



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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**APPROVED**  
**AT THE DEC 8 BUSINESS MEETING**

## November Calendar Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. [Approval of Minutes 2020 10 06](#) - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary
3. Introduction to CEC15
4. Teleconference Protocol
5. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
6. District 15 Report - Superintendent Skop
  - o Public Comment
  - o CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
7. Sunset Park Construction and PAR/SubDistrict 3 Rezoning Update (District Planning and PAR Team (15 minutes)
  - o Public Comment
  - o CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
8. Resolutions and Statements
  - o Resolution Removal of Metal Detectors
  - o Columbus Day Statement
  - o Statement of CEC15 Goals
  - o Public Comment
  - o CEC15 Vote on Resolutions and Statements
9. Old Business - ELL Member
10. New Business
  - o Recommendations about Translations and Interpretations
  - o Liaison Updates
  - o DOE AA Furlough

*It is anticipated that CEC15 will vote to go into an Executive Session to discuss matters of personnel. Members of the public are not permitted to attend an Executive Session.*

### 11. Adjournment

Call to Order at 6:31 pm

#### 1. Roll Call

##### Present:

Camille Casaretti, President

Antonia Ferraro, Co-Vice President 1

Kimmerly Scott, Treasurer

Bess Abrahams, Secretary

Cateia Rembert, Parliamentarian

Ivan Banda, BPA

Claudia Lechuga, Member

##### Late:

Tia Schellstede, VP2 & BPA



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## Absent:

Krystal Cason, Member

### 2. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary

#### a. Minutes from [2020 10 06 Business Meeting](#)

*Motion to approve the minutes from October 10 06, 2020 - Bess Abrahams*

*2nd motion to approve the minutes from October 10 06, 2020 - Cateia Remebert*

*Minutes from the October 06, 2020 meeting approved unanimously by 7 members present.*

### 3. Introduction to CEC15: read aloud

### 4. Teleconference Protocol: read aloud

### 5. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President

- November is Family Empowerment Month: [Parent University](#) is now available to all families.
- [School Reopening 2020–21 Family Guide](#)
- The opt in period for in person learning will only be offered once this year.
- PA/PTA and SLT Elections are wrapping up this month.
- CEPs, which are the Comprehensive Education Plan for each school, are posted on the [iplan portal](#).
- DOE PTA Election survey. Please report on your school's elections by responding to [this brief survey](#).
- Virtual background may help students feel more comfortable with turning on their cameras. All of the DOE platforms, Microsoft Teams, Zoom and Google Meets allow for virtual backgrounds.
- ECC sent a letter to Gov. Cuomo to ask for an increase in the State Ed Budget. Please continue to call your elected leaders to insist that more funding be offered to our public schools.
- The City is ensuring that all shelters will have internet access.
- DEI Series recordings can be found on the [CECD15.org](#) website.
- CEC15 is hosting a Family Cooking Workshop: ROASTED VEGETABLE TACOS & BEAN SALSA. Register in [this link](#). with a favorite after school vendor, Allergic to Salad.
- School Construction Authority will be scheduling a Joint Public Hearing Meeting, on Nov 2nd as well, with CEC15 and the Community Board to discuss a new property that was purchased recently by the DOE for a school.
- Mommy and Me Yoga hosted by Ursula Koffer from the D15 office will meet every Wednesday until Winter Break from 2:30-3:00 PM with this link [meet.google.com/ike-doso-aoy](https://meet.google.com/ike-doso-aoy), Phone Numbers (US) +1 970-400-1388, PIN: 525 822 739#
- Citywide Council on High Schools will meet on Wednesday, October 28, 2020. 7:00 pm - 9:00
- Early Voting in NY Started on Saturday, October 24 and will run through Sunday, November 1st. Visit [nyc.pollsitelocator.com](https://nyc.pollsitelocator.com) to find your site.
- There will be a Press Conference to stop gun violence on Thursday October 29th, 2020 at 12:30 PM in Bed Stuy. [Click here to read CEC16's statement.](#)
- Two citywide leaders were impersonated during a public meeting that was streamed live on youtube. These kinds of impersonations are a misdemeanor, please notify us if you believe a similar situation is taking place.
- Past President's Reports can be found here: <https://cecd15.org/cec15-presidents-report>.

### 6. [District 15 Report](#) - Superintendent Skop

#### a. Public Comment. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments.

Regarding the need for additional devices: The DOE has ordered 100,000 new ipads for children who haven't gotten an ipad. Schools have gotten creative in reaching out to those who haven't gotten technology by printing packets, but the ipads will be distributed as soon as they are received. The DOE wants to address the gap. All the ipads have hotspots and this is the reason why it's taking longer, along with the shelters having wifi. The District is putting together technical resources for teachers, and families that are free. Some of the companies were giving free memberships, but now they are charging for the new school year. Schools are



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negotiating. Some of our schools are in line to get a grant from Senator Myrie to purchase technology for the children in his jurisdiction. Also, there are resources to fix broken ipads as many parents are fearful to ask. Brooklyn North will set this up and will do the reach out.

Regarding Guidance on Outdoor Learning: The District doesn't have control over outdoor learning as the Department of Facilities and DOT are involved in studying accommodations. The schools still interested in it should contact the Superintendent so she will direct them to the right people.

Regarding random testing in schools: Some of the schools have more permission slips signed than others, and some have been more efficient at inputting the information in the system. Mobile units for the yellow and orange areas are available so any community member can be tested. Any staff member who wants to be tested in the school can be tested. Many families feel unsure about testing, because of the stigma associated with Covid, and also because of lack of documentation in some cases. Even though testing cannot be mandatory it can be encouraged, or at least to go to their own pediatrician to get tested.

Regarding support for Principals: The District has an open door for the Principals, and they are encouraged to voice their opinions. All we can do in times like these, is work closely. Thinking about what's good for kids with the Principals.

## 7. Sunset Park Construction and PAR/SubDistrict 3 Rezoning Update (District Planning and PAR Team)

- Construction timelines have been delayed due to covid. 2 projects in D15 are being impacted. Both supposed to open in 2021-22, one was on 8th ave, the old ctown site as the upper school for 896, delayed for one year.
- PS896 will expand in the 2022-23 school year.
- 5th ave school elementary will open in 2022-23 school year. Use the grant to do a robust community engagement process for the planning for the new school.

### PAR Maddie Fox:

- The team has been working on zoom since may. Very committed to the work. 12 community members that are meeting weekly, building knowledge, conducting qualitative community conversations, talking with people one on one. Doing a lot of the interviews every day. Launched a survey over the summer. 600 plus people have responded to the survey.

<https://district15parproject.org/>

- The PAR Survey is available in 5 languages:  
[https://corexms2hk2cvmfg9j26.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6mvAHzZ3ScOS6sB](https://corexms2hk2cvmfg9j26.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6mvAHzZ3ScOS6sB)

- a. **Public Comment.** Questions from the public were answered.
- b. **CEC15 Member Questions and Comments** - No questions.

*The Council decided in the best interest of time management to move the following items to the next business meeting:*

- *Columbus Day Statement*
- *Statement of CEC15 Goals*
- *Recommendations about Translations and Interpretations*
- *Liaison Updates*

## 8. Resolutions and Statements

- a. [Resolution Removal of Metal Detectors](#)
- i. **CEC15 Member Questions and Comments**
- ii. **Public Comment:**

Regarding metal detectors at Park Slope Collegiate: concern about lack of equity, goes against everything the District stands for. Metal detectors are not safe during covid, as they don't allow for social distancing as it creates a bottleneck at the entrance, and not all doors are open as only one door can be open so all the students go through the detector.



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***Motion to approve the Resolution To Remove The Metal Detector From John Jay Educational Campus - Antonia Ferraro, 2nd motion; Cateia Rembert***

**Roll call vote:**

Camille Casaretti, President, yes  
Antonia Ferraro, Co-Vice President 1, yes  
Tia Schellstede, Co-Vice President 2 & BPA, yes  
Mark Bisard, IEP Rep, yes  
Bess Abrahams, Secretary, yes  
Kimmerly Scott, Treasurer, yes  
Tia Schellstede, Co-Vice President 2 & BPA, yes  
Ivan Banda, BPA, yes  
Cateia Rembert, Member, yes  
Claudia Lechuga, Member, yes

**Absent:** Krystal Cason, Parliamentarian -- absent

***The Resolution To Remove The Metal Detector From John Jay Educational Campus approved unanimously with 9 votes to approve.***

### **9. Old Business - ELL Member**

CEC Members expressed their concern for the lack of an ELL member at this time and discussed ideas for moving forward in terms of engaging the non-english speaking families as well as other outlets for sourcing potential candidates.

***10. At 9:07 pm, Tia Schellstede made a motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters pertaining to the AAs furlough. The AA was invited to the Executive Session. Claudia Lechuga 2nd the motion Vote was unanimous to go into the Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters pertaining to the AAs furlough.***

*The Council agreed to hold a meeting on 2020 10 29 to review a letter to the DOE stating CEC15s opposition to the AA furlough.*

***At 9:27 pm, Antonia Ferraro made a motion to end the Executive Session. Ivan Banda, seconded the motion.***

### **11. Adjournment 9:29 p.m.**

***Motion to adjourn the meeting - Bess Abrahams, 2nd motion, Kimmerly Scott***

*Minutes respectfully submitted by: Saida Barker, Administrative Assistant.*