



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Business Meeting

Approved on 5/10/18 at a Business Meeting

Date: 04/23/2018

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: D15 Office Building, 131 Livingston Street, Room 508 A/B

Business Meeting Agenda (as publicly posted)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Welcome - President Camille Casaretti
3. Discussion on Meeting Dates June 2018-Dec 2018 - Camille Casaretti
4. WXY Update - Neal Zephyrin and Lili Velez
5. Council Member Mark Treyger's Dual Language Meeting Update - Scott Powell
6. Welcome Letter to Chancellor Carranza - Antonia Ferraro
7. CEC15's Discussion on Goals and District Accomplishments:
 - a. Diversity
 - b. ELL Programs
 - c. Special Education Programs
 - d. Overcrowding and Under Enrollment with Sub Districts
 - e. Funding for Special Programs
8. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Town Hall Logistics and Update - Lili Velez
 - b. CB2 Request for Data Report in Sub District 3 - Camille Casaretti
 - c. Legislative Breakfast
 - d. Science Fair Update
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

Call to Order 6:34 p.m.

1. Roll Call - Nicole Brier

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President

Kathy Park Price, Co-Vice President

Scott Powell, Co-Vice President

Charles Star, Treasurer

Nicole Brier

Mark Bisard

Antonia Ferraro

Yanfeng Zhang



Late:

Neal Zephyrin, Secretary

Elena Romero

Lili Velez

2. Welcome - President Camille Casaretti

- Superintendent Anita Skop could not make the meeting today because she is at Title I Grant meeting.
- Thursday, April 26 meeting with SCA to discuss St. Agatha's.
- There will be an IEP conference on Saturday from 9:30 to 1:30.
- Brooklyn Prospect Charter has asked to come speak to CEC15. They want to open a new school.

3. Discussion on Meeting Dates June 2018-Dec 2018 - Camille Casaretti

- Asked council members to please look at their calendars and see if the proposed dates work for them.
- Should CEC15 continue to do the same theme focused meetings? Like the Grants & Funding and MS Principals Forum? Might want to bring back the Grants & Funding meeting but it might be more suitable for a joint meeting with the Presidents' Council.
- Might want to consolidate July's business and calendar meetings.
- Should workshops be part of calendar meetings or should they be separate?
- CEC15 should design their calendar meetings according to their goals.
- Maybe should consider a middle school information meeting. Some parents don't know how to start searching for a middle school for their child, or if they should go on tours. Need to bring someone who can explain the process.

4. WXY Update - Neal Zephyrin and Lili Velez

- The Working Group had 2 public workshops. The 1st one was to introduce themselves and their work to the community, the 2nd to look at the data from the public feedback that was requested during the 1st workshop. The feedback overall has been relatively good.
- Still trying to map out a course of action. Feedback brought up issues with bussing, overcrowding and curriculum.
- The Working Group has been divided into 2 groups within the group: 1. Admissions, 2. School Content
- Next meeting will be on April 26. During this meeting WXY will give a draft/outline for the next public workshop on May 12.
- The public workshop will be in Miccio Community Center located on 110 W. 9th Street. Even though they had a great turn out on the first 2 public workshops, some communities have been underrepresented, like Red Hook, which is why the location of workshop was changed.
- There will be a 4th workshop by the end of the school year.
- There are DOE representatives in all Working Group sessions. Chancellor Carranza has been updated/informed of these diversity groups. They have been assured that the DOE is very committed to the diversity groups.



- What's the output? All they can do at this point is take the work they've been doing and must be diligent that they follow through. Need to make sure that suggestions brought by public are brought forward.
- Their goal is to get more people involved.
- The closed workshops talk about suggestions from the public workshops. They will follow the recommendation from the community.

5. Council Member Mark Treyger's Dual Language Meeting Update - Scott Powell

- CM Treyger is spearheading a group of CEC members to request extra funding for dual language programs.
- Currently, funding these programs come at the expense of gym, music or art teachers.
- Only half of the students (ELLs) get extra funding. Not enough funding for the whole program.

6. Welcome Letter to Chancellor Carranza - Antonia Ferraro

- She read the letter to the council.
- The council needs to decide if they will send or not.
- A few edits were suggested.

Motion to table the letter until edits are made - Scott Powell

2nd motion to table the letter until edits are made -

Motion passed by all 11 members present.

Principles of Information Disclosure - Email Letter

- Minor edit made to the email accompanying the Principles of Information Disclosure

Motion to send the email with the Principles of Information Disclosure - Lili Velez

2nd motion to send the email with the Principles of Information Disclosure - Elena Romero

Motion passed by all 10 members present

7. CEC15's Discussion on Goals and District Accomplishments

d. Overcrowding:

- Overcrowding is a main issue. The district is short 1,926 seats, what's CEC15's plan/timeline to get enough seats for students. As a district they must lay that out to whoever it falls to - SCA, District Planning - What is a concrete plan to move forward?

a. Diversity:

- It will be good to have a concrete idea of where the district is before CEC15 sets a goal of where they want to be. There should be a baseline of where to start with and they need to figure out what are the actual numbers.
- This all lands under the umbrella of equity.
- CEC15 members should visit their liaison schools and ask for the right numbers from each school. The Blue Book data is wrong.



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Suggestions for goals:

- Lower class size
- Student safety
- Student achievement
- Overcrowding
- Equity

Goals as council members:

- CEC15 can identify the problem and suggest solutions.
- CEC15 members are liaison to parents.
- As council members representing the parents, CEC15 has 2 years to speak for the people who elected them.
- As a council, CEC15 should provide parents with the information to take to their schools. Give parents the tool and resources they need.

c. Special Education Programs:

- Need to help parents with what their rights are.
- Every child in D15 should be getting the education depending on their needs

8. Upcoming Events:

a. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Town Hall Logistics and Update - Lili Velez

- It is very important to have a facilitator. A strong moderator will be needed. Has reached out to a facilitator, will have an answer of who the facilitator will be soon.
- Reached out to PS10. They will set up the space for a town hall. There will be microphones for people to go up and share their stories.
- Reach out to schools to get people to come to the town hall.
- Maybe comment cards should be passed around.
- This town hall should be an open environment where people feel free to share their stories and ideas. Will share those stories/ideas with the superintendent and chancellor.

9. New Business

- No new business

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting - Neal Zephyrin

2nd motion to adjourn meeting - Lili Velez

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:01 p.m.

-Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant