



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Calendar Meeting Minutes

Joint Meeting with the D15 Presidents' Council

Approved at the CEC15 Business Calendar Meeting

April 28, 2020

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: P.S.24 - 427 38th St.

AGENDA (as posted)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (2 min)
 2. Introduction to CEC15 and D15 Presidents' Council (5 min)
 3. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President & Cateia Rembert, D15 Presidents' Council President (20 min)
 4. D15 Superintendent Report - Superintendent Anita Skop (20 min)
 5. School Construction Authority Capital Plan Presentation (50 min)
 - a. Tamar Smith, External Affairs Manager, & Yvette Knight, Project Support Manager
 - b. D15 Presidents' Council Feedback
 - c. CEC15 Feedback
 - d. Public Comment
 6. KidsPAC vote to sponsor event (5 min)
 7. New Business (25 min)
 - a. Review of Document Draft: CEC15 Code of Conduct and Public Comment regarding Draft
 - b. Review of ECC Resolution on Mayoral Control Adoption and Public Comment regarding Adoption of Resolution
 8. Public Comment
- Adjournment

Call to Order at 6:32 p.m.

Arabic, Mandarin and Spanish Interpreters were Introduced

1. Roll Call

Announcement that CEC15 Borough President Appointee Francisca Montaña has resigned due to personal circumstances. Francisca has been an active participant in all of our discussions and a strong advocate for community involvement and community voice. She will be missed.

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President
Mark Bisard, Co-Vice President 1, IEP Rep
Antonia Ferraro, Co-Vice President 2
Bess Abrahams, Secretary
Kimmerly Scott, Treasurer
Krystal Cason, Parliamentarian

Scott Powell

Late: Anna Nadal Burgues, ELL Rep

Excused: --

Absent: Kathy Park Price

Special Guests:

D15 Superintendent Anita Skop

2. Introduction to CEC15 and D15 Presidents' Council



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3. Presidents' Reports

Cateia Rembert, D15 Presidents' Council President

- Welcomed everyone. The Presidents' Council is combined of all the PA and PTA Presidents in District 15. They meet once a month to discuss common issues impacting their individual schools and the D15 community.
- Introduced Justin Perez, PTA President of PS39, who is the Acting Secretary for the Pres Council.

Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President

- Welcomed everyone to the Joint Meeting with the D15 Presidents' Council and congratulated PS 24 IA Principal Maria Diaz.
- Happy Lunar New Year to those who are celebrating the Year of the Rat.
- Two new Borough President Appointees will be starting soon: Tia Schellstede and Jaime Ivan Banda.
- Last week, there was a CEC Training on Bylaws and Running an Effective Meeting. The presentation is available for review. CEC members are mandated to participate in training.
- Announced Joint Meeting with the Citywide Council on Special Education: March 19 at MS 88. Please spread the word. In addition, the Citywide District 75 CEC along with D75 Parents would like to start talking about how we can incorporate more Special Ed seats into new and existing schools.
- Our next CEC meeting is on Feb 4. It's three meetings in a row starting at 6pm with a Business Meeting, A site Selection Public Hearing at 6:30 for a newly proposed school building on Ft Hamilton Parkway, and at 7pm there will be a Sunset Park Town Hall to solicit feedback from the community on what programs or services they would like to see implemented in the new schools that are coming on line.
- The Education Council Hearing and the Class Size Matters Rally are being rescheduled. Stay tuned for more information.

4. D15 Superintendent Report - Superintendent Anita Skop

- Warm welcome to the new Deputy Superintendent D15 Kelly Mcguire, and also the new Diversity Coordinator Gina Keller. Gina will be supporting D15's diversity congress, helping to support the youth congress and working with our schools.
- Last Friday, January 24th, PS676 in Red Hook had a cutting ribbon ceremony for their STEAM lab. The school has three 3-D printers, Promethean boards in every classroom, and an aquarium room. Also, they have made it into the 2nd round school of the Imagine Schools.
- The Principals' conference took place last week. Principals are looking deeply into the work done by the schools, and how to meet the needs of all of the children, via ILF, Instructional Leadership Framework, or also called Instructional Leadership. ILFs are the Chancellor's initiative to look into the needs of the kids in the school based on data and every school is mandated to have one. The support data is not just state exams, but formative assessments that show where the kids need additional support. Depending on the school, it's happening at the school level, grade, and department level. Meant to really dig deeply and ratchet up instructional practices. The challenge seen is how to give children ownership of their learning, and how to enrich the curriculum so they are really developing the academic vocabulary needed to be strong readers, to be strong mathematicians, and to be successful.
- SLTs will see Principals reflecting on what is working what is not working regarding CEP work and goals
- There is a stomach flu going around in the schools.

5. SCA Capital Plan [Presentation](#) - Tamar Smith, External Affairs Manager, & Yvette Knight, Project Support Manager



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This is the largest plan for Capital work (construction, repairs, and renovations) that has ever taken place in the city: 18.7 billion dollars and just as a comparison with the Plan that just ended (2015-2019), 15.9 billion, shows its increase.

[Capital Plan Details for D15](#)

- Two new schools will create a total of 1,028 seats: 21-31 & 35 Delavan Street with 646 seats, and Schermerhorn Street with 382 seats

- Two non-sited schools with a total of 1,396 seats: Project 1 with 824 seats, and Project 2 with 572 seats.

- Pre-k sited in Park Slope at 168 8th Street with 180 seats

Projects that are in construction and a sample of what is coming for D15:

- PS 32 addition will open up in September 2020 with 436 seats

- PS located at 836-841 5th Avenue will open up in September 2021 with 404 seats

- PS located at 4513 8th Avenue at 46th street will open up in September 2021 with 328 seats

- PS located at 4302 4th Avenue at 43rd street will open up in September 2022 with 332 seats. The old precinct. SCA was required to keep the façade, and additions around it were added.

- FY2015 – FY2019 Capital Plan: There were 113 Capital Investment & Mandated Projects in District 15 totaling \$251 Million. FY2020 - FY2024 Capital Plan: Contains 32 projects, for a total of \$38 Million dollar for the first 3 years.

- RESO-A Projects: \$37 million, and 260 projects in D15. More projects will be added as the Capital Plan continues through FY2024.

Public Comment

Members of the public were given an opportunity to share comments and concerns with SCA, Superintendent Skop or CEC15 on any issue.

6. KidsPAC Vote

During the CEC15 Meeting of January 7, Kids PAC asked for support in terms of sponsorship and promotion of their upcoming conference. Members were unable to vote due to a lack of quorum.

Vote to Sponsor KidsPAC event

Antonia Ferraro made a motion to Sponsor.

Anna Nadal Burgués seconded the motion

Camille Casaretti, President

Mark Bisard, Co-Vice President 1, IEP Rep

Antonia Ferraro, Co-Vice President 2

Bess Abrahams, Secretary

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8 Council Members were present.

8 in favor

0 abstained

0 opposed

The council voted unanimously to Sponsor the KidsPAC event.

7. New Business

a. Review of ECC Resolution on Mayoral Control

This Education Council Consortium Resolution covers the governing of NYC public schools. It basically speaks to Mayoral Control vs. having more parent voices at the table. The CEC will continue to discuss if we will sign on or not.

The public was offered an opportunity to comment and share feedback.



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b. Review of DRAFT CEC15 Code of Conduct - President Casaretti

In order to clarify roles and responsibilities of our CEC members, a Draft Code of Conduct was created based on the [NYS School Board Association Code of Conduct](#). Discussion on each line of the draft. A modified version will be presented at the next CEC15 meeting for a vote to adopt the CEC15 Code of Conduct. Overall Council Members responded that:

- The Code of conduct should be actionable, and some of the points are values (not actionable)
- Consequences should go in the by-laws
- Some of the points need to be rephrased such as the ones talking about bias, and respect.

The public was offered an opportunity to comment and share feedback.

8. Public Comment Period

The public was offered an opportunity to comment and share feedback on any subject.

Representative from the Office of Senator Zellnor Myrie reported:

- As Chair of Elections, Senator Myrie was proud to support and help pass Automatic Voter Registration, along with early voting improvements and other reforms. If you're a constituent, feel free to call our office about legislation you support or oppose. District Office Services
- Grow Brooklyn's low-income tax prep assistance began last week and will continue every Monday and Thursday from 2-8PM at their District Office. Make an appointment by calling their office.
- Their office will have free legal services with the Metropolitan Black Bar Association for anyone who needs legal assistance with housing or immigration issues. They had their first session last week at the Sunset Park Library and our next one will be in another part of the district on Thursday, February 27 from 6-8PM. Make an appointment by calling the office and for more info. District Events
- Celebrating Lunar New Year on Saturday, February 1 from 11:30-2 PM at PS 310 on 62nd St and Fort Hamilton Parkway with the Chinese-American Planning Council.
- Join Senator Myrie, Assemblywoman Richardson, and Councilmember Ampry-Samuel at Lovers Rock Valentine's Day celebration for seniors on Thursday, February 6th from 11AM-2PM! There will be music, food, dancing, raffles, prizes, and more at the Christopher Blenman Neighborhood Senior Center (720 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11203). RSVP by calling the office.
- Senator Myrie will be hosting his State of the District Address on Sunday, February 23rd from 2:00 - 5:00 PM at the Brooklyn Library Central Branch! Hear about the progress made so far and our agenda for the work ahead. There will be food, performances, and an opportunity to take a picture with the Senator, and more! RSVP by calling the office 718-284-4700.
- Census Reminder that the Census will be happening soon. It takes 10 minutes to fill out 10 questions that will determine the next 10 years of your community. The Senator's office has their own Senate district 20 complete count committee so please call their office if you or your organization would like to join for updates, resources, and helping to plan a complete count for our district.
- Next Senate District 20 meeting will be Monday, February 10 at 6 pm. Call for more info. Office #: 718-284-4700 Office address: 1077 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225. Hours: Monday-Thursday: 10AM-6PM, Friday: 10AM-3PM Satellite Office in Council Member Carlos Menchaca's office: 4417 4th Avenue. Tuesdays & Wednesdays: 10AM-6PM (Look for Freda)

Adjournment at 8:50 p.m.



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From: Kathy Price

Sent: Monday, January 27, 2020 8:32 AM

To: CEC15 D15 <CEC15@schools.nyc.gov>

Subject: Unable to attend tomorrow's meeting

Saida,

Good morning. Please note that I will be unable to attend tomorrow night's CEC15 meeting. I am moving apartments tomorrow night and the next day. I hoped I wouldn't have to move tomorrow night, but now it seems unavoidable since the closing date of the sale of my apartment couldn't be pushed out.

Best,

Kathy

Minutes respectfully submitted by: CEC15 Administrative Assistant Saida Barker