Joint Calendar Meeting of

Citywide Council for Special Education(CCSE)

Citywide Council for English Language Learners(CCELL)

Tuesday, December 19, 2019

52 Chambers Street, 2nd Fl Conference Room,(Tweed Courthouse) New York, NY 10007

Business/ Calendar Meeting Minutes

Meeting starts 6:30pm. CCELL President Mitchel Wu calls meeting to order

1. Performance by the Ellery Street Players(D75)

2. Presentation from Walkabout Bronx HS. Presenter Ben Wild mentions the HS is on the upcoming agenda for the January PEP meeting as a school proposal that uses universal design model to teach to disengaged students

* Uses the following principles to challenge students- Wilderness,Applied Academics, Service Learning, Presentation, Internship
* Walkabout used to be under the umbrella of Boards of Cooperative Educational Services(BOCES)
* Walkabout Bronx HS will be a lottery based admissions model, starting with 60 seats for 9th grade. 360 anticipated capacity
* Concerns about how the administration and staff hiring process will executed. Having a diverse staff to reflect the community the school will be located is very important. Emphasis on parent and community input.
* Not a charter school. Full DOE public school with steps taken for the Imagine School funding.
* Partnership with One World middle school.
* Questions can be forwarded to info@walkabout.org

3. Presentation from Associate Director of FACE, Division of MultiLanguage Learners Lisa Pineda

* Applications for Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute(PR/HYLI) partial college scholarship. The Institute empowers Hispanic students grades 10-12 on government, bill writing, debate and advocacy culminating in a trip to Albany for an opportunity to argue their position on bills they studied.

Deadline is January 6, 2020. Submit online application at bit.ly/PRHLI2020 and submit essay to Lpineda@schools.nyc.gov

* Partnership with Microsoft to provide video conferences for CEC ELL parent members for upcoming trainings
* The idea of team building retreats were discussed at FACE
* Talks are being had to address the ELL student population living in temporary housing and addressing their needs.
* ELL students that age out are being utilized to train staff at the Welcome Centers for better awareness on the needs of incoming ELL students.

4. Motion for the approval of November 12, 2019 minutes by GS. MW 2nd, NG abstained, all other attending members approved.

5. EM presented President Report. Annual Report progress was discussed. AV is working on students in temporary housing and ELLs, MW is working on charter schools, PH is working on transportation, EM is covering IEP process. NG brought up related service non-compliance and the importance of having it represented on the report. EM suggested he take it on. NG took it under consideration. CCELL offered up their last term Annual Report as additional data for AV ELL portion.

PH talked about the Inclusion Summit(theme was the Power of Language)

PH talked about attending joint meeting of CEC20/CEC15 on December 11th. Parents were barred from attending CEC20 business meeting while a select few parents were allowed attendance. Complaint was filed with the CEC20 President and District 20 Superintendent. CEC15 presenters who talked about the process taken to desegregate their district along with rolling out a culturally responsive curriculum were excellent.

6. Larry NG from the Division of MultiLanguage Learners(DML) provides update on data request from CCELL. Concerns regarding lack of ELL instructors, school psychs and language paras runs down to lack of candidates. Potential solution is to pay for bilingual teachers to certify as a ENL teacher with the agreed commitment to 3 years of ENL service. AV asked Mr. Ng how as council members can we help parents address the shortage of ENL instructors. PH asked for data in an effort to better identify ELL students from IEP students with Speech Processing challenges. Mitchell Wu suggested to Christopher Wagner to share the data he has collected so far.

7. Craig Spencer from CCD75 talked about resolutions both our councils are working on in both Brooklyn and the Bronx for special education accommodations within newly built school.

8. Introduction of new FACE liaison for CCSE/CCELL Claudette Agard

9. Mitchel Wu and EM made a motion to adjourn. GC 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

EM made a motion to adjourn. GC seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 7:50pm