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**CEC 13
Business & Calendar Meeting
May 12, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Conference**

Meeting Minutes

- I.) Call to Order & Roll Call : Meeting called to order at 7:15pm
Members in attendance: Ayanna Behin, Meryem Bencheikh, Faraji Hanna-Jones, Jessica Simmons, Chris Meador, Aruna Hekinian, Cynthia McKnight
- II.) President's Report: Ayanna thanked everyone for their patience through the transition of zoom calls. She welcomed everyone to the call. Ayanna introduced the agenda and opened up for the council members on the call.
- III.) Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Samuels noted the challenges principals faced using the new Zoom platform which were experienced on the CEC meeting call.
Introduction of new District 13 Deputy Superintendent Megan Dunn
Device Update: There were 4,000 devices requested and to date. Almost all devices requested have been sent out.
Current Concerns: How to assess students in remote learning

III.) Changes with SLTs and PTA/PTOs- Lorrie Ayers

PTA Update Elections will not happen. You can extend current officers until next school year October 30. End of year report deadline extended to October 30 also.

Lorrie expressed excitement about the creativity of parent meetings and offered support to parent leaders wanting to set up virtual meetings with parents. She noted there have been a large number of parents inquiring how to provide support for their schools.

SLT: Meetings are happening

Mandatory 2 hour trainings are still required. There will be a new meeting hosted by FACE 9n May 19. Information will be sent to schools

Lorrie is available to set up trainings with schools

CEP timeline was released. Information was sent out concerning this. There will be learning opportunities about SMART Goals Webinar will be on May 21 discussing 2020-2021 CEP

Ayanna question: DO SLTs have to meet after school hours or is their flexibility

Overall rule is the availability of parents determine time of meeting.

Question Time of SLT training? 4:00-6:00pm of May 19

PTA Question: Remote voting on meetings, are we waiting until fall for all voting

Answer: Yes the guidance is all voting will be pushed out until the fall.

V. How to spend CEC funds for our families and Budget modifications vote.

Budget:

CEC AA explained guidance. Guidance around budget modifications: The city has opened the CEC budget modification for a week for CECs to modify budgets to support the current climate.

Option: ECC plans to have citywide CEC support of students who are in temporary housing with art, personal care items and school supplies. Council would like to expand pool of people to include people in public housing

CEC discussed ways to spend the remaining funds. Core concerns were how to ensure that funding went to the most needy families and how to properly

support students and teachers with remote learning tech and mental wellness support.

Additional concerns expressed: Lobbying for professional development for teachers to support ongoing remote learning.

Vote: Allocate \$5000 from the supply students in temporary housing.

Pt 2 Investigate what other means we have for spending the money to support students and teachers for tech they need

Motion made by Meryem Bencheikh

2nd by Chris Meador

Unanimous vote Ayanna Behin, Jessica Simmons, Faraji Hannah-Jones, Meryem Bencheikh, Chris Meador, Aruna Hekinian, Cynthia McKnight

Budget Vote

‘CECs are donating 5,000 for personal care and art supplies for housing

Question raised about CEC funding

Ayanna Behin explained that budget given to CECs to reimburse to get supplies for CEC office and fund district wide events.

- VI.) Superintendent Evaluation: Evaluations will still be completed
- VII.) Virtual Graduation support: CEC is interested in supporting schools in doing their graduation celebration for students and invites principals to share how support can be given.
- VIII.) Sharing Calendar for the year:
 - Remaining meetings for the 2019-2020 schools year will be May 26, June 9 and June 23 beginning at 7pm. The calendar for next year will maintain the two meeting module with one in person meeting and one virtual meeting.
 - Question from Faraji Hannah Jones about CEC vacancies.
 - There are three vacancies on the council with one reserved for multi lingual language learner. There are two applicants whose process started prior to school closure. The council will move forward with the two applicants and address remaining open seats at a later date.
- IX.) Public Comment: Dock Street school: Will there be a plan in place to support students who were left behind?

Will rising 9th graders have to re-take classes taken in 8th grade due to the cancelled Regents exams?

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Thank you to Assemblyman Walter Moseley for assisting parents with questions and concerns.

Assemblymember Mosely speaks: Thank you for having me.

Two concerns: What will happen with state budget?

Tracing and tracking initiative are provisions that will reinforce the segregated mindset.

Superintendent Samuel publicly thanked Ass. Mosely for his support.

Ayanna addressed concerns about student support stating no official plan was in place but encourage additional learning support to be given to all students with respect to the unforeseen circumstances connected to school closure.

Question raised about enrollment: Is the enrollment process changing and is there a budget consequence if enrollment goes down?

Superintendent Samuel answers: Enrollment process will change. Metric process will not be in place such as test scores and attendance

Clarification the question was specific to kindergarten enrollment: Enrollment is online and schools are working through that process. Offer letters will be going out soon and parents will have a lot of waitlists.

Comment: Can there be conversation about screened schools about specialized high schools and the discriminatory processes.

A deeper conversation will be had at a later date.

IEP: How will children be assessed remotely to get the things that they need.

A separate meeting will be shared district wide led by CEC 13 IEP representative Jessica Simmons

What is information that parents wanted to discuss district wide?

Sup. Samuels noted his desire to be a part of this engagement. Issues of students with special needs is a priority. Superintendent is happy to engage in that discussion.

Executive Superintendent Karen Watts speaks:

Thank Sup Samuels

Welcome Megan Dunn

Thank you CEC members

Hello to all principals and parents on meeting

Focus has shifted in remote learning from access to technology on the quality of interaction. 6 weeks left to the end of the school year.

Excited about the work being done as a leadership team

There are a lot of opportunities for professional learning opportunities for teachers.

Following CEP template will be helpful in completing the new CEP plan for the school year

Ayanna expressed thanks to Executive Superintendent Watts, Superintendent Samuels, principals, teachers, parents and guardians and elected officials.

IX.) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm