Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL)

Tuesday, March 5, 2019
Meeting Minutes
Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers St, NY, NY, 10007

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

The Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL) Special Business meeting was called to order on March 5, 2018 at 6:20pm. The following CCELL members were present: Yenny Almonte, Teresa Arboleda, Saima Arfan, Osiris De la Cruz (late), Radwa Gomaa, Hebatalla Ibrahim, Nargiza Rafieva, Mitchel Wu (late) and Julie Zhu. The following members were absent with an excuse: Victor De las Santos, and Kahdeidra Martin.

Mirza Sanchez-Medina, Deputy Chief Academic Officer, Division of Multilingual Learner – Introduction of Larry Nguyen, the new Executive Director for Engagement and Policy. Mrs. Sanchez-Medina announced that there is a new subdivision Engagement and Policy in the Division of Multilingual Learner which will work on Community and Family Empowerment, Bilingual Teacher Certification, Labor Relations, State and Federal Policy and Advocate Group and the CCELL. Mrs. Sanchez-Medina introduced the new Executive Director for Engagement and Policy Larry Nguyen. Mr. Nguyen spoke briefly about his career.

Review and Approval for CCELL Resolution #14 2018-2019 Budget Modification. Ms. Almonte, the recording secretary, read the CCELL Resolution #14 2018-2019 Budget Modification. The council agreed on the changes and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Developing questions for Chancellor's Town Hall on March 12, 2019. Every CCELL members and parents in the audience gave their recommendations for questions for the Chancellor's Town Hall on March 12, 2019.

Update on student Presentation. Miss Gomaa reported that she is working on a PowerPoint presentation on how, as an ELL student since the 5th grade, she was provided with opportunities that have helped her to develop and how she has been changed to become the HS student who will soon be graduating.

Update on the Strategic Plan meeting. Ms. Prager submitted a draft of the updated of the Strategic Plan, which will be discussed at the April 9 CCELL meeting.

Discussion –NYSABE Conference. Mr. Nguyen announced that the Division Multilingual Learners would like to fund parents to attend the NYSABE Conference on March 21, 2019. The DML will also provide transportation to and from the conference. If any CCECs members would like to attend the deadline to register is March 14, 2019.

Planning for 2018-2019 School Year presentation topics

- **April – Diversity and Bullying.** Ms. Andino will be follow up with FACE regarding the presenter on Diversity and Bullying.
- **May – Student presentation and Charter Schools and ELLs.** Possibility of a different topic than Charters and ELLs will be discussed at the April meeting.
- **June – End of Term Celebration.** Current CCELL members who are eligible are encouraged to again run for the CCELL during the Elections for the 2019-2021 term.

Adjourned at 7:44 pm