



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Business Meeting

Approved on 01/08/2019 at a Business Meeting

Date: 12/11/2018

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: 131 Livingston Street, Room 504

Agenda (as publicly posted):

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 8, Nov. 14 and Dec. 4
3. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
4. Review of CEC15 requests for SCA
5. Charter Committee Update - Antonia Ferraro, Chair
 - a. Vote on Charter Schools Resolution
 - b. Vote on Resolution to Oppose Increase in Charter Cap
6. Diversity Committee Update - Neal Zephyrin, Chair
7. Communications Committee Update - Kathy Park Price, Chair
8. Borough President Report - Elena Romero, BP Appointee
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

Call to Order at 6:32 p.m.

1. Roll Call - Camille Casaretti

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President

Antonia Ferraro, Secretary

Charles Star, Treasurer

Mark Bisard, Member

Neal Zephyrin, BP Appointee

Scott Powell, Member

Yanfeng Zhang, ELL Representative

Leela Gebo, Student Member

Late:

Kathy Park Price, Co-Vice President 2

Absent:

Elena Romero, Co-Vice President 1

Lili Velez, Parliamentarian

Nicole Brier, IEP Representative

2. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 8, Nov. 14 and Dec. 4



- Approval of Minutes from [November 8](#) - Edits were suggested

Motion to approve the minutes from November 8 with suggested edits - Charles Star

2nd motion to approve the minutes from November 8 with suggested edits - Scott Powell

Minutes approved by 7 voting members present.

- Approval of Minutes from [November 14](#) - No edits

Motion to approve the minutes from November 14 - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion to approve the minutes from November 14 - Antonia Ferraro

Minutes approved by 7 voting members present.

- Approval of Minutes from [December 4](#) - Edits were suggested

Motion to approve the minutes from December 4 with suggested edits - Scott Powell

2nd motion to approve the minutes from December 4 with suggested edits - Camille Casaretti

Minutes approved by 8 voting members present

3. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President

- Special Session Meeting on the Mayor's plan to improve diversity at Specialized High Schools tentatively planned for January 16. Waiting for date confirmation from DOE's Office of Student Enrollment. This will be a joint meeting with CCHS. CEC15 Member and CB6 member Neal Zephyrin suggested that CB6 should join CEC15 and CCHS for this meeting as well.
- There will be an Education Community Consortium meeting on Saturday, December 15. Ms. Casaretti invited members to attend if they can.

4. Review of CEC15 Requests for SCA

- CEC15 Member Yanfeng Zhang shared requests submitted by M.S. 821, M.S. 136 and P.S. 1 to be added to the list of requests.
- Many of the requests listed will be managed by the Division of School Facilities rather than SCA. CEC15 President Camille Casaretti spoke to Joseph Lazarus, Director of Facilities, Brooklyn North, and he will go over the list and let CEC15 know which issues should be sent to his department.
- Some of the requests for repairs submitted last year are pending. They have been entered into the queue. Last year's top 5 priority items were added to the Capital Plan.
- CEC15 Member Mark Bisard felt that CEC15 took the time to put last year's list together and that many of the projects are still pending and the follow up was inadequate. There was a discussion among the members on SCA's accountability for their slow response.
- SCA needs to go through contractors, biddings, etc. This all takes time. There is a whole process with finding contractors.
- SCA will be presenting during the CEC15 Jan. 29 Calendar Meeting. CEC15 should send questions ahead of time to allow SCA representatives time to gather answers before the meeting.
- CEC15 needs to discuss openly with SCA how the process works.



- Not all schools have submitted their requests. It will be best to schedule a Special Session Meeting to finalize the list. All CEC15 members will reach out to their liaison schools to get requests. Members agreed to have a Special Session Meeting on Dec. 20.
- CEC15 Co-Vice President 2 Kathy Park Price shared requests submitted by P.S. 24 and P.S. 118.
- CEC15 Co-Vice President 2 Kathy Park Price brought up that it's very confusing for P.S. 372 families because they're a joint D15/D75 school and it's not clear when the school is and is not included in D15. It was suggested to add this to the next business meeting agenda to discuss P.S. 372 representation in D15.
- It was discussed it will be a good idea to collect classroom temperature data from each school. CEC15 Member Scott Powell offered to collect this data to share with CEC15 and SCA. CEC15 wants to advocate for comfortable classrooms.

5. Charter Committee Update - Antonia Ferraro, Chair

a. Review draft of Charter Schools Resolution

- This resolution is to be used to evaluate all charter schools coming to D15.
- CEC15 Charter Committee Chairperson Antonia Ferraro read the Charter Schools Resolution to the Council Members,.
- Edits were suggested.

Motion to approve edits to Charter Schools Resolution - Mark Bisard

2nd motion to approve edits to Charter Schools Resolution - Kathy Park Price

Edits to Resolution passed by 8 voting members present.

b. Review draft of Resolution to Oppose Increase in Charter Cap

- CEC15 Charter Committee Chairperson Antonia Ferraro read the Resolution to Oppose Increase in Charter Cap to the Council Members.
- Edits were suggested.

Motion to approve edits to Resolution to Oppose Increase in Charter Cap - Scott Powell

2nd motion to approve edits to Resolution to Oppose Increase in Charter Cap - Charles Star

Edits to Resolution passed by 8 voting members present.

The edited resolutions will be presented at the next calendar meeting on Jan. 29 to allow for Public Comments.

6. Diversity Committee Update - Neal Zephyrin, Chair

- No update regarding the D15 Diversity Plan. The D15 Working Group was planning to meet on Dec. 20 but due to upcoming holidays it has been canceled. The meeting will be held after the holidays in January.
- The working group will be discussing the plan of action for the other recommendations, like the issue with school buses in D15.
- A member suggested that a member of the working group should attend a CEC15 meeting to present an update to the public.



- Mr. Zephyrin was not able to attend last week's Equity Congress meeting. The next meeting will be Jan. 10. He is the CEC15 representative that will be attending the Equity Congress meetings but if he can't make a meeting any CEC15 member can attend in his place.
- A CEC15 member asked if Mr. Zephyrin knows if there were minutes taken during the last Equity Congress meeting. He does not know but will try to find out.

7. Communications Committee Update - Kathy Park Price, Chair

- The latest Communications Committee meeting was yesterday, Dec. 10.
- During the meeting the committee reviewed the brochure that was created to hand out during meetings and school visits. CEC15 Communications Committee Chairperson Kathy Park Price would like to share the brochure with the entire council.
- The brochure contains important information about CEC15. It is important to share this information with anyone attending CEC15 meetings. Many people do not know what CEC15 is or does for the school community.
- Ms. Park Price went over the brochure with the council members. Edits were suggested. Ms. Park Price will update the brochure.
- In addition to the brochure, it was discussed to email Principals, Parent Coordinators and PTA Executive Boards inviting them to share their school events.
- Next Communications Committee meeting will be on Mon, Jan. 7

8. Borough President Report - Elena Romero, BP Appointee - TABLED

9. New Business

- CEC15 Co-Vice President Kathy Park Price is happy to have Student Member Leela Gebo join CEC15.
- Ms. Park Price suggested that a section be added to the agenda where Ms. Gebo can share student member input.
- CEC15 is proud of D15 students. The members want to hear from students.
- When asked if she wanted to share her perspective on SHSAT, Ms. Geebo shared that change is definitely necessary. Her school demography does not represent the diversity in the city. She does not know if the plan presented will be the best plan for the change but change is necessary.
- CEC15 is planning a tentative meeting with the Office of Student Enrollment to present the proposal on SHSAT again on Jan. 16.
- Ms. Park Price would like to post Ms. Gebo's picture on the website. CEC15 Administrative Assistant Francisca Andino will ask the Division of Family and Community Engagement what the protocol is when posting pictures of minors on social media.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting - Charles Star

2nd motion to adjourn meeting - Kathy Park Price

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:02 p.m.

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant