



CEC 5 Calendar Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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Schadell Barnhill
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Student Member
Vacant

Admin. Assistant
Lisa Kinsey

Superintendent
Dr. Danika Rux

Meeting called to order by President Stewart at 6:44 PM. Roll call taken by Lisa Kinsey, which resulted in the following:

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

Acknowledgement of February 24, 2021 Calendar and Business Minutes
Council did not have any changes to the minutes.

FY 21 Contracts for Excellence (C4E) Presentation, District Budget Representative, Matt Manner
Mr. Manner presented FY 21 Contracts for Excellence (C4E) to the CEC5 school community and answered questions.

Report of President

- President Stewart states that it is important that the community hear what the council is doing.
- Highlighted the NYCSA Task Force recently created in collaboration with the district office. Advocated parent training for our parent coordinators. Parent Coordinators were present and prepared. One of our schools NYCSA increased by 11%.
- Chair of the ECC Finance Working Group advocated for council reimbursements for April, May and June 2020 as well as for this year. Looking forward to seeing council reimbursements.
- Advocating and working hard on hotspots for our students and families.
- Working with Manhattan Borough President's Office Vaccine Task Force. Submitted 30 central Harlem residential names fitting the criteria for the vaccine.
- Attended FDA walk-thru, public hearing, and SLT meeting.
- Attending Manhattan Borough President Leadership Trainings.
- Participated in several school visits that were mentioned by the Council already.
- Attended three equity meetings: Manhattan District Superintendent Meeting, District 5 Equity Meeting, and HREP meeting for any additional guidance we may need.
- Attended My Sister's Keeper planning meeting. It was a good meeting.
- Working with TCCS to get some additional laptops. Principal Verdiner depleted reserved laptops.
- Attended several Charter 101 trainings; in addition to the ECC Charter Townhall.
- Working with community partners especially the democratic club. Advocating for centralize sustainable sites in our district. Completed an application for PS 154 and PS/MS 129 another site maybe in the works next week. If that happens President Stewart will report out on it.
- Advocating for mobile sites for our homebound families as well as our senior citizens.
- As a community leader, President Stewart has a Harlem Laptop Initiative in collaboration with a colleague that provides brand new laptops to our students in Central Harlem and across districts. Laptops were even given to students in charter schools. The main focus are students in need, have IEP's, and students in shelters and temporary housing. We have given away over 100 laptops. This past Friday, P.S.92 received nine laptops, and students from Urban Assembly for Future Leaders, P.S. 30 and P.S. 36 received laptops may have received some as well.
- Attended Data Workshop given by Anna Minsky. A lot of information provided. CEC5 will share the information on our new website
- President Stewart gave Anna Minsky the floor to provide information from the data workshop.
- CEC5 voted to give the district office \$4,400.00 for Equity Training for parents. We are waiting for approval to complete the transfer.

Report of Council

Vice President Barnhill reported out on:

- School visit at PS 197 Principal Spann:
 - Physical condition of the building is not good.
 - Bathrooms have leaks
 - No air conditioning on the public school side of the building; PS 197 needs additional outlets for air conditioners.
 - In receipt of hot spots from private donors.
 - School visit at Eagle Academy Principal Washington: Accompanied with Treasurer Irvin and Member Bell
 - Waiting for headsets and keyboards from the district.

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- Active SLT met the first of the month additional meeting held to increase parent engagement.
- Attended eChalk Training for CEC5 website March 2, 2021.
- Attended 2-3 FDA Co-Location Meetings D75 School.
- Attended ECC Meeting March 8, 2021.

Member Bell reported out on:

- Attended three school visits (shadowing) President Stewart, Vice President Barnhill, and Treasurer Irvin at Eagle Academy, TCCS, and PS/MS 123 a great learning experience.
- Attended Co-Location Meeting at FDA.
- Interested in setting up tables outside to assist with NYCSA.

Member Canton reported out on:

- Working with a Community Base Organization (CBO) in Harlem assisting with a community grant for PS 194. Hopefully they will receive funds for the next school year.
- Working with the charter committee IS 286/Performing Arts HS school building a group is looking at matching funds. Building has not received \$755,000.00 allotted to buildings co-located by charter schools. Speaking with district planning and charter authorizer asking why and if funds will be allocated. HS principal states auditorium and sound system need repairs almost \$800,000.00 due to that building.
- Met with elected officials regarding zombie charters.

Treasurer Irvin reported out on:

- School visit at TMA Principal Fareed: Accompanied with Member Randle
- School visit at MS 371 Principal Hill: In-Person refreshing to be in the building.
- Attended general membership ECC Meeting.
- Currently attending PEP Meeting
- Attended Manhattan Meeting with Executive Superintendent Rosales, Superintendent Rux, and President Stewart.
- Attended FDA Joint possibly Co-Location Public Hearing D75 Mickey Mantle School.
- Attended eChalk Training for CEC5 Website.
- Attended My Sister's Keeper meeting with Deputy Superintendent Davson, President Stewart, and Member Canton very exciting meeting.

Member Mendoza reported out on:

- School visit at PS/MS 129 Principal Pierre: Accompanied with President Stewart.
 - Students that have in-person learning are attending school 5 days a week 90% attendance.
 - Principal Pierre calling former/retired teachers to assist with teaching.
 - Accommodate Special Education/IEP students with their mandated services.
 - Remote class session during the Easter Break Tuesday-Thursday for all students. Focusing on teaching kids strategies.
 - Social Workers are in the building for social/emotional needs of students.
 - School supporting parents with giving out book bags with essentials; hand sanitizer, mask, gloves, body wash, and books.
 - They need to boost attendance for remote learning. That is an issue in most schools.
 - Three phases in the capital plan; fixing the roof, building exterior painting inside, and sub-basement accumulation of water (foundation concern).
- School visit at PS/MS 161 Principal Balbuena: Accompanied by Secretary Randle.
 - At the time of visit, school closed due to positive covid-19 cases.
 - In-person learning students 39% and remote learning students 61%.
 - They are trying to keep the students' attention during instructional remote learning. Some parents are assisting with online instruction. Principal Balbuena is happy for parent assistance.
 - School has online celebrations; Talent Shows, Black History, Honor Roll, and MLK.
 - IEP students were struggling with receiving OT (occupational therapy) and speech therapy.
 - Principal Balbuena needs social workers.
 - Having issues with the park behind the school (people hanging out and smoking). Need CEC assistance with getting the park patrolled during school hours.
- School visit at New Design Middle School Principal Stovall:
 - Middle school recently reopened a few weeks ago, school has 135 students and 52 students are attending in-person.
 - Technology issues at one point.
 - Need of social/emotional services social workers.
 - High population of students with IEP's and not meeting the mandates because they have many substitute teachers. Substitute teachers not certified to teach students with IEP's.
 - Thirty percent of staff is remote.
 - Need assistance with NERV never received.
 - Students staying focused during remote learning is a concern.

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Secretary Randle reported out on:

- Attended school visits with Member Mendoza and Treasurer Irvin. Member Mendoza did an excellent job describing our visit. Both schools did talk about social/emotional impact on some students and the need for further support in those areas during this mental anxiety felt time.

Member Williams reported out on:

- School visit March 2, 2021 at PS 133 Principal Medina: Accompanied with President Stewart.
 - Ninety percent of children attending school and no school closures.
 - They have virtual intervention learning programs and continual IEP services (speech and occupational).
 - School program is still thriving. Boys and Girls Club still there, school gave out pantry items and additional supplies for families especially remote learning families.
 - Process has begun for bathrooms. They have received some RESO A funds city council contributed as well. Still waiting for figures.
 - Principal Medina concern is building pride.
 - School is located in Community Board # 11. School has not received funds from CB #11 trying to bridge the gap.
 - PTA, SLT and Title 1 still meeting, nurse, school safety is present, great staff involvement and high attendance.
- School Visit PS 30: Principal Austin
 - Staff is available and on-duty. Increase of student in-person learning. Parents are working with parent coordinators and assistant principal with technology navigating through google doc. setting up appointments to assist their children.
 - All technology is working.
 - Family member of a student a victim of domestic violence passed unfortunately. Actively trying to get a petition to have the area safer and more secure. Member Williams will work collaboratively with PS 30 and try to assist towards the petition for more police presence.
- Collaborations with Salvation Army, New York City Cares, Marble Coalition, Ladies of the Continual Society, Dental Van, Church of Heavenly Rest, and Harlem Dowling.

Report of Superintendent Danika Rux

Superintendent Rux congratulated our first African American Chancellor Meisha Ross-Porter as we celebrate Women's History Month. Shared a PowerPoint Presentation entitled District 5 Updates accompanied with some of the district office staff. Superintendent Rux and staff answered questions from the council and community.

- District 5 Updates
- Learning Preferences Survey Data & Opt-In
- Admissions (3K, PreK and G&T (gifted and talented))
- District Updates: Attendance Update, Special Education Services Update, and Budget
- Health and Safety
- New York State Testing
- District Collaborations
- Social Media

Deputy Superintendent Robin Davson shared collaboration with the Office of Admissions/Enrollment. Deputy Superintendent Davson and President Stewart met with both offices to discuss the overall process of admissions to acceptances. CSS mentioned during the meeting. Deputy Superintendent Davson met with Senator Jackson and his team to discuss/learn more about District 5 Initiatives and how he can support. Meeting soon to discuss partnership/opportunities. Equity core team met next full Equity Team meeting April 14, 2021. Collaborated with walk-through of three-school communities with the possible co-location at FDA with D75 Mickey Mantle School. Shout-out to councilmembers that attended My Sister's Keeper kick-off planning meeting. Shout-out to councilmembers that attended My Brother's Keeper this weekend. Please join us My Brother's Keeper live on you tube at 5pm elementary school addition celebrating the topics chosen young entrepreneur, mental wellness, and social justice. Link provided in zoom chat. Superintendent Rux states that an invitation extended to enrollment to present at a CEC5 meeting to share data/enrollment regarding CSS. District Office is awaiting a response from enrollment. District Office staff answered questions from the council and community.

Shameek Robinson, President of the Association of Black Educators shared free virtual FASA and TAP federal and state workshop information for college seniors. Workshops are in 10 different languages. Workshops start tomorrow March 25, 2021 for the next 30 days. Links provided in zoom chat.

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President Stewart adjourned calendar meeting at 8:43PM.

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Website Update

Vice President Barnhill shared information from the eChalk website accessibility training with councilmembers who did not attend the training.

Reimbursements

Treasurer Irvin mentioned that she reviewed reimbursement documents submitted via email and answered questions from the council.

President Stewart adjourned the business session at 8:57pm.

Submitted by: Lisa Kinsey, Administrative Assistant