



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Calendar Meeting – Approved by the Council during 1/8/18 Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 6:30pm-8:30pm
PS 32 - 317 Hoyt Street, Brooklyn 11231

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

Excused Absence: Neal Zephyrin

- Meeting called to order 6:32pm. Welcome and Introductions done by C. Casaretti. Announced G&T meeting next month and asked everyone to sign in to get email alerts from CEC15.
- Roll call done by S. Powell.
- Donald Chumney, PLF District 15 Superintendent's office, welcomed attendees as a representative for Superintendent Anita Skop who sent her regrets for not being able to attend the meeting. Ms. Chumney gave an extensive power point presentation on all good things happening in District 15.
- C. Casaretti opened up the public comment period.
- Brian Aguila from the American Debate League spoke and said they are expanding their program into D15. Visit www.americandebateleague.org for more information.
- Lowell, Deputy Policy Director, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams spoke about their office's grants process (see handout). The Borough President's has \$100 million to give out and a lot of it goes to schools. The application for schools is a 45-minute process. Apply and remember that Mr. Adams loves S.T.E.A.M and healthy eating/wellness.
- Sign up to get capital budget application alerts here:
<http://www.brooklyn-usa.org/capital-budget/>
- Vicki Sell, Education Liaison in Council Member Brad Lander's office spoke about City Council funding opportunities from participatory budget to discretionary expense funding (see handout). There is no formal application process for discretionary funding so, just call her office at 718-499-1090 or email her VSell@council.nyc.gov
- Iraida Bracero, CPA and Co-President, MS 839 PTA talked about how to set up a 501(3)c
- Jiin Wen, MS 443 parent and former CEC15 member, presented grant writing best practices
- Camille adjourned the meeting, thanking the participants and attendees. She also plugged the B71 bus petition, which Kathy Park Price circulated for signatures.



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Meeting Adjourned 8:30 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Kathy Park Price