

The Education Committee of the SW Common Council

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

6:30 to 8:00 pm at

Arnett Branch Library, 310 Arnett Boulevard

Minutes Posted on: www.locationSW.org/group/sw-education-forum

Attendance:

John Boutet SWCC Education Committee Chair, 328-4271, jboutet@frontiernet.net
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Introductions

Discuss latest development on superintendent

- Dan Lowengard coming in as interim with chief of staff Linda Cimusz.

Aquino Report reaction: Report Meetings, Mayor's Community Input Sessions

- Next Meeting is Thursday, 1/24, 5:30-7:30pm @ East High School, 1801 East Ave or watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sXRox7Bdu4> which was the Aquino Report 1st Public Meeting, 12/13/18

Local Busing Initiative – Update on lobbying, *Local Busing Coversheet & Petition.pdf*

- This is very important to increase neighborhood student enrollment. School #17, which has local bussing is up to 77% local enrollment. Local enrollment increases parent involvement.
- Petitions have been emailed to SW schools.

School 3, 10, 16, 19, 29, 44, Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy - Updates - Which ones are in receivership? What can we do to help?

- We have Schools 10, 16, 19 and Wilson Foundation in receivership in the SW.
- School 4 and Wilson Magnet are Focus Schools.
- What can we do to help? Offer to serve on CET teams.

School #17 – John attended tour of School 17 and gained a lot of valuable information and resources. Check out <https://www.rcsdk12.org/17>. Principal is Caterina.Leone-Mannino@rcsdk12.org. Friday, 1/25, School 17 has a Learning Expo from 2-4pm. Please try to attend. Will invite her to our next Education meeting. School has blossomed as a community school under Leone-Mannino leadership; 77% neighborhood student enrollment. Believes in short distance bussing and maintains that it would increase parent involvement. It is hoped that increased parent involvement will have a positive impact on student achievement.

Ernestine noted that the School #17 area is primarily Hispanic and, as a culture, they support one another so she's not surprised they are seeing the cohesiveness within the school.

Catrina known for meeting problems "head-on" (e.g. gang activity) and bringing in the necessary resources to remediate. John passed around their Support Services Directory and information on the 1/25 Learning Expo.

Another resource shared: Community Engagement Team (CET) information – site-based teams that consist of families, students, community partners, unions, neighboring community, residents, the principal, community school coordinator, teachers and other school personnel who guide

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collaborative planning, implementation and oversight based on the identified assets and needs of the community and School #17. There are seven CET work groups: Adult Ed/Workforce Development, Neighborhood Engagement, Early Childhood Education, Human Services, Health and Wellness, Out of School Youth Development and Parent & Family Engagement. For more information, about the CET workgroups, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/school17cet> To join, go to this website: www.tinyurl.com/InvolvedAt17

School #16: Ernestine gave us an invitation to attend a public hearing on “receivership” and learn about the school’s improvement plan on Wed, 2/6, 5:30pm at 321 Post Ave.

Important for teachers to become more comfortable with surrounding neighborhood; stay in the area for local events and activities. Ernestine recommending a walk around the neighborhood on Superintendent’s Day. Eleanor noted that a recent list of all the places to eat in the SouthWest Quadrant was sent out and will get that to Ernestine. **SW Roc Food Map 01-20-2019**

Looking to bring in community resources and stakeholders who can provide information and support on how to get school out of receivership.

Special Black History event 2/28, 5:30pm where grade levels will perform; African-American cuisine afterwards.

Candlelight Dinners – 2/9

John B. recommended that Ernestine connect with Jackie Farrell to get details on Candlelight Dinners. Eleanor noted that Jackie is a very necessary resource for building a strong community relationship within the 19th Ward.

Technical Education Updates

- **CFC YouthBuild** – New YB Advisory group started today; includes representatives from Lecesse, Home Leasing, REOC, RochesterWorks, Habitat for Humanity, and ABC (Associated Builders & Contractors). REOC has Career Services department and is making that available to YB students. New class starts 2/25. Eleanor will get information and marketing materials to School #16.

Walk-in Items