Citywide Council for Special Education Thursday, January 7, 2020

Zoom Video Conference with CCSE

Business Meeting Minutes

**ROLL CALL**

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| Cynthia Arbulu-Vacca | Present |
| Trisha Bermudez | Present |
| Gloria Corsino | Present |
| Artelia Flowers | Present |
| Tamara Foye | Present |
| Marissa Jones | Absent |
| Noah Gotbaum | Present |
| Paullette Healy | Present |
| Ellen McHugh | Present |
| Erika Newsome | Present |
| Azalia Volpe | Present |
| Carmen Robles(CCHS) | Present |

DOE: Jose Rios Lua, Rebecca Israel (Learning Times)

FACE: Alexis Saub, Claudette Agard, Jesse Mojica

Total # participants-25

Gloria makes a motion to convene meeting at 6:13pm. Cynthia 2nds.

Gloria asks for a volunteer to be Timekeeper. Azalia volunteers to take on Timekeeper duties.

Gloria presents the minutes from November 19th Business Meeting. Azalia makes a motion approve the minutes. Gloria 2nds. Rose does a roll call vote. Minutes pass unanimously.

**Co-President Reports**

Ellen reported the ECC Legislative Committee met to discuss the upcoming CCEC elections. The problem is the law says CCEC shall be elected by parents with students attending NYC schools but it is not clear if its 1 parent per student or per NYCSA account. Discussion was had about the different combinations and of how uneven the votes can be tabulated. There will be another meeting of the Legislative Committee on Friday January 15. Ellen also sent out the Chancellor’s Regulation amendments that are up for consideration at the next PEP meeting.

Learning Bridges still problematic. They are all CBOs there for held to different guidelines than DOE

NYS Assembly meeting heard concerns from parents surrounding vaccines, school closures, and remote learning approaches, SHSATs, AT devices and supports, looking at school as an inclusive environment and what does that look like for SWD, where does D75 fall and more. Most notably it was reported paras were being suspended without pay if a child’s attendance was an ongoing issue. Ellen brought up what does remote learning look like to a child who is deaf or non-verbal.

**Members Reports**

Cynthia reported parents are receiving AT devices without resources including Google classroom. Jose asked if those issues could be forwarded to the Special education office for follow-up.

Paullette reported she was recently elected to the D75 DLT as the Brooklyn Rep and attended the DLT meeting the day before. Superintendent Lousainnt reported that 58 ½ of the 59 D 75 schools Superintendent Louissant said 58 ½ of the 59 D 75 schools were able to provide 5 day in person learning but not all sites within each school were able to. He did not have numbers for how many actual sites out of the 357 sites were capable of doing that but would look into getting the data.

Also principals are already reporting building and classroom closures 4 days into the new year along with an increase in teachers asking to work remotely for medical accommodations. Staffing and funding issues are making a 5 day in person model impossible to execute.

Paullette will also be virtually accompany D75 Council members on a walkthrough of 811K and 811Q. Will report the findings

Lastly, D20 is finally implementing a Title 1 DPAC which alerted Paullette that there have been changes to Title 1 protocols and guidelines in November of 2020 and she was only finding out about them now. She was asked to forward the new guidelines to the rest of the Council members to help unpack.

Azalia reported Bridge Prep needed volunteers for their Board of Directors. Large need for people with expertise on facilities, IT and charter operations. 64% of student population have IEPs

**Presentation by Rebecca Israel on the Town Hall Run of Show**

* Tech run will start at 5:30pm
* DOE Central will arrive at 6pm to start the meeting with intros
* Chancellor will sign on at 6:30pm and stay to answer questions until 7:30pm
* Christina Foti and other DOE central staff will stay on after the Chancellor leaves to answer questions
* Ellen asked that the countdown clock not be given a prominent space during the meeting to avoid distraction

Next agenda item was the rest of the CCSE calendar and topics.

* February 18th  6pm- Contracts 4 Excellence
* Mar 4th 6pm/March 18- Joint meeting with CCELL and invite Arwina Sepulva from Translation and Interpretation for an update on the pilot program
* April1st 6pm/April 15th
* May 6th pm/May 20th
* June 3rd 6pm/ June 18th

IEP Conference will be held March 27th from 10am-2pm. Paullette suggest a Working Group to work on the Conference separate from other CCSE business. Ellen, Gloria and Trisha will oversee planning. Cynthia and Azalia will gather resources to share out to the attendees.

It was decided that instead of having another planning meeting to decide on questions to ask at the Chancellor’s Town Hall, 3 groups were created to discuss what questions can be asked and decide who would ask them to the Chancellor. Once the questions are selected they will be shared to the main group. The groups were determined alphabetically.

* Group 1-Cynthia, Trisha, Gloria and Artelia
* Group 2-Tamara,Noah, Marissa and Paullette
* Group 3- Ellen, Erika, Carmen and Azalia

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Gloria asks for a motion to be made to adjourn. Azalia makes a motion to end the business meeting. Cynthia 2nds. Everyone said aye. Meeting ends at 8:25pm.