



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Calendar Meeting

Approved Oct 7, 2019

Date: August 13, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: 131 Livingston Street, Room 508 A/B

Agenda (as publicly posted):

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Business and Calendar Meetings - May 23, June 12, June 20, and July 16
3. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
4. Superintendent's Report - Anita Skop, D15 Superintendent
5. Make Space for Quality Schools - Sunset Park Rezoning Outreach & Ethical Community Representation
6. Review of BCAS - Building Conditions Assessment Survey
7. School Liaison Discussion
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment

(Calendar Meeting immediately followed the Business Meeting)

Call to Order at 7:16 p.m.

1. Roll Call - Kathy Park Price

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President
Mark Bisard, Co-Vice President 1, IEP Rep.
Antonia Ferraro, Co-Vice President 2
Francisca Montaña, Secretary/BP Appointee
Kimmerly Scott, Treasurer
Kathy Park Price, Member
Scott Powell, Member

Absent:

Bess Abrahams, Member - Excused
Krystal Cason, Member - Excused
Anna Nadal Burgues, ELL Rep. - Excused

Invited Guests:

Anita Skop, D15 Superintendent
Steven Wieser, District Based Parent Liaison, Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE)
Javier Salamanca, Make Space for Quality Schools



2. Approval of Business and Calendar Meetings - May 23, June 12, June 20, and July 16

- Approval of Minutes from [May 23](#) - No edits

Motion to approve the minutes from May 23 - Scott Powell

2nd motion to approve the minutes from May 23 - Antonia Ferraro

Minutes from May 23 approved unanimously by 7 voting members present

- Approval of Minutes from June 12 [Business](#) and [Calendar](#) Meetings - No edits

Motion to approve the minutes from June 12 - Scott Powell

2nd motion to approve the minutes from June 12 - Antonia Ferraro

Minutes from June 12 approved unanimously by 7 voting members present.

- Approval of minutes from [June 20](#) - No edits

Motion to approve the minutes from June 20 - Kimmerly Scott

2nd motion to approve the minutes from June 20 - Scott Powell

Minutes from June 20 approved unanimously by 7 voting members present.

- Approval of minutes from [July 16](#) - No edits

Motion to approve the minutes from July 16 - Scott Powell

2nd motion to approve the minutes from July 16 - Kimmerly Scott

Minutes from July 16 approved unanimously by 7 voting members present.

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

- Regarding the SubDistrict 3 rezoning, there are two proposals on the table. DOE is seeking feedback. Community members were asked to think about their most fundamental needs and to think about the community as a whole when weighing the pros and cons of both proposals. Everyone's coming to the table with a different perspective and we need to balance that knowing that both of the options that have been presented will lead to a better place than where we are today. CEC15 will continue talking about outcomes around both plans.
- All are encouraged to please share the [June 20 proposal](#) with as many people as they can so that CEC15 can continue getting feedback from the public.
- CEC15 needs to guarantee that they are hearing from all stakeholders so that the council can appropriately and respectfully vote with confidence to fulfill the service that they volunteered to do.

4. Superintendent's Report - D15 Superintendent Anita Skop

- All educators will be meeting on August 28 with Chancellor Richard A. Carranza.
- The Chancellor has 4 priorities: 1. To accelerate learning and instruction, 2. Partner with communities, 3. Develop people, 4. To advance equity now. The District 15 Office has aligned their goals to reflect these priorities and to reflect their commitment to equity and inclusivity.
- Goal 1: Expand the work on student discourse to enhance writing development with a focus on content and structural accuracy, especially for Multilingual Learners.
- Goal 2: Expand and deepen district-wide discussion and parent outreach, not only for district diversity and rezoning efforts, but also to ensure that all voices are heard and true partnerships are established that expand discussion of equity district-wide.
- Goal 3: Deepen district-wide work to integrate practices that support students' Social Emotional Learning.



- Goal 4: Enhance the performance of our teachers and school leaders.
- Goal 5: To expand equitable admissions and integration in District 15.
- Safety protocols have been set at schools already. All principals are trained in safety protocols.
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is not allowed to take people out of school buildings. Only the New York Police Department (NYPD) is allowed in the building with a warrant.
- Some D15 schools are on the list of schools affected by lead based paint. The issue will be resolved before schools open. For more information please contact the D15 office at 718-935-3424 or visit: www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/reports/lead-based-paint.
- The 2 schools that were on the CSI list are moving towards the right direction.
- Retirements and new Interim Acting Principals:
 - M.S. 136 - Eric Sackler retired. Amanda Bueno will be the new Interim Acting Principal.
 - P.S. 261 - Jacqueline Allen retired. Erica Davis will be the new Interim Acting Principal.
 - P.S. 39 - Anita de Paz retired. Sara Panag will be the new Interim Acting Principal.

CEC15 and Superintendent Skop discussed the issues arising with the construction of the 2 family shelters in D15.

5. Make Space for Quality Schools - Sunset Park Rezoning Outreach & Ethical Community Representation

- Javier Salamanca, Representative for Make Space for Quality Schools, presented a list of recommendations for the potential rezoning eventually coming to Sunset Park.
- Would like informational meeting to give general basic information on rezoning for PTAs and SLTs.
- Would like more Sunset Park representation in CEC15 and rezoning conversation.
- More outreach should be done in Sunset Park--visit local places where community members might be like parks and laundromats.
- He is advocating for a participatory engagement plan and contrasts it with the model employed by WXY

CEC15 and Javier Salamanca discussed how rezoning conversation in Sunset Park should be improved.

6. Review of BCAS - Building Conditions Assessment Survey - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President

- Once a year a group of architects and people from the Division of School Facilities visit the schools and do a survey of school buildings conditions. This team does a walk through of the building with the custodian and principal to inspect every single aspect of the building. Information for each school building condition can be found at <https://survey.nycsca.org/bcas/?bldg=M490>
- This will be helpful preliminary information when the School Construction Authority (SCA) asks CEC15 to submit the capital plan.

7. School Liaison Discussion

- CEC15 members discussed liaising D15 schools. Each member will be given 3 schools that they will liaise with. CEC15 will vote on the school liaison list during the September 10 Business Meeting.

8. Public Comments

- Members of the public provided feedback/public comments on the potential rezoning
- CEC15 put together a list of asks for the Office of District Planning based on community feedback
 - CEC15 meetings should be dedicated to zoning if ODP is presenting - CEC15 will leave space for ODP at our meetings to facilitate DOE engagement as they are required to carry out under the Chancellor's Reg,



however, ODP needs to state a clear purpose and provide materials for council review before such appearances.

- CEC15 would like to see a FAQ sheet
- CEC15 would like to see a clear timeline, with a complete schedule of presentation dates asap with a date to vote
- Because the community needs the time to receive the information and time to digest it, CEC15 would like ODP to ensure delivery of any proposed plans and materials be built in adequate time for community engagement and family planning (eg: for school tours, research as necessary) well in advance of the coming school year and other deadlines important to impacted d15 families.
- CEC15 would like to see more resources allocated for community engagement
- CEC15 would like to see a map preview sooner than later given the two broad frameworks
- CEC15 would like to see outcome projections
- CEC15 would like to see transportation accommodations as they would occur in each approach
- CEC15 would like to discuss how children with IEPs could be given priority

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Calendar Meeting session - Mark Bisard

2nd motion to adjourn the Calendar Meeting session - Francisca Montaña

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:50 p.m.

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant