



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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## Calendar Meeting - A Celebration of D15 Schools Approved on 08/13/2019 at a Business/Calendar Meeting

**Date: 05/23/2019**

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

**Location: P.S. 29, 425 Henry Street - Auditorium**

### Agenda (as publicly posted):

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. President's Welcome - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
3. Superintendent's Report - D15 Superintendent Anita Skop
4. Celebration of District 15 Schools - Stories of Success
5. PortSide New York and P.S. 676
6. Amendment of CEC15 Bylaws - Bylaws Committee
7. Draft Resolution on Class Size Reduction - Mark Bisard
8. Public Comments on Rezoning
9. Adjournment

**Call to Order at 6:45 p.m.**

### 1. Roll Call - Nicole Brier

#### Present:

Camille Casaretti, President  
Antonia Ferraro, Secretary  
Charles Star, Treasurer  
Mark Bisard, Member  
Nicole Brier, IEP Representative  
Leela Gebo, Student Member

#### Late:

Kathy Park Price, Co-Vice President 1  
Neal Zephyrin, BP Appointee  
Scott Powell, Member

#### Absent:

Elena Romero, Co-Vice President 1/BP Appointee  
Lili Velez, Parliamentarian  
Yanfeng Zhang, ELL Representative

#### Invited Guests:

Anita Skop, D15 Superintendent

### Announcement of Incoming CEC15 Members - Nicole Brier, CEC15 IEP Representative

- The CEC15 elections results were announced. The new incoming members are:
  - Camille Casaretti
  - Mark Bisard, IEP Representative



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- Krystal Cason
- Kimmerly Scott
- Antonia Ferraro
- Kathy Park Price
- Scott Powell
- Bess Abrahams
- There is a runoff election for the ELL seat:
  - Pin-Hsuan Chen
  - Anna Nadal Burgues
- The runoff election will run from May 28 until June 2.

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

- Office of District Planning (ODP) is including schools in subdistrict 3 in the conversation regarding the rezoning of P.S. 32. Those schools will be impacted. P.S. 29 and P.S. 58 are overcrowded, ODP considering decreasing their zone sizes and expanding the zone for P.S. 32. Next meeting on the rezoning is June 20. So far CEC15 has received great feedback.

## 3. Superintendent's Report - D15 Superintendent Anita Skop

- In the midst of getting ideas on rezoning, please keep coming to the meeting and share this information with families with children who are 3 or 4 years old. Those families will be the most affected. Please spread the word.
- In the process of the middle schools appeals. Will know results in mid June.
- The city is getting 2 family shelters. The District office is providing support to all these families and schools.
- All principals have been trained in implicit bias.

## 4. [Celebration of District 15 Schools](#) - Stories of Success

- It's been a great year for students of District 15. Schools and students have received grants and awards during the 2018-19 school year.
- Students in 7-12 grades participated in Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez's Congressional Art Competition. Stefani Ortiz, 8th grader from M.S. 136 was the grand prize winner. Runner ups were Aaliya Parris and Maria Belen Flores both from BCS448.
- Students from M.S. 821, Sunset Park Prep and M.S. 136 participated in Life Lines Community Arts Project. This spring they put together an original production titled "Take Care".
- P.S. 58 has been granted \$500,000 from City Council for its Play Yard redesign.
- P.S. 32 has been selected as a recipient of the NYC Excellence in School Wellness Award.
- Thanks to the ongoing effort of P.S. 32 Libraria Adam Marcus and students, the City budget has over \$3 million set aside to repair and renovate the Gowanus Houses Community Center.
- P.S. 130's Chess Team won 2 team trophies, 2 individual trophies and 5 medals
- P.S. 130 Math Team won first place in the Math League Division 5 State Championship for NYS.
- P.S. 130's 2nd grader Stephanie Mondesir's artwork was selected to be displayed at the Brooklyn Arts Festival.
- Laetitia Mombelli, a 6th grader from The Boerum Hill School for International Studies (BHSIS), won the Borough-wide Ezra Jack Keats bookmaking competition.
- BHSIS 9th graders won the citywide Stock Market Game Competition. They scored #1 out of 1101 teams.
- P.S. 676's 3rd and 5th graders performed songs from the Greatest Showman.



**5. [PortSide New York](#) and P.S. 676 - Carolina Salguero, Founder and President, PortSide New York**

- Located in Red Hook. Currently based on the historic ship Mary Whalen. The Mary Whalen is an oil tanker.
- The presentation will focus on PortSide New York's work with P.S. 676. Council Member Carlos Menchaca secured funding for after school work for P.S. 676. The goal is to develop curricula for all grades.
- P.S. 676 music teacher contacted them to bring their class to get a tour of the ship and incorporate their work with their music curriculum. Children made instruments with items they found on the ship and played music. After that many P.S. 676 started contacting PortSide New York and made requests to bring their students and do something with their class curriculum.
- Ms. Salguero is very excited to see so many girls getting into maritime studies.
- P.S. 676 Principal Figueroa asked PortSide New York to focus on teaching science with oysters. Students started learning about the life cycles of oysters. Students compared the oysters to other shellfish.
- Contact information: [chiclet@portsidewyork.org](mailto:chiclet@portsidewyork.org).

**6. Amendment of CEC15 Bylaws - Bylaws Committee**

- Bylaws will be formalized and presented on the next calendar meeting.
- Bylaws will be sent via email to the public.

**7. Draft Resolution on Class Size Reduction - Mark Bisard, CEC15 Member**

- Class Size Matters is having a rally for smaller class sizes and education equity on June 11 in front of City Hall. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.
- Resolution on Class Size Reduction is directed at the City Council. Mr. Bisard asked for CEC15 to add the logo to the Class Size Rally flyer. All in attendance agreed.
- Mr. Bisard read the resolution to the public. CEC15 Council Members suggested some edits to the resolution.
- Members of the public asked questions and provided comments and feedback regarding the resolution.

**8. Public Comments on Rezoning**

- Members of the public asked questions and provided comments and feedback regarding the rezoning.

**9. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting - Neal Zephyrin**

**2nd motion to adjourn the meeting - Charles Star**

**Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:53 p.m.**

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant