



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Business Meeting

Approved on 04/04/2019 at a Business Meeting

Date: 03/13/2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Brooklyn North NYCDOE Borough Office, 131 Livingston Street, Room 508A

Agenda (as publicly posted):

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from Feb. 12 and Feb. 26
3. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
4. NYC Independent Budget Office Overview - Sarita Subramanian, Supervising Analyst-Education Team, NYC Independent Budget Office
5. Council Review of CEC15 Draft Resolutions
 - a. Resolution on Water Testing in School Buildings
 - b. Resolution to Support the CEC Election Process
6. Discussion/Vote to Support the Measure This Initiative - Charles Star
7. New Business
8. Adjournment

Before the meeting began, CEC15 discussed Parliamentary Rules for running an efficient meeting.

Call to Order at 6:42 p.m.

1. Roll Call - Neal Zephyrin

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President
Antonia Ferraro, Secretary
Charles Star, Treasurer
Lili Velez, Parliamentarian
Nicole Brier, IEP Representative
Mark Bisard, Member
Neal Zephyrin, BP Appointee
Scott Powell, Member
Leela Gebo, Student Member

Absent:

Elena Romero, Co-Vice President 1/BP Appointee - Excused to host Disability Awareness Celebration
Kathy Park Price, Co-Vice President 2 - Excused for a CB6 meeting
Yanfeng Zhang, ELL Representative - Excused for personal reason

Invited Guests:

Sarita Subramanian, Supervising Analyst-Education Team, NYC Independent Budget Office
Stephanie Kranes, Budget and Policy Analyst-Education Team, NYC Independent Budget Office

2. Approval of Minutes from Feb. 12 and Feb. 26

- Approval of Minutes from [February 12](#) - No edits.

Motion to approve the minutes from February 12 - Scott Powell



2nd motion to approve the minutes from February 12 - Nicole Brier
Minutes from February 12 approved by 8 voting members present

- Approval of Minutes from [February 26](#) - Edits were suggested.

Motion to approve the minutes with the edits accepted by the council - Scott Powell
2nd motion to approve the minutes with the edits accepted by the council - Antonia Ferraro
Minutes from February 26 approved by 8 voting members present

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

- Ms. Casaretti attended the ECC Legislative Committee and Charter Committees with Antonia Ferraro to discuss Mayoral Control and the Charter Cap Resolution.
- The Office of District Planning will present information on April 18 about the preliminary plan for the rezoning of P.S. 32. They will discuss the rezoning process, timelines, collect feedback and answer questions from the School Leadership Teams of the impacted schools (P.S. 29, P.S. 32 and P.S. 58). They will present maps of the proposed boundaries.
- Currently working on the format for the March 19 Calendar Meeting. Hoping to get feedback from the council. Expecting to have Executive Superintendent Watts discuss her vision for D15 in Brooklyn North. Will have 4-5 panelists that will answer up to 3 prepared questions about curriculum and discuss how their school supports student learning. After the D15 Superintendent's Report more speakers will discuss Project Based Learning and how those projects are assessed.

4. NYC Independent Budget Office [Overview](#) - Sarita Subramanian, Supervising Analyst-Education Team, NYC Independent Budget Office

- NYC Independent Budget Office (IBO) primary responsibility is to provide nonpartisan information about the city budget and tax revenues.
- There are 4 teams that cover specific city agencies or tax policy:
 - Economics
 - Social and Community Services
 - Housing, Environment, and Infrastructure
 - Education
- When Mayoral Control was extended in 2009, IBO was tasked with increased responsibilities for analyzing and understanding policies and student outcomes.
- To read their publications on education please visit www.ibo.nyc.ny.us. To contact Sarita Subramanian please email saritas@ibo.nyc.us

5. Council Review of CEC15 Draft Resolutions:

a. Resolution on Water Testing in School Buildings

- Camille Casaretti worked closely with the Division of School Facilities to draft this resolution.
- The council will vote to adopt this resolution on the next calendar meeting.

b. Resolution to Support the CEC Election Process

- Camille Casaretti and Nicole Brier drafted this resolution together to promote the idea that parents and the Department of Education are working together.
- The Council decided to change it from a resolution to a letter of support to the Chancellor.



6. Discussion/Vote to Support the [Measure This](#) Initiative - Charles Star

- Measure This was created by a group of parents with children in schools that are in the CSI list. Two of those schools are in D15. The parent group needs the support of CEC15.
- Charles Star will reach out to them to find out how CEC15 can help/support them.

7. New Business

- Superintendent's Evaluation - Council Member Mark Bisard asked the CEC15 members for feedback on the Superintendent's Evaluation form he and Council Member Scott Powell created last year so they can start working on the form.
- Meatless Monday - Council Member Scott Powell had concerns with mandating a dietary choice. President Camille Casaretti explained that she has reviewed the menus for the past 4 years and noticed schools rarely served meat on Mondays.
- Mayoral Control - Council Member Mark Bisard expressed concerns regarding the vote the state made around Mayoral control and the state budget. No money was allocated to lowering class size. President Camille Casaretti and Secretary Antonia Ferraro have been in contact with DOE regarding some line items on the budget and trying to get some answers.
- Executive Session - Parliamentarian Lili Velez has some personal concerns regarding her parliamentarian position and requested for an Executive Session to be called to discuss the issue internally.

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Lili Velez's personal concerns regarding her parliamentarian position - Lili Velez

2nd motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Lili Velez's personal concerns regarding her parliamentarian position - Antonia Ferraro

Motion passed by all 8 present voting members

Executive Session began at 8:03 p.m.

Members Present:

Camille Casaretti
Antonia Ferraro
Charles Star
Lili Velez

Nicole Brier
Mark Bisard
Neal Zephyrin
Scott Powell
Leela Gebo (non voting member)

Council Member Nicole Brier had to leave during the Executive Session.

Motion to end Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion to end Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. - Charles Star

Motion passed by all 7 present voting members

Lili Velez decided to remain as CEC15 Parliamentarian.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting - Charles Star

2nd motion to adjourn meeting - Neal Zephyrin

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:25 p.m.

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant