

Citywide Council on English Language Learners (CCELL)

Tuesday January 5, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers St, NY, NY

SPECIAL MEETING:

Special meeting, for the purpose of interviewing applicant candidate for the vacancy on the CCELL, was called to order at 5:39pm. The following members were present: Teresa Arboleda, Leonora Lokaj and Mitchel Wu. The following members were absent and excused: Yenny Almonte, Awatef Ibrahim, Miguelina Castro, Bin Huang Guillermo Rodriguez and Darihana Gonzales (student)

Candidate Jacky Zhang was interviewed for the CCELL vacancy by the members present. Upon arrival of Awatef Ibrahim, Miguelina Castro, Bin Huang and Guillermo Rodriguez, which formed a quorum, the CCELL went into executive session to discuss the candidate. It was resolved to appoint Ms. Aisuluu Sartaeva as a member of the CCELL. Ms. Sartaeva had been interviewed at a recent meeting.

The special meeting, including executive session, was adjourned at 6:11pm.

CALENDAR MEETING

The CCELL Calendar meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm. The following members were present: Teresa Arboleda, Awatef Ibrahim, Hebatalla Ibrahim, Leonora Lokaj and Mitchel Wu. The following members were late: Miguelina Castro, Bin Huang, Guillermo Rodriguez and Darihana Gonzalez (student). Members Yenny Almonte and Yohanna Martinez were absent and excused.

December 1, 2015 meeting minutes – Approval unanimously 9-0.

President Report

❖ **Office of the Public Advocate**

- **Meeting on December 17, 2015 – Proposed questions for NYC schools survey – ELLs.** Ms. Arboleda asked the CCELL members to email Ms. Andino if they have any additional recommendation questions.
- **Free Lunch for all.** The CCELL members approved the recommendations for Free Lunch for all students in all NYC schools. Notification of CCELL approval will be sent to Sara Trongone, Community Food Advocates.

❖ **Meeting with the Chancellor on December 19, 2015.** This is the regular meeting held with the Chancellor and education council presidents every other month. The main topic discussed was the issue of enrollment.

❖ **Blue Book working Group Meeting – Pres of CCELL invited to attend on Tuesday, December 8, 2015.** Ms. Arboleda attended the December 8th meeting of the Blue Book Working Meeting Group.

Presentation:

NYC DOE Division of Early Childhood Education – Language Support for Pre-K and Outreach, Natalie Kianoff, Special Advisor and Brain Fritsch, Director of the Pre-K outreach team. Ms. Kianoff and Mr. Fritsch touched on the following, with time allowed for Q&A:

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- Pre-k for All Goals
- Access for Free, Full-Day, High –Quality for 4 years old
- Pre-k Feature
- Pre-K foundation for the Common Core (PKFCC) Domains
- Support for Linguistically Diverse Learner
- Language Support Options
- Pre-k Online Application Open January 25, 2016
- Outreach Effort

NYCDOE Division of English Language Learners (DELLs) – Yalitza Vazquez Johnson, Chief of Staff, gave a brief overview on the Division and on preliminary plans for the DELLs annual parent conference.

The Big Apple Awards – Nomination a teacher – members and the public were encouraged to nominate teachers for the Big Apple Awards. January 18, 2016 is the deadline.

Calendar meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm

BUSINESS MEETING

The CCELL Business meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm. The following members were present: Teresa Arboleda, Miguelina Castro, Bin Huang, Mitchel Wu, Awatef Ibrahim, Hebatalla Ibrahim, Leonora Lokaj, Guillermo Rodriguez and Darihana Gonzalez (student). Members Yenny Almonte and Yohanna Martinez were absent and excused.

Review of draft of business card with new CCELL logo - Members agreed on the business card with the new CCELL Logo.

Project for the CCELL Student Member - Darihana agreed on giving a PowerPoint presentation on ‘the challenges that ELL seniors faces to attend college. She will give her presentation April.

Possible extra Presentation for March - The NYCDOE will be presenting on Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Allocation at the March CCELL meeting. Also the council agreed that they would like a presentation on State Testing regarding ELLs and their Rights.

Follow-up on Annual Report - Ms. Andino will be sending the documents requested by Ms. Robinson, who will be working on this, a draft will be presented to the Council in April.

Business meeting adjourned at 8: 06pm.