

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 14

February 10, 2022/ 6-8pm / Public meeting with members and public via zoom

Meeting Start

INTRODUCTIONS AND COMMUNITY CHECK IN

Introductions in the Chat and Community Welcoming

Meeting started at 6:01pm

Ice Breaker:

Who is your favorite boy band and what song?

Attendees Present:

Yuli Hsu

Casey Laytin

Jose Del Toro Alonso

Marissa Manzanares

Tajh Sutton

Iris Gutierrez

Absentees:

Kenyatta Reid

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of January 2022 District 14 CEC meeting

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COMMUNITY CHECK IN

Welcome to the CEC 14 monthly meeting for February. Please introduce yourself in the chat! We'd love to know your name, school or community affiliation, preferred pronouns, what you're bringing into the space and hoping to get out of it. If your school community is in need of additional masks and rapid tests- please email us at

cec14@schools.nyc.gov thank you

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OPPORTUNITIES SO SUPPORT CULTURALLY RESPONSIBLE EDUCATION

International Day of Holocaust Remembrance January 27th CEC D14 wanted to up uplift this day of remembrance due to an uptick in anti semetic actions. We embrace culturally responsible education. Information on Holocaust Remeberance day can be found here: <https://www.ushmm.org/remember/international-holocaust-remembrance-day>

World Hijab Day February 1st, the D14 CEC wants to continue to support culturally responsive education, to learn about and celebrate many cultures and religions. More information can be found here: <https://worldhijabday.com>

Lunar New Year February 1st - February 15th
<https://www.history.com/.amp/topics/holidays/chinese-new-year>

CEC Vice President Yuli Hsu shared the history of lunar new year and the celebrations that take place for this holiday. She also shared how her family in-particular celebrates along with some history of Japanese occupation of Taiwan. It is the year of the Water Tiger which is an action oriented zodiac sign that represents strength, bravery, and warding off evil. Yuli highlighted Culturally Responsive Education. You can find more information about CRSE here: <https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/fight-for-asian-america-open-letter>

Black Lives Matter at School week of action January 31st - February 4th
in celebration of February as Black History Month/ Black Futures Month

Tajh, CEC 14 President spoke about celebrating the joy, brilliance, and accomplishments of the diaspora.

CEC 14 brought BLM at School to the district a few years ago and have experienced pushback when trying to encourage black lives matter in schools. BLM at school chapter is here tonight to share resources on how we can make black lives matter a part of the daily experience in our schools. On the note of Black Lives Matter there have been incidents at D14 school PS110 throughout the year. Here to share what has happened and the DOE response is Randy Locklair, PTA executive member from PS110. He is here to share some acts of violence towards the PS110 community. PS110 hung up BLM and Pride flags at the school to celebrate the dedication of the community for inclusive and culturally responsive education. The flags went missing in early September. Some members of the school community went to rehang the flags after the September theft and were harassed by community members. Parents had to replace flags themselves. There was a small response from the school administration and a weak response from the district. Parents at ps110 have expressed to the DOE that if they did not condemn these acts of violence it would happen again. It did happen again. Most recently the BLM and Pride flags were stolen and replaced with an All Lives Matter and American flag. We need people to speak up and speak loudly. D14 CEC would like to note that at this point in the meeting no one from the district office was in attendance and many parents are upset.

Lincoln Restler spoke up to say that he is angry and disappointed by these acts. We have to say loudly as a community that we condemn these act. Lincoln stated that he is ready to

organize a rally to with ps110. Lincoln encouraged community members to continue to contact his office. lincoln@linconforcouncil.com

Covid PPE resources:

Mask mandate was partially listed. Mask resources:<https://www.zinnedproject.org/news/fight-for-asian-america-open-letter>

Open letter from Equitable Responsible Safe Schools
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMw__Em-EXfudXXyc4Vr_SlzyUssWDNjSRRRgalRhKXAgag/viewform

Free covid test kits will be available on Friday 2/18 at Carnaval 507 Grand St
Community Member shared a great resource from PRESS NYC about masking:
<https://medium.com/@pubhealthschoolmasks/open-letter-public-health-school-mask-mandates-e3a7071f3b26>

The D14 CEC is posting 5 resolutions to the community for a vote.

Universal Childcare

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hiDTU8A_34wO3gTtyKb7GWUPmvTpwaeOU3qyeAenUjs/edit

Yay

Tajh
Yuli
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Universal Childcare resolution passed

School governance

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School Governance resolution passed

Charter Cap

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Charter Cap resolution passed

Foundation Aid & Charter Funding

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The Foundation Aid and Charter Funding passed

ACS & DOE partnership

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ACS and DOE partnership resolution passed

Community Comment

Due to the absence of the superintendent and the district office in the first half of the meeting the community asked 110 PTA member, Charlene Petitjean, to recap the issues at ps110. She reiterated what was shared by PTA member earlier in the meeting and emphasized the physical violence towards a PTA member replacing the flag in September as well as threats towards the children of the school community on social media in recent weeks.

SUPERINTENDANTS REPORT

District leadership arrived late. Due to the community already being involved in a conversation about violence towards school communities supporting culturally responsive education with BLM and PRIDE flags being stolen from school property, CEC President Tajh suggested the Superintendents the team send its presentation via email so the community could continue the conversation with the little time we had left. The community had been discussing events at PS110 and how it relates to acts of violence towards BIPOC and LGBTQ+ students across the district.

The superintendent stated she had a middle school student at the meeting and would like to amplify a student voice. CEC President stated that we always will make space for student voice and made space for the student to speak. Dr. Dixon then shared a pre-recorded video about gun violence which cut into the public comment time.

Many community members expressed their confusion & concern regarding sharing a students work at such an inopportune time as a way to escape accountability. The CEC and parent community members expressed concern to the superintendent would create a situation in which a student was caught in the middle of the communities demand for action and the superintendents lack of accountability. The CEC expressed deep value for student voice and have invited the student & their family back to our March meeting to be appropriately added to the agenda & uplifted.

Adjourned at 8:17pm

Minutes by: Marissa Manzanares
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