Citywide Council for Special Education Thursday, September 19, 2019

Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street 2Fl, New York, N.Y. 10007

Business/Calendar Meeting Minutes

Meeting starts 6:15pm

1. Co-President EM introduces Christina Foti(CEO of Special Education)to present DOE focus for special education for the 2019-2020 school year.

* Advanced Literacy and Culturally Responsive Education were the main objectives
* The following concerns were presented to Ms Foti

1. Lack of school psychologists-hiring bilingual psychs being the priority
2. More vocational programs for transitioning
3. Support for IEP students and parents who are also ELL students
4. Incentives to prevent teacher turnover
5. Poverty in relation to Special Education population(robust discussion about how special ed, special needs and poverty and how they conflate)
6. Remarks were made in regards to diversity and segregation that 87% of students enrolled in the NYC school system are Black/ Brown students. 94% of students with disabilities are Black/Brown students. These are disparaging numbers.
7. Who oversees the new data coming in with the rollout of the CRE
8. Parent supports available within the new Advance Literacy programs to encourage better collaboration between teachers and parents. Suggestion was made to have parents present to teachers what supports they need/ are looking for

2. Approval of August minutes met with discussion. Request made by NG more thorough minutes be taken regarding presentations and question sessions. Details were added. Minutes were voted in. 7 yes, 1 abstained

3. EM announces public forums to take place by Senator Shelly Mayer on Fair Student Funding across the state.

EM announced 3 petitions/ open letters she would like the membership to consider signing off on. Instructions were to leave emails on the sign in sheet if members wanted more info. The petitions were for the following

* Petition to have Regents remove the insensitive phrase “illegal aliens” from upcoming statewide test
* Petition to have DOE change all school buses to electric buses
* Open letter to hold OPT accountable for failure to collect Medicaid reimbursement due to mismanagement of GPS device installation failed to work as intended.

4. Craig Spencer from CCD75 presented his September report

* D75 had a PAC meeting in Staten Island 9/17
* CCD75 is waiting for permit confirmation from Principal @ Dewitt/Clinton HS for proposed joint meeting on 10/23
* Members expressed not being available for Wednesday meetings. CS will ask Council for permission to move meeting to Thursday.

5. Executive Session is called at 7:58pm to discuss candidates for CCSE vacancies.

* Motion made to vote in Carmen Robles for the CCHS appointment. 8 votes yes
* Motion made to vote Tamara Foye for CCSE seat vacated by Carla Trippett. 8 votes yes
* Nominations taken for remaining CCSE seat vacated by Carleen Hodge. 7 votes for Azalia Volpe, 1 vote for Tamara Stern. Decision made to present Volpe as candidate to membership and consider submitting Stern for Public Advocate seat vacated by Hope Bell.

6. Executive Session closed at 8:22. Calendar Session resumes

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NG made a motion to adjourn. GC seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned 8:26pm