



**Special Session Meeting - Community Meeting with District Planning**  
**Approved on 06/12/2019 at a Calendar/Business Meeting**

**Date: 05/06/2019**

**Time: 6:30 p.m.**

**Location: P.S. 58, 330 Smith Street - Auditorium**

**Agenda (as publicly posted):**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. President's Welcome - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
3. Rezoning Presentation - Office of District Planning
4. Comments from CEC15
5. Comments from the Public
6. Adjournment

**Call to Order at 6:35 p.m.**

**1. Roll Call - Camille Casaretti**

**Present:**

Camille Casaretti, President

Antonia Ferraro, Secretary

Mark Bisard, Member

Scott Powell, Member

Leela Gebo, Student Member - Excused

**Absent:**

Elena Romero, Co-Vice President 1/BP Appointee

Kathy Park Price, Co-Vice President 1

Charles Star, Treasurer - Excused

Lili Velez, Parliamentarian - Excused

Nicole Brier, IEP Representative - Excused

Yanfeng Zhang, ELL Representative

Neal Zephyrin, BP Appointee

**Invited Guests:**

Max Familian, Director of Planning, Office of District Planning

Will Candell, Associate Director of Planning, Office of District Planning

**2. President's Welcome - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President**

- The Office of District Planning reviewed the presentation given at P.S. 32 on April 18.
- The goal for this meeting is to introduce the community to what the Rezoning for Subdistrict 3 could look like. This rezoning will be different than previous rezoning done in the past. This is an opportunity to rethink the way rezonings happen.
- The DOE is taking this opportunity to gather community feedback. We, as parents, know our schools, we know what makes our school community strong, we know what we want to keep and change about our schools.
- Ways to help with the rezoning process:
  - Give feedback during the public comment period



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- Help reach out to other members of the community who will be impacted by the rezoning.

### 3. [Rezoning Presentation](#) - Office of District Planning (ODP)

- The purpose of this meeting is to collect feedback from the D15 Community.
- Goal for tonight's meeting is to have a shared understanding of the rezoning process and to collect initial feedback. It would be helpful if community members share perspectives about their school community.
- The School Construction Authority (SCA) separates D15 into 3 subdistricts. Subdistrict 3 will be affected by the rezoning. Carroll Gardens, Red Hook and Gowanus are in subdistrict 3. The new addition to P.S. 32 is scheduled to open for the 2020-21 school year and will bring a capacity of 436 new seats.
- The organizational capacity and utilization comes from the SCA blue book. It is a high level overview of space in buildings throughout NYC using a formula. ODP works closely with the Office Space Planning to get much more specific into specific buildings.
- Really thinking about promoting diversity through this rezoning.
- The 1st step in the rezoning process is to identify the need. We're currently in step 2 and 3 which is community engagement and data analysis. This is a review process. ODP had conversations with principals, the Superintendent, School Leadership Teams, CEC15 members and now with the community.
- CEC15 will ultimately vote on the rezoning. The DOE will submit a rezoning proposal and CEC15 will be the ultimate authority to vote on that proposal.
- The rezoning will be voted on during 2019 and will take effect for the 2020-21 school year. Will only impact students who will be incoming students to Pre-K, Kindergarten or are new to the district. Students who are enrolled before the 2020-21 school year will not be impacted. Sibling grandfathering is not required but it's a clause that CECs usually include which means incoming students with an older sibling already enrolled before the 2020-21 school year will not be impacted by the rezoning if this clause is included.
- ODP will project future kindergarten residents in the area to determine the appropriate zone size for each school.
- When developing proposed zone lines, ODP takes into consideration the following:
  - New residential construction
  - Geographic barriers
  - Travel distance
- The NYCDOE will convene additional community conversations and provide further opportunities for feedback throughout subdistrict 3. Next presentation will be on May 20th at P.S. 32. Requests/ideas for other ways to engage other stakeholders in the community are welcomed.

### 4. Comments from CEC15

- CEC15 members asked questions from District Planning.

### 5. Comments from the Public

- Members of the public asked questions from District Planning and provided feedback/comments.

### 6. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting - Mark Bisard**

**2nd motion to adjourn the meeting - Scott Powell**

**Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:26 p.m.**

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant