Citywide Council for Special Education Thursday, May 7, 2020

Zoom Video Conference with CCSE

Business Meeting Minutes

Attendees(CCSE): Ellen McHugh, Gloria Corsino, Azalia Volpe, Abi Fenalon, Margot Weinstock, Paullette Healy, Cynthia Arbulu-Vacca, Tamara Foye, Carmen Robles, Artelia Flowers, Noah Gotbaum, Erika Newsome

(DOE): Jose Rios Lua, Christina Foti, Kim Ramones,

(FACE): Shona Gibson, Claudette Agard

Ellen McHugh convenes meeting at 7:35pm. Paullette Healy introduces minutes from 2/6/20 for approval. Abi Fenalon makes a motion to vote. Margot Weinstock 2nd. Roll call vote is taken. Minutes approved

Paullette introduces minutes from 3/5/20 for approval. Azalia Volpe makes a motion to vote. Paullette 2nd. Roll call vote is taken. Minutes approved.

**President’s Report**

Reimbursements need to be submitted for processing as soon as possible. Deadline to transfer funds in the budget is May 15. Rose will email the Council members how much is left and a special budget will be scheduled at a later date.

Conversation was had with the DOE about extending the school day when/if we return to school in September. Students in the 12 month program will have lost 6 months of instruction. Academic Intervention Services (AIS), professional development (PD) and reading coaches are being looked at as possible supports.

Psych Evals-all stakeholders need to collaborate. Some cases will need to be done face-to-face but there needs to be accommodations for the parent voice in these discussions. Remote learning plan is not the end all be all.

**Members Reports**

Azalia reported updates on Staten Island Borough President office letter to the DOE asking for access to the Regional Enrichment Centers to be used as hubs for D75 students. Will report when more information is available.

Paullette reported D75 will be hosting webinars on AIMS (Acquisition, Integrated Services, Meaningful Communication, Social skills) programs and info sessions for parents. For more info contact Mark Corallos (mcorallos@schools.nyc.gov)

Rose Morgan(AA) reported survey monkey would cost $979 if we want to use it to support a parent survey. The free version only allows 10 questions and limited to only 50 responses. Upgrade would be necessary to expand parent responses. Rose asked Shona Gibson on clarity on money allocated for Annual report

**Concerns Expressed During Call**

1. Parent of Bronx science student reported no synchronous learning is happening and did not receive a remote learning plan. Was told by teachers that no supports would be given. Jose will escalate to response team
2. A parent reported SETTs were reduced on the remote learning plan
3. ELL parents are getting their remote learning plan in English instead in a language they understand.
4. Parent revealed child is not receiving related services and no virtual classroom teaching and her virtual IEP meeting is tomorrow. Gloria volunteered to assist and asked parent to reschedule the IEP meeting.
5. A parent asked how to transition into the Inclusion program at Beacon HS
6. A parent had a AT eval started prior to the quarantine and has not heard anything since. Ellen suggested to contact Mark Saberian or email ATHelp.org through the JCC. As of now, the DOE is not holding face to face AT evals.

Paullette Healy mentioned OPWDD is offering virtual webinars for those who need Front Door sessions. Go to opwdd.ny.gov for calendar.

Next calendar meeting is May 21st at 7:30pm

Jose Rios Lua will send chat to Paullette to transcribe for the meeting minutes.

Gloria made a motion to adjourn. Margot Weinstock 2nd. Meeting ends 8:42pm