



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Business Meeting

Approved on 03/13/2019 at a Business Meeting

Date: 02/12/2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street - BP Conference Room

Agenda (as publicly posted):

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes from January 8, January 16 and January 29
3. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
4. Feb. 26 Meeting Logistics - Discussion with P.S. 261 Principal Jacqueline Allen
5. Charter Committee Update - Antonia Ferraro, Committee Chair
 - a. NYC Charter Center Letter
 - b. No Charters in Sunset Park Letter and Video
6. Borough President Report - Neal Zephyrin, BP Appointee
7. Review of Resolution on Lead in NYC Public School Water - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
8. Choosing Topics for April, May & June Calendar Meetings
9. Budget Review and Vote - Charles Star, Treasurer
10. Discussion/Vote on the AA Salary Increase

The Council is expected to go into Executive Session. Executive Sessions are not open to the public.
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

Call to Order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call - Camille Casaretti

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President

Antonia Ferraro, Secretary

Charles Star, Treasurer

Nicole Brier, IEP Representative

Mark Bisard, Member

Scott Powell, Member

Late:

Lili Velez, Parliamentarian

Leela Gebo, Student Member

Neal Zephyrin, BP Appointee

Absent:

Elena Romero, Co-Vice President 1/BP Appointee - Excused for BPA Assignment

Yanfeng Zhang, ELL Representative - Excused for PS1 Assignment



Kathy Park Price, Co-Vice President 2 - Excused for Participatory Budgeting Event

2. Approval of Minutes from January 8, January 16 and January 29

- Approval of Minutes from January 8 - Edits were suggested

Motion to approve the minutes from January 8 with suggested edits - Scott Powell

2nd motion to approve the minutes from January 8 with suggested edits - Antonia Ferraro

Minutes from January 8 approved by 6 voting members present

- Approval of Minutes from January 16 - Edits were suggested

Motion to approve the minutes from January 16 with suggested edits - Nicole Brier

2nd motion to approve the minutes from January 16 with suggested edits - Antonia Ferraro

Minutes from January 16 approved by 7 voting members present

Discussion on the length and content of the minutes:

- Minutes are a summary, not a transcript.

Motion to remove public comments from the January 16 minutes - Charles Star

2nd motion to remove public comments from the January 16 minutes - Nicole Brier

Motion passed by a 7 votes in favor and 1 abstain.

The council voted to not include public comments in the minutes going forward.

7 votes in favor and 1 abstain.

- Approval of Minutes from January 29 - Edits were suggested

Motion to approve minutes from January 29 with suggested edits - Charles Star

2nd motion to approve minutes from January 29 suggested edits - Antonia Ferraro

Minutes from January 29 approved by

7 voting members - Antonia Ferraro, Charles Star, Lili Velez, Nicole Brier, Neal Zephyrin, Mark Bisard, Scott Powell

1 abstain - Camille Casaretti

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

- Thanked CEC15 member Yanfeng Zhang for the beautiful Lunar New Year lanterns.
- Yanfeng Zhang and D15 Superintendent Anita Skop were scheduled to attend a Police Community Meeting this evening in Sunset Park to speak about some issues in the area around P.S. 1 but the meeting was canceled last minute.
- The [Diversity Advisory Group Report](#) came out this morning.
- The ECC passed a Resolution for a moratorium on the Charter Cap similar to CEC15's resolution.



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- The ECC District Planning Working Group put out a one page proposal to create a timeline for community and stakeholder engagement surrounding District Planning decisions. P.S. 32 will be rezoned in September so this is of particular importance to our school communities.
- The next ECC meeting is March 8. There will be a Resolution presented regarding Expectations for District and Charter School Relationships.
- The deadline for Reso A applications through the Borough President's office is Feb 13. The deadline for the City Council Reso A Requests is Feb 19. Principals received a list of which schools were asking for similar requests.
- Civic Engagement Commission Applications are due Feb 22.
- The Presidents' Council members are using the group setting and the group email to support each other and share ideas. They will be discussing a Resolution regarding a Charter School Cap and Evaluation Period.
- CEC elections for new members will begin on Feb 14. Parents can run for an Education Council seat on CEC15, or any of the 3 citywide parent councils. Visit schools.nyc.gov/run2019 or nycparentleaders.org for more information. Parents can [apply](#) online. Borough Appointee applications are also opening soon but do not follow the same deadlines.

Girls Scouts of Greater New York - Shannen Charles, Recruitment Specialist, Brooklyn Service Center

- Asked CEC members to please contact her at scharles@girlscoutsnyc.org or call 646-284-6167 if they of any school that's interested in starting a Girl Scout troop at their school.

4. Feb. 26 Meeting Logistics - Discussion with P.S. 261 Diversity Committee

P.S. 261 Principal Jacqueline Allen called in to discuss logistics

- Three or four members of the Equity Team will be presenting.
- They will talk about the successes they've had at P.S. 261 with the Equity Team. They will provide examples and data.

5. Charter Committee Update - Antonia Ferraro, Committee Chair

- a. NYC Charter Center Letter
 - NYC Charter Center wrote a letter to CEC15, but CEC15 never received this letter. It was forwarded to CEC15 by another CEC. CEC15 will not officially respond to this letter since it was not officially sent to them.
 - Anyone can attend the Charter Committee meetings or CEC Meetings.
- b. No Charters in Sunset Park Letter and Video
 - Make Space for Quality Schools drafted a letter in opposition of new charter schools in Sunset Park and asked CEC15 for their support by signing the letter.
 - CEC15 was asked to videotape the signing. CEC15 declined to video the signing.

Motion to sign CEC15 as a supporter of the No Charters in Sunset Park letter - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion to sign CEC15 as a supporter of the No Charters in Sunset Park letter - Antonia Ferraro

Motion approved by 8 voting members present.



6. Borough President Report - Neal Zephyrin, BP Appointee

- Borough President January meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be in March.
- Parents interested in running for a CEC15 seat as a Borough Appointee need to fill out the application and send to the Borough President's office.
- All applicants will be called in for an interview. The whole process takes about 4 to 5 weeks. Application for BP appointee is on the same website as the CEC applications. It is done during the same period as the CEC elections, but it takes a bit longer for selection as a BP appointee than it takes to be elected as a CEC member.
- D15 Diversity Plan Working Group update: Meeting this week to get an update on what's happening with the whole process.

7. Review of Resolution on Lead in NYC Public School Water - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President - **TABLED for next Business Meeting**

8. Choosing Topics for April, May & June Calendar Meetings - **TABLED for next Business Meeting**

Item 9 of the agenda was moved to after item 10

10. Discussion/Vote on the AA Salary Increase

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Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss/vote on an increase to the AA salary - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion to into Executive Session to discuss/vote on an increase to the AA salary - Charles Star

Motion passed by all 8 voting members present

Executive Session began a 8:30 p.m.

Voting Members Present:

Camille Casaretti

Antonia Ferraro

Charles Star

Lili Velez

Nicole Brier

Neal Zephyrin

Mark Bisard

Scott Powell

Motion to end Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion to end Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. - Antonia Ferraro

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Motion to approve a \$2,000 salary increase for the AA - Scott Powell

2nd motion to approve a \$2,000 salary increase for the AA - Nicole Brier

Motion passed by 8 voting members present.

9. Budget Review and Vote - Charles Star, Treasurer

- The only change to the budget was the salary increase for the AA that the council just voted on.
- The deadline for budget modification is March 6.

10. New Business

- No new business

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting - Neal Zephyrin

2nd motion to adjourn meeting - Scott Powell

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:42 p.m.

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant