

Approved July 14, 2025
COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 23
Emergency Meeting
July 7th, 2025
6:00PM-9:00PM
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Council Members Present (Virtually):

Amanda Pitts (Chair), Melinda French, Presil Garcia, Pamelita Romero, Katherine Brockington, Joan Stewart, Jorshea Tucker

Called to order at 6:04pm.

Chair Remarks:

- Welcome, thank for coming to last minute meeting
- Our CEC23 Annual Meeting will be held next Monday, July 14th, at 6pm, in the district office.

Contract For Excellence (C4E) Report: Superintendent Kirkland

- C4E Funds must be spent only on certain initiatives
- FY 2026 C4E Funding has increased to 1.089 billion (from \$802 Million), including \$241 million for Class Size initiatives
- District 23 is proposed to receive \$8,768,509, 51% for discretionary funds, 7.6% for Class Size initiatives

Class Size Reduction Plan

- 71% of District 23 classrooms meet the new class size requirements
- Five schools were chosen to participate in a pilot program to hire new teachers
 - BEES, PS/IS 155, PS 323, PS 41, and PS 184

Questions from the community:

- Principals were asked what they used their discretionary funding for, principals mentioned CBO's, Social Emotional Learning curriculums, sports opportunities, parent engagement events, college fairs, and more.
- Does funding take into account updated enrollments? Dr. Kirkland says yes, and the School's SLT should make sure spending and budget is aligned with the CEP
- A question was asked about the BEES and BLESS building, and mixing grades within the floors.

Meeting ended at 6:32pm.