Families were appreciative during these times. Shout out to everyone that participated. Middle School Virtual Fair February 1st -3rd flyers have been distributed. Early Childhood Academy Workshops are going great. The next workshop February 24th Harlem Basics the first of six. February session link provided in the zoom chat.

MBK Mentoring Program Kick-Off Deputy Superintendent, Robin Davson

The past two weeks was the kick-off for our scholars. To ensure the safety of our scholars events are virtual. Our elementary, middle and high school young men have separate sessions. Kick-offs was a huge success all of our principals, assistant principals attended and introduced their MBK Liaisons. The program last until April 2021. Sessions held Tuesdays for middle schools, Wednesdays for elementary schools and Thursdays and Saturdays for high schools. Our young men are in the amazing company of mentors who will be guiding them until April 2021. We were included in the planning sessions.

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CCEC Election Process, Martha Kessler, CCEC Election Outreach Consultant

Ms. Kessler presented a PowerPoint Presentation on the upcoming 2021 CCEC Elections. Provided links in the zoom chat to assist parents with creating/accessing their NYCSA.

Bard Early College at the Urban Assembly School of Music and Art, Principal Paul Thompson

Principal Thompson shared information about the Music and Art Program, answered questions and provided the school website in the zoom chat.

Youth Speak-Out Update: Member Williams

The youth speak-out will be virtual. Student's grades 4-12 and a date are forthcoming. No breakout rooms or specific topics youth will have an opportunity to talk about whatever they want. Adults will listen and have resources for students. This will be a safe environment for students to speak.

Candidate Forum Discussion and Vote

Motion by President Stewart second by VP Barnhill voice vote for the record. Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 1

Time allotted for the speaker's list.

No one for the speaker's list

President Stewart adjourned the calendar meeting second by Member Williams at 8:32PM.

Submitted by: Lisa Kinsey, Administrative Assistant

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Budget Update: Treasurer Irvin

Treasurer Irvin is starting to receive council reimbursements. Had a few issues with signature signing, but figured it out. In the process of signing reimbursements. Councilmembers have not used their funds. No councilmember reimbursements submitted to our SGO. Additional \$1,500.00 for our CEC5 Website allocated from the councilmember reimbursement line. Information submitted to our SGO and waiting for a PO number. Funds remain on the website line until approved by SGO. Treasurer Irvin is in receipt of VP Barnhill and Member Williams reimbursements.

Treasurer Irvin is requesting that, as we are in the month of January councilmembers submit their July 2020 reimbursements to present in one email each month as an individual file. Please ensure that your reimbursements are dated, signed and the amount is included before submission. Usually DOE allows \$125 per month per councilmember. Due to the pandemic DOE allows \$75 per month per councilmember leaving a balance of \$50 per councilmember. Treasurer Irvin is asking to email suggestions/ideas for the remaining \$50 balance before our next CEC meeting. Budget modification deadline is due sometime in March.

President Stewart: states that we are in a pandemic not knowing when we will come out of the pandemic. The council will not be able to use the entire budget. Thank you Treasurer Irvin for your report appreciated. President Stewart is asking the council to start thinking about the budget. As the Chair of the ECC Finance Committee, a survey is coming soon to capture recommendations for the community/CEC Presidents to see what their council would like to do with their budget or any other recommendations. Should the DOE say yes to the recommendations we want to be ahead. President Stewart asks the council to think about how the money can be used.

FY 2020-2021 Budget allocation suggestions and ideas to share with the DOE for approval:

VP Barnhill: likes when the council gives back to the community, anything considered charitable: pantry, not just shelters, as President Stewart mentioned before, we should recognize parent coordinators and teachers

Member Canton: her unused reimbursement funds return to DOE

Treasurer Irvin: no ideas at the moment

Member Mendoza: will send an email

Secretary Randle: she is not going to use her reimbursements. We can use it for internet or electricity access and stipends for families

President Stewart: always thinking of the community. The following is approved.

- Pantry
- Not too comfortable with community refrigerators
- Store gift cards/CEC event to distribute
- Partner with other organizations using the money to help our community
- Maybe partner with another CEC paying for vans to help with vaccines, most important giving the community food and vaccine if possible
- Supporting our shelters
- Student hotspots (if approved)
- I will never ever let the council do anything against the law trust me when I tell you. I want to put the council on the map for supporting District 5 and our community.

Members Williams: PPE Gear w/Pouch: sanitizer, toilet spray, mask, gloves, wipes maybe contact schools for specific needs, students with special needs (sensory items)

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Update School Liaison List:

President Stewart stated that Member Canton requested to be removed from the school liaison and school visits. The School liaison list was updated for 2020-2021 with the remaining council members.

CEC5 Parliamentarian Request

President Stewart stated placing CEC5 Parliamentarian as an agenda item for the next calendar meeting. Nominating Treasurer Irvin as CEC5 Parliamentarian. President Stewart attended the CCEC Parliamentarian Procedures stated at the meeting council did not have to approve minutes. Minutes will be provided to the council in advance for adjustments/review please respond.

School closures due to covid-19

PS 200, PS 197, PS 92, TCCS Lower, TMALS and PS/MS 123

Introduction of Literacy & Dyslexia Resolution Adopted in District 2

No quorum tabled until the next calendar meeting.

Member Williams asked if the council could have an executive session or special meeting to discuss getting through our meetings and the disrespect during our meeting. President Stewart shared that the council cannot write a resolution to remove a councilmember.

President Stewart is going to schedule time to find out what councilmembers would like to do for the remainder of the year. Council still has a Special Education Committee. Does the council have any additional committees in mind? Council will take care of the website. President Stewart was thinking about having youth come in to help with social media. CEC training for our community inviting our parents on activating NYCSA we are at service to our community. President Stewart likes/proposing the council have a workshop where someone (1-3 people) from DOE come in and help our parents to log on and get their questions answered and get help right then and there instead of what is being done now.

Treasurer Irvin shared DOE is sending letters home to families that do not have an NYCSA giving them their code to create an NYCSA. Not sure how many people whether it is DOE or individual schools that are sending out letters. NYCSA will have a separate account with 2021 CEC Candidate Bios by district soon. There is a way to create an NYCSA without your child/s code needed from the parent coordinator.

President Stewart adjourned the business session at 9:48pm.

Submitted by: Lisa Kinsey, Administrative Assistant