Citywide Council for Special Education Thursday, June 4, 2020

 Zoom Video Conference with CCSE

 Business Meeting Minutes

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

 DOE: Jose Rios Lua

(FACE): Claudette Agard

Ellen McHugh convenes meeting at 7:50pm.

**President’s Report**

Ellen discusses PLACE NYC sponsored a parent Town Hall on screens with DC Wallack. It was advertised as public meeting and was called out by Teens Take Charge (TTC) against DC Wallack for not acknowledging their public request to meet with their group.

Meeting was had with leadership from CEC15, CCD75 and CCSE to plan the outline for the upcoming Town Hall with the Chancellor. Each Council President will have 2 minutes to speak and then open up to questions and answers.

MaryJo Genisse (VP of UFT for Special Education) informs that 150 IEP teachers were hired for summer session to work with groups of children no bigger than 5, guidance is being drafted for teachers a minimum amount of live instruction. There are 30,000 paras in the system and will be re-trained in remote learning and setting up para parameters. Feedback is mixed. Lexia is the sound reading program designed for remote instruction. Active legislature working on keeping D75 students who are aging out.

Ellen opposed the ECC pulling the resolution on CEC Elections extension. DOE also omitted the Citywide Councils from participating in the selection of the new PEP member. Heated discussion was had on both topics.

**Members Reports**

Azalia reports at her recent IEP meeting her school psych aked if she wanted ASD to be added as a diagnosis when documentation was presented. Examples of the frustrations parents face daily.

Abi talked about the struggle trying to her child a neuropsych. The system is so unfair and parents should not have to work this hard.

Craig from CCD75 gave his update. Ellen emphasized the purpose of the upcoming Parent Forum as an opportunity for families to have a platform to speak to the Chancellor who would normally not have that chance.

Annual report is ready to be mailed out. Discussion was had on the elected officials we would send copies to including all the Borough Presidents as well as the chairs of the education committees within the City Council and the Senate.

Reimbursements are extended for 5 more days.

Next calendar meeting on June 16

Ellen makes a motion to adjourn. Gloria 2nd. Meeting ends 8:58pm