



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Calendar Meeting - CEC Elections Information / Diversity Committees 101 Approved on 03/13/2019 at a Business Meeting

Date: 02/26/2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: P.S. 38, 450 Pacific Street - Auditorium

Agenda (as publicly posted):

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
3. Superintendent's Report - D15 Superintendent Anita Skop
4. CEC Elections Information Session - Raymond Pierre Louis, Parent Leadership Liaison, Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE)
5. Diversity Committees 101 - Presentation from P.S. 261's Diversity Team
6. Discussion/Vote to Support the [Measure This](#) Initiative - Charles Star
7. Final Vote on Budget - Charles Star
8. CEC Representation of PS372 - Paula Szuchman PS372 SLT Member
9. Public Comments
10. Adjournment

Call to Order at 6:40 p.m.

1. Roll Call - Lili Velez

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President
Kathy Park Price, Co-Vice President 2
Antonia Ferraro, Secretary
Charles Star, Treasurer
Lili Velez, Parliamentarian
Nicole Brier, IEP Representative
Neal Zephyrin, BP Appointee
Scott Powell, Member
Yanfeng Zhang, ELL Representative
Leela Gebo, Student Member

Absent:

Elena Romero, Co-Vice President 1/BP Appointee - Excused for job related scheduling conflict
Mark Bisard, Member - Excused for family emergency

Invited Guests:

Anita Skop, D15 Superintendent
Raymond Pierre Louis, Parent Leadership Liaison, Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE)
Richard Guevara, Parent Leadership Liaison, Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE)
Jacqueline Allen, P.S. 261 Principal



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

- Amended Agenda to include: Vote on *Resolution to Increase AA Salary* during bullet 7, and Review of a Draft Resolution during bullet 7.5.

Motion to amend the agenda to add the Resolution to Increase the Annual Salary of the Council's Administrative Assistant and the Resolution to Support the CEC Election Process - Charles Star

2nd motion to amend the agenda to add the Resolution to Increase the Annual Salary of the Council's Administrative Assistant and the Resolution to Support the CEC Election Process - Lili Velez

Motion passed by 7 votes in favor - Camille Casaretti, Antonia Ferraro, Charles Star, Lili Velez, Nicole Brier, Scott Powell, Yanfeng Zhang

1 oppose - Kathy Park Price

1 abstain - Neal Zephyrin

- Discussion for March 19 Calendar Meeting: Vote on *Resolution on Water Testing in School Buildings* and Vote on *Resolution on Evaluation of New Charter Applications*, Presentation of Fair Student Funding, D15 Curriculum and Assessment Based Learning.
- Discussed PS32 Rezoning Presentation by Office of District Planning on April 18.

3. Superintendent's Report - D15 Superintendent Anita Skop

- Discussed NY Times [article](#) about Mayor de Blasio ending the renewal schools initiative. There are no renewal schools in District 15.
- D15 is applying for the 2nd phase of the SIGA grant to continue working on diversity.
- Any questions, please email askop@schools.nyc.gov.

4. CEC Elections Information Session - Raymond Pierre Louis, Parent Leadership Liaison, Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE) & Richard Guevara, CEC15 FACE Representative, Parent Leadership Liaison, FACE

- There are 32 [CECs](#) that represent public, non-charter schools K-8 within their community school district. Each CEC consists of 12 volunteer members.
- There are 4 Citywide Education Councils: Citywide Council on High Schools ([CCHS](#)), Citywide Council on Special Education ([CCSE](#)), Citywide Council on English Language Learners ([CCELL](#)), Citywide Council for District 75 ([CCD75](#))
- Once parents apply they will attend a [Candidate Forum](#) which is conducted by the Presidents' Council President of each school district. Everyone should go to the candidate forum and share information they've seen at the forum with their school's PTA.
- CEC members are elected by PTA presidents, secretaries and treasurers of each school. If a parent in one of these positions is running the PTA decides who votes in their place.

5. Diversity Committees 101 - [Presentation](#) by P.S. 261 Principal Jacqueline Allen and the P.S. 261's Diversity Team

- About 5 years ago Principal Allen and her staff started noticing disparity and disproportionality in disciplinary trends and opportunity gaps. They knew they needed to do some work to change that. They started their own Equity Team and worked really hard on the challenges on anti-bias curriculum.
- They contacted [ESI](#) and [The Human Root](#) for guiding and funding for their Equity Team.



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- They drafted a mission statement and came up with a list of collective commitments on the 1st year.
- The following year, P.S. 261 received more funding from ESI and the Office of Equity and Access by way CREATES and the Learning Partners Program (LPP). An Equity Coach from NYU worked alongside teachers as they created tools to rethink Social Studies units in K-5.
- P.S. 261 is in a triad with the Boerum Hill School for International Studies and Brooklyn Community Arts and Media High School.

D15 Superintendent Anita Skop commented:

- P.S. 261 has been working on this for 5 years. Other schools are doing incredible work. This kind of work does not happen overnight. It takes time. The work is to create a welcoming environment for kids, parents and teachers.
- Superintendent Skop will share this information at the next Principal Conference.
- A CEC15 member asked Superintendent Skop to please give an update during her next Superintendent's Report.

6. Discussion/Vote to Support the [Measure This](#) Initiative - Charles Star - **TABLED. Will be added to the **March 13 Business Meeting Agenda**.**

Motion to table discussion of Measure This Initiative until next meeting - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion to table discussion of Measure This Initiative until next meeting - Antonia Ferraro

Motion passed unanimously by all 9 present voting members

7. Final Vote on Budget - Charles Star, CEC15 Treasurer

- CEC15 voted during their Feb. 12 Business meeting to increase the salary by \$2000 for their Administrative Assistant.
- It was brought to Mr. Star's attention that CEC15 is required to vote on a Resolution to Increase the Annual Salary of the Council's Administrative Assistant by \$2000 plus fringe benefits of \$152 for a total of \$2152.
- The money will be moved from the Members' Reimbursement budget line.

Motion to allocate \$2152 from the Members' Reimbursement budget line to annual salary of the Council's Administrative Assistant - Charles Star

2nd motion to allocate \$2152 from the Members' Reimbursement budget line to annual salary of the Council's Administrative Assistant - Lili Velez

Motion passed unanimously by 9 present voting members.

a. Review/Vote on Resolution to Increase the Annual Salary of the Council's Administrative Assistant

- Mr. Star read the [resolution](#) (attached) to those in attendance.

Motion to vote on the Resolution to Increase the Annual Salary of the Council's Administrative Assistant - Charles Star

2nd motion to vote on the Resolution to Increase the Annual Salary of the Council's Administrative Assistant - Lili Velez

Motion passed unanimously by all 9 present voting members in roll call vote.



7.5 Review of Draft of Resolution to Support the CEC Election Process - **TABLED. It will be added to the March 13 Business Meeting Agenda.**

- This resolution was drafted by Camille Casaretti, Antonia Ferraro and Nicole Brier
- Due to lack of time the draft will be discussed during the next business meeting.

8. CEC Representation of PS372 - Paula Szuchman and Laura Mantell, PS372 SLT Members

- CEC Co-VP Kathy Park Price and parents from P.S. 372 are concerned with the lack of representation by CEC15 and are confused why the school is no longer on the CEC15 website. They want to participate fully in D15, including voting in elections for both D75 and D15. The parents want double representation from both D75 and D15 CEC reps.
- Superintendent Anita Skop explained that P.S. 372 is a D75 school with a D15 program within the school. It is not a decision she or CEC15 can make. The D75 Community Superintendent oversees P.S. 372 and they have representation through the District 75 Citywide Community Education Council which represents P.S. 372.
- CEC representation under the Community District Superintendent is defined in NYS Law. The matter has been referred to DOE authorities higher than the superintendent and FACE. It is unclear whether dual representation is possible or appropriate.
- Superintendent Skop and CEC15 will continue to share D15 events with the P.S. 372 Principal and they are welcome to attend meetings and participate in D15 events including the Science Fair.

9. Public Comments

- Dulcie Canton from Families for Safe Streets Transportation Alternatives presented the #EverySchool Campaign to Expand and Improve NYC's Speed Safety Camera Program to CEC15. Ms. Canton asked CEC15 for support.

Motion to have CEC15 sign on as sponsors of the #EverySchool Campaign to Expand and Improve NYC's Speed Safety Camera Program - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion to have CEC15 sign on as sponsors of the #EverySchool Campaign to Expand and Improve NYC's Speed Safety Camera Program - Kathy Park Price

Motion passed unanimously by all 8 present voting members.

- The Citywide Council on Special Education (CCSE) Member Cynthia Arbulu-Vacca extended an invitation to CEC15 members to the I.E.P Conference on Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Punto Space, 325 West 38th Street, New York, NY 10018.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting - Charles Star

2nd motion to adjourn meeting - Lili Velez

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:20 p.m.

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant