



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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### CEC15 Calendar Meeting Minutes - APPROVED Wednesday October 25, 2017 MS136 - 4004 4<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

**Attendees:** Elena Romero, Mark Bisard, Antonia Ferraro, Scott Powell, Kathy Price, Charles Star, Yangfeng Zhang, Neal Zephyrin

**Excused Absence:** Camille Casaretti, Nicole Brier

- Meeting called to order 6:35pm.
- Introduction by CEC15 Co-VP Scott Powell.
- D15 Superintendent Report by Anita Skop (see attached presentation titled C4E).
- Anita then spoke on behalf of Jill Bloomberg, Principal of Park Slope Collegiate, who was unable to attend.
  - 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Solid academic program
  - School is passionate about social justice
  - Go to [www.parkslopecollegiate.org](http://www.parkslopecollegiate.org) for additional information.
- Scill Chan, Principal of Brooklyn Collaborative spoke.
  - Fourth year as Principal
  - Small school. Approximately 90 sixth graders
  - Twenty two students per class
  - Supports integration and works with Border Crossers.
  - 6-12 grades
  - 91% graduation rate, 100% college acceptance rate, 80% college enrollment rate.
- Assistant Principal Jason James of MS 442-Carroll Gardens School for Innovation spoke.
  - 240 Students in school.
  - Grades 6-8.
  - Total student enrollment is 240.
  - Students use Macbook all day in coursework.
  - Hosts an ASD Nest Program.
  - Offers intensives for ELP.
  - Mentoring programs.
  - MS442.org for more info
- Principal Eric Sackler of MS 136-Charles O. Dewey spoke.
  - School shares building with Sunset Park Prep.
  - Huge focus on social and emotional growth.
  - Strong Global Affairs club.



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- Encouraged parents to take school visits.
- For additional info go to [MS136Brooklyn.com](http://MS136Brooklyn.com).
- Jennifer Spalding, Principal of Sunset Park Prep, MS 821 spoke
  - Grades 6-8.
  - 515 students.
  - 175 six graders accepted every year.
  - Small classes, 12 to 1 ratio.
  - Emphasis on developing students academically and socially.
  - Strict no cellphone policy.
  - Regents prep classes for Algebra and Living Environment.
  - All 8<sup>th</sup> graders take Algebra.
  - Sixth grade students take classes in visual arts, 7th-graders in drama and 8th-graders, music.
  - Serves an alternative and healthy lifestyle lunch menu.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Assistant Principal along with 7<sup>th</sup> grade Asst. Principal and Supervisor for Special Education of MS 51-William Alexander School spoke on behalf of Principal Lenore Berner who couldn't attend.
  - 1140 Students.
  - 6-8 grades.
  - Looking for motivated learners
  - Character education program that instills building a student's character as a person.
  - Students take 3 years of a foreign language.
  - After School program called LEAP.
  - Open House on Nov 18<sup>th</sup>
  - IEP informational session on Nov 20<sup>th</sup>
- Principal Aileen Mitchell of MS88 of spoke.
  - 6-8 grades.
  - Largest Middle School in the district.
  - Three main concentrations called "Houses". The Medical House (School for Medical and Health Careers), The SMART (School for Media Arts, Research, & Technology) House, and the SISTA (School for Integrated Studies Through the Arts) House.
  - Three students from each Houses spoke
  - Asst Principal Sarah Panar spoke. Discussed various science-related after school programs such as robotics and computer programming.



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- Anita spoke on behalf of Frank Giordano, Principal of MS 443-New Voices School of Academic and Creative Arts who was unable to attend.
  - Audition process for admission.
  - Not a large school. Housed in upper floor with PS294.
  - The Principal is a “sharp shooter” but has a “heart of gold.”
  - A strong arts program complements academic instruction.
  - Go to [www.newvoicesbrooklyn.org](http://www.newvoicesbrooklyn.org) for additional info.
  
- Michael Perlberg, principal of MS 839-Caton Ave School spoke.
  - A new school.
  - 6-8grades.
  - 20 min on B35 for Sunset Park residents.
  - No test scores for admission. 100 percent unscreened.
  - 40 % of slots for free and reduced lunch.
  - “Every Drop Counts” program.
  - Strong arts program.
  - Strong social/emotional development program.
  - Additional info can be found at [MS839.org](http://MS839.org).
  
- Nicole Lanzillotto, Principal MS 497-School for Int’l Studies spoke.
  - Former HS Special Ed teacher and now principal at MS 497
  - 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade. 700 students.
  - Visit website at [k497.org](http://k497.org) for additional info.
  - French Dual language.
  - Theater Culinary program begins in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - Theatric, Robotic, and Journalism program.
  - Space is shared with 3 other schools (a Middle school, Charter School, and a High School).
  
- Linda Rosenbury, Principal of Brooklyn Urban Charter School spoke.
  - Grade 6-8.
  - Located on Bishop Ford Campus.
  - School started by parents. A community based school.
  - 300 Students.
  - School hours are 8am – 4pm. Friday school starts at 9am.
  - Twice a day meditation sessions.
  - Admits students from all over the Borough with a D15 focus.
  - Admission is by lottery.
  
- Arin Rusch, Principal of MS 447-Math & Science Exploratory School spoke.
  - Grades 6-8.



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- 525 students total. Approximately 180 in each grade.
- ICT classes.
- Admissions based on Math assessment exam and 4<sup>th</sup> grade report card grades.
- 30% of seats allocated for free and reduced lunch applicants.
- Director of Community Affairs for Councilman Menchaca's Office spoke on upcoming participatory budget and auditorium upgrade for PS 136.
- A representative from Congresswoman Velasquez office spoke about communities involvement in assisting Puerto Rico.
- Motion to adjourn made and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Calendar Meeting Adjourned 8:20pm.

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CEC15 – Corresponding Secretary