



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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February 28, 2023

Calendar Meeting

### President's Report - Camille Casaretti

Thank you again for joining us this evening for our February 2023 Calendar Meeting. Today was the first real snow of the season. I'm sure the children were happy walking to school in the snow. With any luck, we'll get to see more snowy days.

I want to give a shout out to Selina Atteberry who is hosting a Black History and Women's History celebration as we speak. Selina, we are with you in spirit tonight. I'm sure this will be a wonderful event and very sad to miss it. This is an opportunity to reflect and share what Black History means to us as a whole and to remember and uplift women who have had a great impact and influence on our lives.

**Exciting news about the CCEC Elections** - The application period has now closed and the candidate statements are posted on the DOE website. The D15 Presidents Council will lead the Candidate Forum for District 15 on Monday March 27 starting at 6pm so save the date to meet the people running to be a CEC15 member. As I said, the candidate statements are online so you can start learning more about the candidates now. Voting will take place after all of the candidate forums have been completed, some time between April and May. You must have a NYCSA account to vote. Please reach out to your parent coordinator asap if you don't have a NYCSA account.

CCEC Election Information:

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/get-involved/families/Community-and-citywide-education-councils-cecs/elections-2023-community-and-citywide-education-councils>

CCEC Candidate Statements:

<https://apps.schools.nyc/CECProfiles>

<https://apps.schools.nyc/CECProfiles/CandidateListByDistrict/15>



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NYCSA account:

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**Update on the Citywide Wellness Advisory Council** - every three years the Department of Education is mandated to review its School Wellness Policy, where a review committee is formed of Citywide Public School community members. Members of the Citywide Wellness Advisory Council include CEC Members, CPAC Members, and other parent leaders. The meetings are scheduled once a month until June when the committee will provide a set of recommendations that will be shared with DOE leadership to offer insight on parent and caregiver expectations for wellness-related instruction and programs as they relate to the policy. In the last meeting we discussed what makes a school physically active. In the next meeting we will discuss Physical Education and preparing physically literate students. If you would like to submit feedback on the current DOE wellness policy, please write to me at [CamilleCEC15@gmail.com](mailto:CamilleCEC15@gmail.com). The wellness policy can be found on the DOE infohub website.

DOE Wellness Policy:

<https://infohub.nyc.ed.org/in-our-schools/policies/doe-wellness-policy>

**On Thursday night, we will be meeting with the School Construction Authority** to discuss the 5 year Capital Plan and learn about what renovations or additions are being made to our District 15 school buildings. We will also hear updates on the new schools that are opening in the Fall and into the coming years. There will be an opportunity for public comments so please come with your questions. As you know, CEC15 submitted a long list of Capital Plan requests recently. We should be hearing back about those requests in a couple of months. If you have any new issues or new building requests, you could suggest those during Thursday's meeting. Please note that our elected officials, City Council, Borough President and Senate all have access to Capital Funding dollars, so if SCA isn't funding your ask, you could also go to the elected officials to ask for funding.

And then on March 14, we will hold a **Business Meeting and Special Session**. We will be taking public comments between now and then on a couple of Resolutions and



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then vote during the Special Session. Resolutions will be shared via email. If you're not already on our mailing list, please ask to be added by writing to [CEC15@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:CEC15@schools.nyc.gov)

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Last bit of news, we just found out that Brooklyn Prospect Charter School has filed for an expansion of their Kindergarten and 5th grade in their Sunset Park site. They are asking to add 55 K students and 25 5th grade students to in the 2023-24 school year. There will be a public hearing on this proposed expansion on Monday, Monday, March 20, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM. Speakers must sign up by 12:00 p.m. the same day. You may also Contact the SUNY Charter Schools Institute at (518) 445-4269 or [charters@suny.edu](mailto:charters@suny.edu)

Brooklyn Prospect Charter School

Public hearing on proposed expansion of K and 5th grade in Sunset Park

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Antonia? Charter Update?