



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Business Meeting - D15 Science Fair Approved on 6/19/18 at a Business Meeting

Date: 05/10/2018

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: PS 130, 713 Caton Avenue, Gymatorium

Business Meeting Agenda (as publicly posted)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. President's Report - Camille Casaretti
3. Approval of Minutes from April 17, April 23 and April 26
4. Vote on Chancellor's Welcome Letter
5. Discussion of Tentative CEC15 Meeting Dates
6. Review of Diversity Workshop #3
7. Discussion on Logistics for May 17 Meeting
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Call to Order 7:30 p.m.

1. Roll Call - Camille Casaretti

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President

Kathy Park Price, Co-Vice President

Scott Powell, Co-Vice President

Charles Star, Treasurer

Mark Bisard

Antonia Ferraro

Lili Velez

Yanfeng Zhang

Absent:

Neal Zephyrin, Secretary - Excused

Nicole Brier - Excused

Elena Romero - Excused

Invited Guests:

Donalda Chumney, Principal Leadership Facilitator D15

Daniel Rubenstein, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Brooklyn Prospect Charter School

Adele McConnell, Communications Manager Brooklyn Prospect Charter School



Proposal to Amend Agenda - Camille Casaretti

- Want to add Daniel Rubenstein and Adele McConnell from Brooklyn Prospect Charter School. They're here to present their plans to open a new school in D15.
- Would like to add Donald Chumney, she's representing D15 Superintendent Anita Skop.

Motion to amend agenda - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion to amend agenda - Charles Star

Motion approved by all 8 members present

Presentation by Brooklyn Prospect Charter School - Daniel Rubenstein and Adele McConnell

- Will talk about proposal that will be submitted to SUNY regarding their plans to open an elementary school. Would like feedback from CEC15.
- Brooklyn Prospect Charter School is a K-12 college preparatory school. They have 4 schools in Brooklyn. 9:1 student-teacher ratio classrooms.
- Their schools in D15 are only middle and high school. Want to bring an elementary school to D15.
- The admissions process will be by lottery with sibling preference. A percentage of seats will be set aside for free/reduced cost lunch students.
- Why D15? It's an incredible diverse district. It will alleviate overcrowding. They will have their own private space, no co-location.
- The lottery will have a District preference to D15.
- Many families are interested in a K-12 program.
- What are they asking SUNY for in terms of seats? Asking for K-12? They are asking for K-5. Will start with Kindergarten and will grow a grade every year. Only 50 students for kindergarten for this year.
- Would it be in Gowanus? Can't talk about where because they're negotiating a site.
- Why Gowanus? With so many schools in Gowanus, why not Sunset Park? Real estate is very tricky in Sunset Park. They have not been able to find a space in Sunset Park. They are still looking for a location there.
- How can CEC15 trust he will stay and not leave the school? Mr. Rubenstein has been there for 10 years. Has a good reputation.
- Will they be willing to have certified teachers? They have teachers that have out of state certification but have to go through NYS process to get certified which takes years but they make them go through the process.

District 15 Report - Donald Chumney, Principal Leadership Facilitator D15

- Congratulated CEC15 for D15 Science Fair. Hopefully this event will continue to grow. It's exciting to provide students and teachers a venue to show their work.
- Attended a diversity, equity and inclusion meeting at PS 118 on May 2nd. The event was called "PS 118 Parent Study Group: Examining Race, Diversity, Inclusion and Equity within Ourselves and Our Community." Went to a school for a kick off meeting on inclusion. During this meeting she heard people's perspectives about privilege and entitlement.
- P.S. 131 has the strongest performance for ELLs in math.



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- In December 2016, a student was hit by a falling tile at PS 131. The student died from injuries. There's no play space on the school ground because of scaffolding, netting and proximity to the construction. Students have not been allowed to go outside for recess since December 2016. She is asking CEC15 on behalf of the Principal, Ruth Quiles, to please help them find a way to get the street shut down so that the children are able to go outside and play one or two days a week.
- University of Pennsylvania toured P.S. 172 to look at what's happening in our schools.
- M.S. 497 retained 68% of students from middle school to high school. The culinary program is still very strong. The school overmatched. The school will need more space.
- M.S. 442 is very popular. They have space for new admissions. Popularity of this school may have affected admissions to M.S. 88.
- D15 Superintendent Anita Skop will be heading to Albany on June 27 and 28 for the next NYS Integration meeting. The team members representing D15:
 - Karim Chavez: Field Support Liaison-HS Superintendent's Office
 - Nicole Lanzilotto: Principal-Boerum Hill School for International Studies (MS497)
 - Naila Rosario: Former CEC President and Parent
 - Juliet Kaye: Director-Strategy and Policy, Office of Enrollment
 - Donald Chumney: Principal Leadership Facilitator D15
 - Kathleen Mulligan: Senior School Improvement Liaison
 - Bryant Ng: Data Coordinator-Middle School 88
 - Jackie Allen Joseph: Principal of PS 261
- Enrollment under way for new school PS 896 (St. Agatha's). She met with the Principal, Ruth Rodriguez-Rivera. Ms. Rodriguez-Rivera will be sending outreach emails to other principals. DOE dates will be altered for this school for the first year to be able to get personnel from other schools to help out during parent/teacher conferences.

2. President's Report - Camille Casaretti

- Charter school revision application for Brooklyn Prospect Charter School will be on May 22nd.
- CB2 voted against 80 Flatbush Project. However the community response at the hearing for Borough President Eric Adams was largely in favor.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 17, April 23 and April 26

Minutes from April 17

Motion to approve minutes from April 17 - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion to approve minutes from April 17 - Scott Powell

Motion approved by all 8 members present

Minutes from April 23

Motion to approve minutes from April 23 - Lili Velez

2nd motion to approve minutes from April 23 - Charles Star

Motion approved by all 8 members present



Minutes from April 26

Approval of minutes from April 26 was tabled for next meeting.

4. Vote on Chancellor's Welcome Letter

- Minor changes were made to the letter

All 8 members present were in favor of sending the letter with the changes.

5. Discussion of Tentative CEC15 Meeting Dates

- The June Calendar Meeting date was changed to accommodate the Chancellor's Town Hall. A permit to use P.S. 24 has been requested. This school is wheelchair accessible.
- Council Member Carlos Menchaca wants to do a special education meeting with CEC15 by the end of July.
- July 17 will be the tentative date to have election meeting.
- Business meetings will be held at 131 Livingston St. but some business meetings will discuss a topic that is relevant to a specific school then the meeting will be moved there.

6. Review of Diversity Workshop #3

- WXY will present more than 50 proposals during the workshop. These proposals will be a road map. They are expecting recommendations from the public.

7. Discussion on Logistics for May 17 Meeting - Lili Velez

- Wants to bring all council members on board. All council members should play a role in this meeting.
- Will have people come to meeting to talk about the importance of diversity.
- D15 Superintendent Anita Skop could talk about the diversity committees.
- Will have a visual note taker. She will draw stories presented during the meeting. It will be free of charge.

8. New Business

- No new business

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:30 p.m.

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant