



# Community Education Council District 21

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*Members:* Umekulsoom Butt · Susan Chin · Sean Chin · Malik Shah Jehan · Yves Etienne

## CEC District 21 Meeting Minutes, December 14, 2016

Location: P.S. 216, 350 Avenue X Brooklyn, New York 11223

Community Education Council District 21 presented their Annual Pre-K & Kindergarten Enrollment Workshop from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The speakers were Ms. Felicia Branch, Assistant Director, NYC Department of Education Office of Student Enrollment, and Liz Wojtal, Site Coordinator, Brooklyn's Daily Discovery Pre-K Center- K597. Speakers presented information regarding the process of Pre-K & Kindergarten Enrollment and answered questions that the parents had. P.S. 216 Staff also provided tours of the classrooms and school for the attending parents.

### Business Meeting: 6:30 PM

**I. Meeting called to order** by Anna Lembersky at 6:30 P.M.

**II. Roll Call-** *Recording Secretary Anne Polizzi*

**Present:** Umekulsoom Butt, Sean Chin, Maria DiGraziano, Anna Lembersky, Anne Polizzi, Randi Garay, Yves Etienne, Susan Chin, Malik Shah Jehan (Late)

**Absent:** Heather Ann Fiorica (excused)

**III. Old Business:**

**1. Review of November 16, 2016 Minutes**

**IV. New Business:**

**1. Approval of November 16, 2016 Minutes- CEC21 unanimously approved the minutes.**

**2. Capital Planning-** Anna discussed the upcoming Capital Planning process. She said that Sabrina has already sent out the wish list document to Principals and we are waiting to hear back from them. Due to the deadline being on January 10, 2017, the only date that will work for the entire council to meet is on January 7, 2017. She urged to council to respond to Sabrina's email stating if they could make the meeting. Sabrina will also put in a permit for I.S. 96 for 4-5 hours on January 7, 2017.

**3. Treasurer's Report: (See addendum 1)**

**4. Councilmembers Reports:**

- o Malik Shah Jehan- Visited P.S. 100 with Umekulsoom Butt and met with Principal. He stated that the meeting was wonderful and exciting.
- o Yves Etienne- Visited P.S. 238 with Heather Ann Fiorica. He stated that the meeting was productive and informative.
- o Sean Chin- Met with P.S. 188 where he went over the results from the SCA on the Capital Plan responses. The principal also asked for a rezoning process update. Superintendent DiMola responded and stated that they are currently working with families on a case by case basis and that the rezoning of P.S. 188 is in the hopper. Hopefully by the Spring, Space Planning will be ready to speak about it.
- o Maria DiGraziano- Stated that she has been supporting schools and visiting to make sure they are in order and thinking of their capital planning wish list.
- o Randi Garay- Went to the Veteran's Day performance at P.S. 216.
- o Anna Lembersky- Assisted the Thanksgiving Feast at KECSS.
- o Anne Polizzi- Ran the Annual Fall Gala at I.S. 228. Attended the last 2 PTA meetings at I.S. 228.
- o Umekulsoom Butt- Visited P.S. 100 with Malik. Also attended the Thanksgiving Feast at P.S. 225.
- o Susan Chin- Attended the Brooklyn Borough President's Meeting. Also stated that the Hour of Code has been released.

**Meeting Adjournment: Motion made by Anna Lembersky and seconded by Anne Polizzi at 6:42 PM.**

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### Calendar Meeting

**I. Meeting Called to Order** by Anna Lembersky at 7:00 PM.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Student Performance by the Chorus and Dancers of P.S. 216**

**IV. Roll Call-** *Recording Secretary Anne Polizzi*

**V. Present:** Umekulsoom Butt, Sean Chin, Maria DiGraziano, Anna Lembersky, Anne Polizzi, Randi Garay, Yves Etienne, Susan Chin, Malik Shah Jehan

**Absent:** Heather Ann Fiorica (excused)

*Anna Lembersky welcomed staff, parents and students to the meeting. She thanked P.S. 216 for hosting CEC21's December meeting.*

**VI. Respect for All Contest Winners-** Superintendent DiMola explained the concept of the Citywide Respect for All Contest. She told the audience that all of the posters were displayed on the right and left side of the stage on the Auditorium walls were contest submissions. She also announced and congratulated the winners of the Poster contest which were - Samantha Duong from Bay Academy Intermediate School

and Shimin Huang from P.S. 212. Superintendent DiMola invited Principal Lettieri-Baker from P.S. 177, and Principal Lynch from Seth Low Intermediate School to the front of the stage to announce the winners of the essay contest from their respective schools. Principal Lettieri-Baker welcomed Salvador Piniero to the front and he read his essay to the council and the audience. Principal Lynch welcomed Marwa Elhassani and she read her essay to the council and the audience as well. Superintendent DiMola thanked all the schools that participated in the Respect for All Contest. She also thanked all the winners for their wonderful posters and essays. She stated that Respect for All Week is in February and that the winners of the District contest will be invited to the Department of Education Office of the Chancellor where the Chancellor will present them with special awards.

**VII. Superintendent's Report-** Superintendent DiMola congratulated Principal Evan Klein on his appointment. She also asked all the parents to keep Saturday, May 13, 2017 open in their calendar. District 21 will be partnering with District 20, Yale University, and Hunter College to host an Emotional Intelligence Symposium with parents where there will be discussions of how emotions matter and how we can support our students in managing their emotions at the highest level. This is the start of a district-wide initiative where 21 schools in District 21 and 19 schools in District 20 will be partnering for professional learning for principals in emotional intelligence through Yale University. She also stated that they are looking for parent volunteers to sit on the planning committee for this event. She thanked the parents and leaders for their amazing work throughout the school year. She stated that between her and her deputy, they have visited every school in the district at least once since the start of school and that she is excited to see the hard work being done and the students making great progress. She also wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy new year.

**VIII. President's Report-** Anna Lembersky went over the important upcoming dates and activities. *(see addendum 2)*

**IX. Public Questions & Comments**

- o Phyllis Hoffman, teacher at P.S. 90, was happy to discuss the dual language program offered at P.S. 90. She also discussed that the students receive music 2 times a week.
- o Jacob Mnookin, Director of Coney Island Prep, provided an update of the happenings at Coney Island Prep. He spoke about the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Coney Island Gives Thanks", the Middle School's canned food drive and the High School Students that gave out turkeys for those in need.
- o Kate O'Hagen, UFT District Representative, thanked the students-winners of the Respect for All Contest. She also spoke about the amazing start of the year collaborations. She discussed P.S. 209 and their tremendous job of joining together to collect money for coats for the homeless.

**VIX: Dates and Activities (see addendum 2)**

**Meeting adjournment:** at 7:50 PM with a motion by Anna Lembersky and seconded by Anne Polizzi

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Sabrina Argiro  
Administrative Assistant

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Anne Polizzi (Recording Secretary)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

**Addendum 1:**

**2016-2017 Budget: November 16, 2016-December 14, 2016**

**Our opening balance is: \$14,609.61**

**Our current balance is: \$13,846.92**

**Total Spent: \$762.69 (Reimbursements \$395.00 + P-Card \$353.10+ Transportation \$14.59)**

**November**

Reimbursements	Member	Month	Amount
	Heather Ann Fiorica	Nov-16	\$200.00
	Randi Garay	Nov-16	\$125.00
	Maria DiGraziano	Oct-16	\$70.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$395.00</b>

**P-Card**

Items	Vendor	Total
Coffee for Workshop/Meetings	Dunkin Donuts	\$71.96
Water for Workshop/Meetings	Staples Advantage	\$13.95
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$85.91</b>

**Transportation**

	Month	Reimbursement
AA Travel	Sep-16	\$1.18
AA Travel	Nov-16	\$13.41
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14.59</b>

**December**

P-Card		
Items	Vendor	Total
Office Supplies	Staples Advantage	\$67.19
Food for Workshop/Meeting	A & S Pork Store	\$200.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$267.19</b>

	Budget	Total Spent	Balance
<b>Non Contractual Services(Copier)</b>	\$1,920.00	\$1,920.00	\$0.00
<b>Reimbursements</b>	\$8,840.00	\$2,171.00	\$6,669.00
<b>P-Card/Office Supplies</b>	\$8,340.00	\$2,035.49	\$6,304.51
<b>Transportation of Staff</b>	\$100.00	\$26.59	\$73.41
<b>Furniture</b>	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
<b>Fax Machine</b>	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	\$20,000.00	\$6,153.08	\$13,846.92
<b>Total Spent</b>	\$6,153.08	\$6,153.08	
<b>Balance in Budget</b>	\$13,846.92		

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**Addendum 2:**

**Dates and Activities:**

**Schools Closed**

December 26-January 2- Winter Recess  
 January 16- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Kindergarten Applications**

November 30- Friday, January 13

**Pre-K Applications**

January 17-February 24, 2017

**Absenses:**

From: Heather [mailto:half2000mrs@aol.com]  
 Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2016 10:52 PM  
 To: Cec21 D21  
 Subject: Absent

Good evening council, please excuse my absent from the December CEC meeting. It is Brienne's opening night for Into the woods. I would like to wish you all a happy holiday and wonderful new year. See you all next year. Heather