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**CEC 13
Business & Calendar Meeting
September 22, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom**

Meeting Minutes

Calendar Meeting

Council Executive Board

President

Ayanna Behin

First Vice President

Meryem Bencheikh

Second Vice President

Faraji Hannah- Jones

Recording Secretary

Jessica Simmons

Treasurer

Elavia Bello

Council Members

Chris Meador

Enrique Mina

Borough President Designee

Cynthia McKnight

Aruna Hekinian

Superintendent

Kamar Samuels

Executive Superintendent

Karen Watts

Chancellor

Richard Carranza

- I.) **Call to Order & Roll Call** Unofficial Start time 7:02pm
No Official Role call -quorum not met
- II.) **President's Report: Meeting hosted by Recording Secretary Jessica Simmons in Ayanna Behin's absence**
 - Welcome everyone to a new school year
 - What is CEC and what do we do: Overview of the Community Education Council and its purpose.
 - Introductions : Elavia Bello- Treasurer and PS 8 parent; Jessica Simmons- Recording Secretary 2nd Vice President Faraji Hannah- Jones PS 307 parent; Cynthia McKnight- Brooklyn Borough President Appointee and Brooklyn Latin parent; Chivon Anderson CEC Administrative Assistant
 - CEC Vacancies and application process.: There are vacancies on the CEC. Interested persons can contact cec13@schools.nyc.gov to inquire about the application process.
 - What is Presidents Council (Celia Green) :not present
 - What is DPAC (Ben Greene): Ben Green provided and overview of the District Parent Advisory Schools and Title I pacs at Title I schools. Eligibility is 60% of schools receiving free and reduced lunch. There 20-22 schools eligible in district 13. Actual number still pending. Call to action for Title I school reps to submit contact information. Requesting assistance from CEC and President's Council in communicating with school Title I pac representatives. The contact email is 13dpac@gmailcom. Zac Martin is Secretary and Marvin Williams is Treasurer.
 - Priorities for the year - A year long community conversation, community building, meet D13 schools. building parent leadership, Covid support, helping individual schools and addressing systemic issues:

Continue the conversation about equity in the district through and raising our children in an anti-racist way that began in the spring and continued through the summer.

Conversations will take place during CEC meetings as well as DLT and SLT meetings.

Building relationships with parents around the district.

Discussion of CEC school liaisons shifting to a different structure.

III.) Superintendent's Report: Schools are set up in affinity groups with schools grouped together by those facing similar issues or working projects.

IV.) Introduction of Brooklyn North High Schools Superintendent Janice Ross:

Brief greeting from Superintendent Karen Watts

Superintendent Janice Ross gave a welcome and introduction and introduced Andrada Frunza who delivered a presentation about School Re-Opening for Brooklyn North High Schools

Superintendent shares his excitement about the work that has been done to prepare for school re-opening.

Superintendent Samuels shared school opening presentation

V.) Public Comment: Ben Greene asked about status of his CEC application. Jessica Simmons responded that she would defer to Ayanna Behin and follow up with him regarding the status.

Comment in the chat from Bliss Broyard about collaborating to support families by finding a creative way to donate funds received from P-EBT cards and distribute amongst those with the greatest need. Elavia Bello has information that she could share and Superintendent Samuels recommended the two connect to share that information.

VI.) Community Discussion: Discussions in break out rooms

CEC Representatives who facilitated break out groups shared information discussed in small groups. Key themes includes building community, student support from teachers, ipad device availability, re-opening plan and its impact on students and the ability to share resources through affinity groups. There was also discussion of IEP parent support.

Introduction of new Parent Empowerment Representative for Brooklyn North Lisa Pulaski who is also a PS 20 parent.

VII.) Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Business Meeting – Business postponed until next meeting.