



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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November Business Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, Nov 10, 2020 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (2 min)
2. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary (8 min)
 - a. [2020 10 27](#) Calendar Meeting Minutes
3. Introduction to CEC15 (3 min)
4. Teleconference Protocol (2 min)
5. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President (10 min)
6. High School Updates from Superintendent Janice Ross - Jen Goldberg (10 min)
7. United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Updates - Betty Zohar, UFT Parent-Community Liaison (10 min)
8. Old Business
 - a. Review and Vote on Statement of CEC15 Goals (*rolled over from 10/27*) 10 min
Public Comment (10 min)
 - b. Review Columbus Day Statement (*rolled over from 10/27*) 10 min
 - b. Recommendations for Resolution on Translations & Interpretations (*rolled over from 10/27*) (10 min)
 - c. CEC15 Liaison Updates (15 min)
10. New Business
 - a. Vote on CEC15 Bylaws 20-21 Amendments (10 min)
 - b. Report on bi-weekly calls with PAR Team
 - c. Other New Business
10. Adjournment

Call to Order at 6:30 pm

1. Roll Call

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President
Tia Schellstede, VP2 & BPA
Antonia Ferraro, Co-Vice President 1
Kimmerly Scott, Treasurer
Bess Abrahams, Secretary
Cateia Rembert, Parliamentarian
Ivan Banda, BPA
Claudia Lechuga, Member

Absent:

Krystal Cason, Member

Special Guests:



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Superintendent Anita Skop

Superintendent Janice Ross - Jen Goldberg

2. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary

a. Minutes from [2020 10 27](#) Calendar Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from October 27, 2020 - Bess Abrahams

2nd motion to approve the minutes from October 10 27, 2020 - Cateia Remebert

Minutes from October 10 27, 2020 meeting approved unanimously by 7 members present.

3. Introduction to CEC15: read aloud

4. Teleconference Protocol: read aloud

5. President's Report

- **Grading Policy Guidance** came out recently and it is similar to the policy that we saw back in the Spring. This grading policy allows schools to adapt and acknowledge the realities of remote and blended learning, and its impact on the ways students demonstrate their learning. This guidance is designed to promote equity, flexibility, and empathy in grading practices for all students.
- The citywide window to **opt into blended learning** is now open through Nov 15.
- **This Thursday, November 12 and again on Thurs, Nov 19** the DOE will be hosting Family and Student Information Sessions. Registration link: <http://learndoe.org/face/>
- We've heard that the State has removed some of our District schools from the "precautionary zone" ("yellow zone"). This means that those schools will no longer have mandatory weekly random COVID-19 testing for students and staff as required by the State for schools located in precautionary/yellow zones. Those schools will return to monthly COVID-19 testing for a random sample of students and staff as part of the citywide testing program at DOE schools.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences** are happening this month and many schools are having half days.
- This morning the Office of Family and Community Empowerment held a PA/PTA Training and reviewed important information that Executive Board Members should know. Please reach out to face@schools.nyc.gov if you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the presentation.
- Next **DEI session** will be on Monday, November 16. The topic is Appropriate Setting and Cooperative Learning. We will have a few speakers, one being from the Brooklyn North Office, the Administrator of Special Education, who will be speaking about ICT Classes.
- Upcoming meetings: On Tuesday of next week, Nov 17, we have our monthly Calendar Meeting at 6:30pm. Also, on the same evening, Nov 17, at 6 pm, the Panel for Education Policy will be having their monthly meeting.
- Families are looking for resources about accessible programs for chromebooks, or assistive technology help. If anyone has any ideas about how to get more help for families, please write to Ellen McHugh at ccse@schools.nyc.gov Their next meeting is on Thursday, Nov 19 at 7pm.

6. High School Updates from Superintendent Janice Ross - Jen Goldberg

7. United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Updates - Betty Zohar, UFT Parent-Community Liaison

- Parent engagement is high and over 30 workshops were offered.
- Dial-a-teacher is on-going (workshops and homework help).
- Regarding the metal detectors at John Jay, Betty Zohar suggested putting out a survey.

8. Old Business

- a. Review and Vote on Statement of CEC15 Goals (*rolled over from 10/27*)



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- Work with Superintendent Skop and teachers to improve academic outcomes and social emotional growth, and integration and inclusion, based on The DCEP and the CEP goals for each school.
- Work with Principals to create a Best Practices document for Assessments during Remote Learning. How is the district and how are we thinking about achievement loss? Push the district on how that's working: how is the district measuring success in the time of a pandemic?
- Work with PAs/PTAs to address inequities between schools and parent bodies.
- Increase student voice, parent participation and involvement. Complete our council by locating an ELL Representative and Student Representative.
- Increase communication outreach through the mailing list, including collection of emails for new SLTs and PA/PTA executive board members

B. . [Recommendations for Resolution on Translations & Interpretations](#) (rolled over from 10/27)

- Comment made that A660 only available in English.
- Interpretation shortfalls around the city
- No interpretation for Business Meetings. Interpretation for Calendar Meetings
- Comment made that translations and interpretations fall under the larger umbrella of accessibility, and inequities in accessibility (documents such as tech support only in English only format, no interpretation for PTA's, language barriers etc)

9. New Business

- a. [Vote on CEC15 Bylaws 20-21 Revision](#). Vote postponed for the next meeting.
- b. Report on bi-weekly calls with PAR Team
 - Par had over 700 responses and on the ground meetings with school community leaders at food distribution sites, etc. District has allocated over 2.7 million for the desegregation.
 - Par reports the Red Hook community needs a district MS and K-12 district continuum.
 - School enrollment at PS676 is getting smaller. Harbor MS will serve the needs in Red Hook and 676 has embarked in a maritime focus. Red Hook community is discussing the phase out of the elementary school, approached the SLT and was met with support.
 - PS32 gave feedback on the rezoning, 32 and 38 have not lost students due to the pandemic, ps29, 58 and 261 have lost students due to the pandemic. 5 of the 7 have lost enrollment, not sure if that loss is permanent or not. Decline in the K admissions, will overcrowding persist at PS58 and PS29? Due to the residential nature of these neighborhoods families likely would return after the pandemic.
 - Siga grant - districts must make a commitment toward equity and integration.

C. Other New Business

- Learning Bridges update - what programs there are and how many families they are serving.
- Karen Watts can answer questions about Learning Bridges enrollment spots, current enrollment and outreach to families who signed up but were initially rejected.
- ODP wants to hear from the council members about what the council is thinking of the idea of a MS and the phase out of 676. Get in touch with Max and let him know where you stand.
- PS15 is farther away from the highway so less likely that elementary school children would be going there from Carroll Gardens.

10. Adjournment 8:44 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting Bess Abrahams, Ivan Banda second motion.



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Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:44 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Saida Barker, Administrative Assistant.