



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Special Session Meeting - Community Meeting with District Planning Approved on 08/13/2019 at a Business/Calendar Meeting

Date: 06/20/2019

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: P.S. 32, 317 Hoyt 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. Question and Answer
5. Break Out Sessions
6. Adjournment

Call to Order at 6:40 p.m.

1. Roll Call - Scott Powell

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/BP Appointee

Lili Velez, Parliamentarian

Nicole Brier, IEP Representative

Invited Guests:

Anita Skop, D15 Superintendent

Max Familian, Director of Planning, Office of District Planning

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

Andrew McClintock, Director, Office of Student Enrollment



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

- Last meeting of the 2017-19 CEC15 term. Thank you to all CEC15 members for the work they did these last 2 years in elevating our district and putting children first. The commitment that the members have shown to District 15 is very much appreciated.
- This Special Session Community Meeting is to discuss the rezoning of P.S. 32 and the Subdistrict. Superintendent Skop and Representatives from the Office of District Planning and the Office of Student Enrollment are here to answer questions. The Office of District Planning will present outlines for two different rezoning approaches for Subdistrict 3, which includes P.S. 15, P.S. 29, P.S. 32, P.S. 38, P.S. 58, P.S. 261 and P.S. 676.
- Please take a comment card and write down any questions. After the presentation we will go to the gym and break into smaller groups to discuss the proposed options.

D15 Superintendent Anita Skop Presents CEC15 Members with Certificates

- Superintendent Skop presented each CEC15 Member with a Certificate of Appreciation for their hard work in the last 2 years.

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

- Planning for the new addition opening at P.S. 32 in September 2020 which will bring 436 new seats to the Subdistrict.
- Looking to reduce overcrowding and waitlists at affected schools and address demographic disparities across schools, specifically Students in Temporary Housing (STH), Multilingual Learners (MLLs), and students who are income-eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch (FRL).
- There are various levels of utilization in the area. Utilization data comes from the School Construction Authority's Blue Book. ODP works closely with the Office of Space Planning to really pin down how many rooms schools have and if that's an appropriate number of rooms based on the programs that they offer.
- P.S. 29 and P.S. 58 in particular have experienced overcrowding. ODP is looking to address that. They have also experienced zone waitlists which is something they are looking to reduce.
- Various levels of STH, MLL, FRL in the schools in the area. Looking to increase equity and diversity.
- Have been conducting community engagement in the last few months. Have continued to collect feedback at meetings and through email.
- The DOE is currently presenting two potential approaches for community input. Both approaches include changes to zone lines and admissions priorities for STH, MLLs and students income-eligible for FRL.
- Approach 1: Individual Zones
 - Schools will continue to have individual geographical zones.
 - Approximately 25-35% of seats would be prioritized for STH, MLLs and students income-eligible for FRL.
 - For some schools, zones would be drawn such that the school could accommodate out-of-zone STH, MLLs, and students income-eligible for FRL in addition to zoned students.
- The zone size will increase for P.S. 15, P.S. 32 and P.S. 38. The zone size will decrease for P.S. 29 and P.S. 58. The zone size will not change for P.S. 261 and P.S. 676.
- Approach 2: Shared Zone
 - Current zone lines between the impacted schools would be removed and a shared zone would be created across the 7 schools in the area.
 - Schools would admit students through a choice admissions process that would include a priority for STH, MLLs and students-eligible for FRL for approximately 25-35% available seats at each school.
 - Students residing in the shared zone would have a zoned entitlement to a seat at one of the seven schools, but not any one individual school within the zone.



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- The DOE will convene additional community discussions and provide further opportunities for feedback during the summer. The DOE will aim to present an initial draft proposal in early fall of 2019.
- For feedback and/or more information please email
 - Community Education Council District 15 - CEC15@schools.nyc.gov
 - D15 Superintendent Anita Skop - askop@schools.nyc.gov
 - Office of District Planning - BrooklynZoning@schools.nyc.gov or visit <https://www.schools.nyc.gov/about-us/school-planning/district-planning>

4. Question and Answer

- CEC15 Members and members of the public asked questions and provided feedback.

5. Break Out Sessions

- Everyone present moved to the gym to break into smaller groups and discuss the proposed options.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:35 p.m.

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant