

Community Education Council District 32 Meeting

PARENT ENGAGEMENT MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2020

2:00 PM

CEC D32 Office
797 Bushwick Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11221

Type of Meeting	Parent Engagement Committee Meeting		
Note Taker	Silvia Belmonte, Administrative Assistant		
Attendees		Parent Engagement Committee Meeting	
	Martha Bayona	Absent (excused)	
	Stacie Johnson	Present	
	Renisha Westbrooks	Present	
Quorum			

Bylaws Committee Meeting: 2:00 PM

1. Call to order and roll call: Present: Stacie Johnson, Renesha Westbrooks. Absent: Martha Bayona (could not attend due to work).
2. Follow-up on items addressed during the previous Parent Engagement Committee Meeting.
 - a. PTA/PA feedback: The Parent Engagement Committee presented a summary of the responses received to questions that the Committee posed via email to the D32 PTA/PA Presidents. In the past, the Presidents' Council President stated that parent-led communications at 32K151/145/106/116/75 will be available over the summer. The questions asked were:
 - i. Do you have a platform to communicate to parents?
 - ii. Which platform is being used?
 - iii. What was the success in utilizing the platform?
 - iv. Would you be available for the summer?
 - b. Finalize flyer: Members continued to discuss the contents of the flyer.
3. New business
4. Public comment
 - a. Marlene Rossi, PTA President: *116 hosts a caring café every Wednesday at 1 PM via Google Meets for all parents and students of 116. It will happen throughout the entire summer. The invite is sent through our parent coordinator.*
 - b. Annie Ross, Parent: *How can a parent get these books for the upcoming grade for their child? How can you attach a picture? It's the learning at home resources workbooks provided by DOE.* This question will be addressed to the Superintendent.
 - c. Laraine DeAngelis, Community Member and Volunteer at the Office of the Council Member Antonio Reynoso: *Where is food being given out? More importantly how is it? Are the meals consistent? Is there enough food? Are there choices each day? In a meeting with Mark Treyger and Jan Atwell they noticed disparity across the city about what food is being given out. I was asked to give them some feedback.* The Committee offered to send a summary of the Council's observations.
 - d. Laraine DeAngelis, Community Member and Volunteer at the Office of the Council Member Antonio Reynoso: *Is anyone working on getting a corporate sponsor or nonprofit, CBO to donate school supplies for teachers and students? The answer is no as it is uncertain that students will return to school in the Fall.*
 - e. Laraine DeAngelis, Community Member and Volunteer at the Office of the Council Member Antonio Reynoso: *Will parents be able to work if students are not in school full time? The DOE offered 3 different choices for schedules returning in the Fall. What if no choices work? Based on question 11 of the DOE survey, the DOE is thinking about sending children part-time or staggering schedules. Will parents be able to work? It has been heard that parents can opt-out of any of those schedules and choose virtual learning.*
 - f. Annie Ross, Parent: *P.S. 376 - I received the link [to the return to school 2020 survey] through my child's teacher via email on the 16th. When did this survey come out? The survey was released on June 12, 2020.*
 - g. Brenda Lopez, 32K116 Parent Coordinator: *I will ask administration about the caring café to see if we can serve the caring café to the entire district over the summer. Currently it's for our parents and students. I have my own Google classroom where I post everything and anything that I can find. Parents ask me questions in my Google Classroom. If*

it's something that goes into a lot of details, I give them my work email address. I am working on getting a Google number.

- h. Jonathan Reyes, Outreach Specialist for New York Psychotherapy and Counseling Center: *I work for a mental health clinic. We have been providing services for the community for over 45 years.*
- i. David Grady, 32K383 Parent Coordinator: *I have been using my personal phone number to contact parents. I am getting a new phone shipped. I communicate with parents through my cellphone, email, and Pupil Path.*
- j. Jazzy Rivera, President Presidents' Council and 32K123 PA President: *The programs that I currently use are Google Classroom, Class Dojo, and Instagram to post notices. We host yoga for parents and children every Wednesday. Throughout the summer, I will be hosting workshops. To invite people from the outside, you would need to use a different platform.*
- k. Cinthia Peña Ortiz, Program Director with the Bushwick Community Partnership. *At the Bushwick Community Partnership, we have a helpline that is assisting parents and connecting them to partners that can assist them. We have been doing a food distribution. If you know someone who is a Bushwick resident and a senior in high school, please let them know to submit a nomination by today. We are trying to get ten laptops out to those students. We also have workshops and do monthly meetings where people get information about what is going on in our partnership and we try to bring in someone to do a presentation about something that is related to the communities.*

5. Next steps:

- a. Potential CEC32 special meeting topics: *Social emotional, mindfulness, café, food schedules, and children's schedules.*
- b. The Committee has flyer with contact information for each school.
- c. The Committee will work on gathering information on parent lead communications and workshops and discuss parent lead communications about meditation for summer learning.
- d. CEC32 Calendar Meeting on July 18, 2020 at 6 PM. Guests include the DSF.

6. Adjournment: 3:35 PM

APPROVAL OF CALENDAR, AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES	April 23, 2020 and May 7, 2020 - Approved [Met Quorum]
NOTE: A draft of all meeting minutes are available within two weeks after the meeting and posted on the Council's website at CEC32.org.	
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM
SUBMITTED BY:	Silvia Belmonte, Administrative Assistant

Approved on:

_____ Recording Secretary