



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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May Business Meeting

APPROVED AT THE CEC15 CALENDAR MEETING

JUNE 23, 2020

WebEx Live Teleconference

Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Time: 6:30 pm

AGENDA (as posted)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (5 min)
2. Introduction to CEC15 (5 min)
3. President's Report - Camille Casaretti (20 min)
4. Vote on Minutes from March 31 Calendar Meeting (5 min)
5. Discussion on Filling CEC15 Vacant Seats and Amending By-Laws (10 min)
6. Discussion on Student Advisory Group or Student Town Hall (10 min)
7. Discussion on State Budget - Tia Schellstede, BPA (10 min)
8. Discussion on Summer School and Back to School Planning (20 min)
9. New Business (5 min)

*** CEC15 is expected to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters ***

10. Adjournment

Call to Order at 6:33 pm

1. Roll Call

Longtime CEC15 Member Scott Powell resigned for personal reasons and we wish him well. Scott was with CEC15 for almost 5 years and fought hard to bring equity to District 15. We thank him for his many years of service.

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
Tia Schellstede, BPA
Ivan Banda, BPA

2. Introduction to CEC15

A description of the goals and objectives of CEC15 was read aloud.



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3. President's Report - Camille Casaretti

- **Moment of silence** to acknowledge the suffering and losses that we've had in so many of our District 15 communities and throughout the city.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week**
- **School Liaison List** Our District 15 schools need our support more than ever, and now that our CEC is a bit smaller, the quantity of schools that we each represent must increase.
- **Council Members and Covid-related Issues in our School Communities** SLT Meetings have begun virtually
- **Mental Health Training** for CEC Members, President's Council Members and Parent leaders to learn more about all the support that the DOE has to offer around social emotional learning.
- **Social emotional wellbeing** - The DOE has a list of resources that schools have available to help our students cope with the grief, sadness and hopelessness that many of them are now feeling. If you want to learn more about Wellness in the Schools, you can sign up for the [School Wellness Weekly](#).
- **The Public Advocate's** office has reached out to CEC15 to get information on how things are going with remote learning in District 15. They are having weekly calls on Tuesdays from 5 - 6 pm.
- **Communications from the Brooklyn North office and from Superintendent Skop** Executive Superintendent Watts will be holding Brooklyn North calls every other Friday going forward to gain feedback as to where we are and how our families are doing in District 15. The presentation from last Friday was sent to council members via email and will be posted on the CECD15.org webpage shortly.
- **Superintendent Anita Skop will be hosting a weekly Town Hall** via Google Meets starting Thursdays at 4pm. All are encouraged to attend. The link will be sent via email.
- **SubDistrict 3 rezoning / District Planning Participatory Action Research update** - The PAR team may be able to move forward with a modified process. The team leaders would like to continue in a sensitive, productive way. It will be hard but they want to keep the ball rolling.

Review of upcoming meetings:

- Thursday, May 7, at 3:45 FACE workshop Understanding School Leadership Teams and Comprehensive Educational Plans.
- Our weekly FACE briefing call was moved to Friday at 12:30.
- The ECC's Friday night meeting may be rescheduled.
- Our next Calendar Meeting via WebEx is on May 19. Superintendent Skop will be joining us and there will be a public comment period. Please invite your liaison schools to attend and ask them to share their stories about how remote learning is working for them.
- Virtual Chancellor's Town Hall on June 10. This is very exciting and we are grateful to the Chancellor for allowing these opportunities for Parent Voice, so please share this information with the D15 community.

4. Vote on Minutes from March 31 Calendar Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from March 31 - Antonia

2nd motion to approve the minutes from March 31 - Kimmerly

Roll call vote: ***Minutes from March 31 approved unanimously by 8 members present***

5. Discussion on Filling CEC15 Vacant Seats and Amending By-Laws

Due to three recent vacancies, (2 member seats and 1 ELL seat) we are now at 8 people on the council, a flyer to announce the open CEC15 3 seats, as well as a student member seat, has been drafted. To ensure an equitable representation of neighborhoods and communities, a brainstorm was done to discuss additional ways to provide outreach regarding these openings including asking the



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PAR group members for ideas on outreach and asking PTA's to include the flyer in their email newsletters. The possibility of a CEC15 hosted info session event was also suggested.

6. Discussion on Student Advisory Group or Student Town Hall

Krystal, Casson, parliamentarian spoke to the importance of folding in student voices. During remote learning/Covid times we have an important obligation to work even harder to make sure we hear from students. The discuss resulted in the following take home points:

- A. Outreach to PC and principals with a specific set of questions about how/if their student governments are running and to possibly nominate students to a panel
- B. Outreach to Class Size Matters
- C. Outreach to Teens Take Charge
- D. Outreach to Superintendent to get the names of the students who are already involved in school leadership
- E. CEC15 could include student testimony on an agenda.
- F. Possible student-only town hall on the issue was raised
- G. CEC15 should draft letter to the Principals outlining Krystal Casson's vision for more student voices being folded in

7. Discussion on State Budget - Tia Schellstede, Borough President Appointee

The proposed drastic state budget cuts to education were discussed with BPA member Tia Schellstede. She read a draft of a letter opposing these cuts.

A roll call vote on the letter was made by Antonia Ferraro, VP2 and was seconded by Treasurer Kimmerly Scott and was approved unanimously.

The need for a rapid response team and rules around CEC logo use and sign-off on documents was discussed. It was decided the council needs a workflow document and approval process document. **A motion for a roll call vote on this.**

8. Discussion on Summer School and Back to School Planning

Gov. Cuomo gave a speech on May 4, 2020 outlining the path to reopening. He put schools in category 4 with event spaces and theaters.

CEC began a discussion as to what support the CEC can provide if schools start up for summer school?

CEC began a discussion on childcare, schools reopening and the unequal burden on women.

The idea of surveys for parents and children was discussed.

9. New Business - nothing to report

Executive Session (motion to go into Executive Session

Motion to move into executive session, Camille Casaretti, President.

2nd to motion Antonia Ferraro, VP 2.

Motion passed unanimously by 8 voting members present.

The Executive Session began at 7:58 p.m.

The process for filling out the Superintendent's Evaluation was discussed, with a June 15th hard deadline for members, in order to meet the June 30th submission deadline.



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Motion to end Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion to end Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. - Kimmerly

Motion passed unanimously by 8 voting members present.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting - Antonia

2nd motion to adjourn the meeting - Ivan

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:14 p.m.

Adjournment at 8:14 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Saida Barker, Administrative Assistant.