



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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**Business Meeting - Approved by the Council on 12/18/17 Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 9, 2017 6:30pm-8:30pm
PS15 – 71 Sullivan St., Red Hook Brooklyn, 11231**

Attendees: Elena Romero, Nicole Brier, Camille Casaretti, Yangfeng Zhang, Antonia Ferraro, Kathy Park Price, Charles Star, Mark Bisard, Elizabeth Velez, Neal Zephyrin

Excused Absence: Scott Powell

- Meeting called to order 6:35pm.
- Naila Rosario, past CEC15 President, discussed Integrate NYC and Epic Theatre Ensemble bringing Laundry City Performance on School Segregation to Sunset Park.
 - Event will be held on December 7th at 6:30 pm.
 - Performance/play to last about 40 min.
 - Panel discussion to occur after performance.
 - Event to be held at PS 24 – 427 38th Street, Sunset Park, Brooklyn.
 - Other co-sponsors of this event are NYC Kids Pac, New York Appleseed, and Councilman Menchaca's office.
 - Looking for CEC15 to also co-sponsor the event and possibly provide translation services.
- Councilman Menchaca also spoke on the Laundry City Performance and discussed small working groups he and Naila have organized to discuss diversity in Sunset Park.
- Motion made by C. Casaretti for the CEC15 to co-sponsor the Laundry City Diversity event on Dec 7th. Seconded by N. Zephyrin. Motion passed unanimously.
- President C. Casaretti's Report –
 - Announced the new AA to start on Nov20th. She already attended AA training sponsored by FACE.
 - Announced site Hearing for Harbor Middle School.
 - CB2 had their Economic Development Committee Meeting on Nov 7th and ECF and Alloy Presented on 80 Flatbush Ave. The conversation was about job creation and how to keep those jobs in Brooklyn, and specifically in the neighborhood where the development would occur. There was a discussion about the SCA's estimate of construction costs for the two schools of \$100 Million. AJ Pires said that ECF wants the school number to be lower. It's unclear to me why the City Representative for building of schools would argue for less money to go into our schools.
 - E. Velez and A. Ferraro to attend future CB2 meetings on 80 Flatbush.



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- Reviewed minutes from Business Meeting held on October 12, 2017. Motion to approve minutes made by C. Casaretti and seconded by E. Velez. Motion passed unanimously.
- Reviewed minutes from Calendar Meeting held on October 25, 2017. Motion to approve minutes made by C. Casaretti and seconded by C. Star. Motion passed unanimously.
- Superintendent A. Skop's report.
 - Discussed the D15 WXY Diversity working group.
 - Indicated how Javier of Make Space for Quality School expressed his feelings about the WXY Diversity working group process in the last working group meeting.
 - WXY made the commitment to reach out to Red Hook and Sunset Park communities.
 - Discussed the amazing work PS 15 is doing. For example PS 15 Beacon program does a thanksgiving dinner for 500 people. PS 15 sending hurricane relief donations to its sister school in Puerto Rico.
 - Harbor School Meeting sponsored by CB6 and CEC15 to be held at PS 676 in Red Hood on Nov 14th.
 - Border Crossers will be conducting training at the Nov 17th Principal's conference.
- Carrie McLaren of Coalition for Equitable Schools spoke about the Gifted and Talented Forum her organization is sponsoring. It will be held at the next CEC15 calendar meeting on December 5th at MS 447.
 - Event is being done to have a public conversation on the history and racial divisions associated with G&T programs.
 - Discussed some possible audience challenges, i.e., how to solicit questions from the audience, length of time to be given to audience members in addressing the panel, etc.
 - Integrate NYC will be presenting.
 - Looking to videotape event.
 - Flyers will be in English, Spanish, and Bengali.
- E. Velez and N. Zephyrin provided the latest developments on the WXY Diversity working group. Reiterated some of the points made by Superintendent Skop.
- Motion to adjourn made by N. Zephyrin and seconded by C. Star. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:27pm

Minutes submitted by Neal Zephyrin, CEC15 - Secretary