



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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## Business Meeting

Approved on 02/12/2019 at a Business Meeting

**Date: 01/08/2019**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: 131 Livingston Street, Room 508A**

### Agenda (as publicly posted):

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
3. Approval of Minutes from Dec. 11 Business Meeting and Dec. 20 Special Session
4. Borough President Report - Elena Romero, CEC15 Co-Vice President 1/BP Appointee
5. SHSAT Meeting Logistics and Format Discussion - with Celia Greene, CCHS President
6. Discussion on D75 and D79 Programs in D15 - John Camacho, CCD75 President
7. Review of Letter to PEP regarding re-siting of K753 and KGHS - with Celia Greene, CCHS and John Camacho, CCD75
8. Discussion of P.S. 372 Representation in District 15 - Kathy Park Price, CEC15 Co-Vice President 2 and John Camacho, CCD75
9. Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates
  - a. Charter Committee Review of Charter Cap Resolution Draft - Antonia Ferraro, Committee Chair
  - b. Communications Committee - Kathy Park Price, Committee Chair
  - c. Diversity Committee - Neal Zephyrin, Committee Chair
10. CEC15 Committee Updates
11. New Business
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### Call to Order at 6:33 p.m.

#### 1. Roll Call - Camille Casaretti

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President

Antonia Ferraro, Secretary

Charles Star, Treasurer

Lili Velez, Parliamentarian

Nicole Brier, IEP Representative

Mark Bisard

Scott Powell

Yanfeng Zhang, ELL Representative

Leela Gebo, Student Member

Late:

Elena Romero, Co-Vice President 1/BP Appointee

Kathy Park Price, Co-Vice President 2



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Absent:

Neal Zephyrin, BP Appointee

Invited Guests:

Anita Skop, D15 Superintendent

Richard Guevara, Parent Leadership Liaison, Division of Community Empowerment, Partnerships and Communications

Celia Green, 1st Vice President, Brooklyn Representative, Citywide Council on High Schools

## **Amendment to the Agenda - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President**

- Suggestion to reverse items 2 and 3, and move item 4 between items 8 and 9.

**Amendment approved by 8 voting members present.**

## **Amended Agenda:**

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## **2. Approval of Minutes from Dec. 11 Business Meeting and Dec. 20 Special Session**

- Minutes from [Dec. 11 Business Meeting](#) - Edits were suggested

**Motion to approve minutes from Dec. 11 with suggested edits - Lili Velez**

**2nd motion to approve minutes from Dec. 11 with suggested edits - Nicole Brier**

**Minutes approved by 8 voting members.**

- Minutes from [Dec. 20 Special Session](#)



**Motion to approve minutes from Dec. 20 - Scott Powell**

**2nd motion to approve minutes from Dec. 20 - Camille Casaretti**

**Minutes approved by 8 voting members.**

### **3. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President**

- The ECC is meeting with the Mayor this Friday, January 11, about the role of Parent Leaders in Public School Policy Making. Some of the topics for discussion are: Mayoral Control, District Planning, Charter Schools, Special Education, Multilingual Learners and Equity and Excellence. The Mayor will also be having a Town Hall in Brooklyn on January 15. The location has not been posted yet.
- The [CEC Election](#) period will be starting soon. CEC15 will have a presentation by FACE on Feb. 26 to provide information. We have incredible Parent Leaders in our District and Ms. Casaretti would like to encourage them to apply for CEC15. There have been a lot of positive feedback about the email CEC15 sent a few days ago so she expects that CEC15 will have many candidates this year. The Borough President is also accepting applications for the 2 BP Appointee seats.
- [Reso A applications](#) are open now. CEC15 had a lot of possible Reso A items on the SCA Priority List that was submitted last week. Asked council members to please discuss the Reso A process with their liaison schools and encourage them to apply for money through the Borough President's Office.
- The School Construction Authority will be presenting the new 5 year Capital Plan on Jan. 29. The meeting will be at P.S. 131 on Ft. Hamilton Parkway. CEC15's list of request would not be reflected in this presentation. CEC15's request from last year should be included.
- A survey for feedback on the SHSAT Proposal went out on Jan. 7. We have received some RSVPs but still waiting for survey responses. The information will be shared with the DOE in advance of our Jan. 16 meeting so that they can incorporate our District's concerns and comments into their presentation. The DOE is going to every District to present this proposal and asking for feedback. Assembly Member Simon will be having a forum on SHSAT later in the month as well.

### **4. SHSAT Meeting Logistics and Format Discussion - with Celia Green, CCHS President**

- Seats have been reserved for all middle schools' SLTs. An email was sent to all middle schools asking them to RSVP and to please send the number of SLT members who will be attending. Seats for Community Boards 2, 6 and 7 have been reserved as well as seats for elected officials.
- Sign up for public comment will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.
- Guidelines for the meeting should be written prior to the meeting. Guidelines/rules should be sent in advance with the meeting reminder.
- Many people are expected to attend. The permit needs to be updated to increase the number of people in attendance. CEC15 Administrative Assistant will also contact the Interpretations Unit to request more equipment. Also, the local precinct should be contact to help with crowd control.
- CEC15 will listen to comments to gather information. CEC15 will not make a public statement at this time.
- CEC15 President and CCHS President will open with Introductions and Summary.
- DOE's Office of Student Enrollment will present the [proposal](#).
- CEC15, CCHS and Community Board members will ask questions of the DOE.
- Everyone will get 2 minutes only. This is for comments only, not questions that require an answer.



### **District 15 Superintendent's Announcements - Anita Skop, D15 Superintendent**

- Two D15 Principals are leaving their position mid-year.
  - P.S. 516 - Principal Jill Smith will be moving to Denver. The Interim Principal will be the current Assistant Principal Jessica Knudson.
  - P.S. 94 - Principal Jeanette Caban is retiring. The position will not be filled internally. Superintendent Skop has someone external in mind.
- M.S. 136 Principal Eric Sackler will be retiring at the end of the school year.
- Donald Chumney, who was D15 Deputy Community Superintendent until recently, is now District 2 Community Superintendent as of January 2nd. Superintendent Skop is looking to fill that position. She is considering someone externally. She will try not to pull a principal from a school to fill the position.

### **5. Discussion on D75 and D79 Programs in D15 - John Camacho, CCD75 President**

*Mr. Camacho, CCD75 President was not able to attend the meeting - D15 Superintendent Skop and CCHS President Celia Green discussed D75 programs in D15*

- Celia Green - There should be more schools like P.S. 372. Hopes that model will expand in NYC.
- Superintendent Skop - About 8 years ago there was a proposal to expand the P.S. 372 model to middle school level but it did not go forward.
- P.S. 372 promotes an inclusive environment.
- Hearing impaired students at M.S. 88 are integrated with general education students.
- Former Chancellor Carmen Fariña had talked about integrating D75 with D15.
- When children are given the opportunity they will rise to the occasion.
- Children function much better in a real world setting than in isolation. They mimic their peers.
- All school districts should look at inclusion districtwide.

### **6. Review of Letter to PEP regarding re-siting of K753 and KGHS - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 and Celia Green, CCHS**

- Camille Casaretti drafted a letter to thank the members of the Panel for Education Policy (PEP). She presented the letter to CEC15 members. Some edits were suggested.
- The [next public hearing](#) will be on Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m. at 362 Schermerhorn Street.
- Many parents did not know that construction is going to begin.
- The letter is asking the DOE to consider relocating the Khalil Gibran International Academy during the 8-12 years construction of the 80 Flatbush Ave. building.

### **7. Discussion of P.S. 372 Representation in District 15 - Kathy Park Price, CEC15 Co-Vice President 2**

- CEC15 represents only those schools under D15 Superintendent Skop's purview. P.S. 372 and BCS 448 are schools located in D15 but are not under Superintendent Skop's purview. P.S. 133 is a D13 school with many D15 students attending the school.
- Kathy Park Price voiced some concerns she has regarding P.S. 372 representation in D15. While P.S. 372 is a joint D15/D75 school, it is listed on the DOE's website as a D15 school. D75 is not a district, it's considered a service. She also voiced concerns regarding P.S. 133.



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- The decision was made about 3 years ago that P.S. 372 will be a D75 school. P.S. 372 is described as a non-zoned school.
- Ms. Park Price is advocating for P.S. 372 and P.S. 133 families. Parents miss out on conversations regarding D15. Ms. Park Price feels strongly that there is a need for CEC15 representation for P.S. 372 and P.S. 133.
- CEC15 member Mark Bisard feels the same way about BCS 448. He spent a year as a liaison to the school until a couple of months ago when he was informed that BCS 448 is not a D15 school. It is under the high school superintendency, therefore represented by the Citywide Council on High Schools (CCHS).
- There was a discussion a few years back on whether P.S. 133 was going to be a joint D13/D15 school or a single district school. The Central Office made the decision to have P.S. 133 be a D13 school because it's located in District 13. This school is represented by CEC13.
- P.S. 372 is represented by the Citywide Council of D75.
- D15 Superintendent Anita Skop stated that any information she gets she shares with P.S. 372 and BCS 448.
- CEC15 FACE liaison Richard Guevara said he will take the information back to his office and will try to help with this issue.
- All high schools are under the High School Superintendent purview. Only 2 high schools are under D15 Superintendent Skop's purview: H.S. 656 and BHS 497. She was asked to take those schools.
- Ms. Park Price would like the council to vote on representing these schools. CEC15 has not taken any position as of yet. They are awaiting a response from FACE. Mr. Guevara asked to please email him with all questions regarding this issue so he can try to get the information they need.

### 8. Borough President Report - Elena Romero, CEC15 Co-Vice President 1/BP Appointee

- The Summer Camp/Resource Fair is on February 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Brooklyn Borough Hall in the Community Room.
- As of now there are 14 presenters confirmed.

### 9. Discussion of Upcoming Meeting Dates

- CEC15 Vice President 1 Elena Romero has a scheduling conflict with the remaining CEC15 meetings of the year. Her scheduled at work has changed and she will not be available on Tuesday nights starting the end of the month.
- A list for new dates for those meetings that have not been confirmed yet was presented to the council.

**All 6 voting members present approved the new dates.**

### 10. CEC15 Committee Updates

#### a. Charter Committee Review of Charter Cap Resolution Draft - Antonia Ferraro, Committee Chair

- Ms. Ferraro presented and read out loud both charter resolution drafts to the council. Some edits were suggested.
- The charter resolutions will be presented during the Jan. 29 calendar meeting for public comment and voting.



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- b. **Communications Committee - Kathy Park Price, Committee Chair - TABLED**
- c. **Diversity Committee - Neal Zephyrin, Committee Chair - TABLED**

### 11. New Business

- No new business

### 12. Adjournment

**Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent by 6 voting members present at 9:21 p.m.**

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant