



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Business Meeting

Approved Oct 7, 2019

Date: August 13, 2019

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 131 Livingston Street, Room 508 A/B

Agenda (as publicly posted):

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
3. Election of Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian
4. Committee Formation Discussion
5. Public Comment Protocol Discussion
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

(Calendar Meeting will immediately follow the Business Meeting)

Call to Order at 6:11 p.m.

1. Roll Call - Antonia Ferraro

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President
Mark Bisard, Co-Vice President 1, IEP Rep.
Antonia Ferraro, Co-Vice President 2
Kimmerly Scott, Treasurer
Francisca Montaña, BP Appointee
Scott Powell, Member

Late:

Kathy Park Price, Member

Absent:

Bess Abrahams, Member - Excused
Krystal Cason, Member - Excused
Anna Nadal Burgues, ELL Rep. - Excused

Invited Guests:

Anita Skop, D15 Superintendent
Steven Wieser, District Based Parent Liaison, Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE)

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

- Reached out the Office of Equity and Access to discuss the anti bias workshop the Department of Education (DOE) has been offering to staff. CEC15 members have been invited to attend a workshop tomorrow morning.



- Received a call from the Billion Oyster Project (BOP) regarding the creation of mentoring teams at the middle school level. They would like to attend the October meeting to present a design plan that will expose students to STEM related careers and are looking for feedback from CEC15. A few schools are already working with BOP: M.S. 136, Sunset Park Prep, M.S. 88 and M.S. 51.
- NYC Senator and Education Chair John Liu will come to the September 24 meeting. If council members have specific questions for Senator Liu those questions should be sent before the meeting.
- D15 Superintendent Anita Skop will also the District report during the September 24 meeting.
- The Office of District Planning (ODP) may attend the September 24 but it has not been confirmed yet.
- One of the CEC15 members asked for the Chancellor's Town Hall date to be moved to the October 22 calendar meeting but CEC15 has not received an answer yet. As of now, the tentative date for the Chancellor's Town Hall is October 10. ***note: will be scheduled in the Spring***
- Looking for feedback from the members whether to have joint meetings with ODP to only discuss the rezoning or add them to calendar meeting agendas. That will mean more meetings. If members support the idea of additional meetings they will be posted as joint meetings.

3. Election of Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian

Recording Secretary:

- Recording Secretary responsibilities were reviewed.
- Scott Powell nominated Francisca Montaña. She accepted the nomination.

Nominations for Recording Secretary were officially closed.

All 6 members present voted.

Vote was unanimous.

Francisca Montaña was elected Recording Secretary.

Parliamentarian:

- Elections for Parliamentarian tabled until next CEC15 meeting.

4. Committee Formation Discussion

- Committees suggested: Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee, Special Education Committee and Communications Committee.
- CEC15 members discussed issues that the Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee will focus on.

Motion to form the Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee - Scott Powell

2nd motion to form the Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee - Antonia Ferraro

Motion passed by 6 voting members present.

- CEC15 members discussed issues that the Special Education Committee will focus on.

Motion to form the Special Education Committee - Mark Bisard

2nd motion to form the Special Education Committee - Scott Powell

Motion passed by 7 voting members present.

- CEC15 members discussed issues that the Communications Committee will focus on.

Motion to form the Communications Committee - Kimmerly Scott



2nd motion to form the Communications Committee - Antonia Ferraro

Motion passed by 7 voting members present.

5. Public Comment Protocol Discussion

- A question was raised regarding feedback received via email from the public - Do emails received as feedback/comment count as true public comments?
- CEC15 asked the Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE) for feedback on where emails fall under a public comment format. Any email the council receives can be obtained through the [Freedom of Information Law](#) (FOIL) because the CEC is a public body subject to [Open Meetings Law](#). However, sharing emails without a FOIL request can be perceived as a violation of trust because people did not write them with the expectation that they will be shared publicly. Even if the information is FOIL'd that information is only required to be shared with the individual who made the request not the public at large. Ultimately the Council has been elected to make these decisions as they see fit.
- Although sending an email to the council is not the same thing as posting anonymously on a message board, if a person sends an email to the Council, they should assume that it will go farther than they intend.
- Regarding feedback on rezoning: The DOE will be putting together a written document that will summarize the feedback they have received regarding the potential rezoning of SubDistrict 3.
- CEC15's social media accounts should be informational channels, not editorial.
- It should be made clear to the public that CEC15 members do not say anything as a Council unless the Council has a resolution that they voted on. Until then all members are individuals, parents, with their own opinions and perspective on things, no member speaks for the Council, only the Council speaks for the Council through a resolution. A member may have an opinion, but that does not mean that's the Council's opinion.

6. New Business

- CEC15 would like to know when the 2nd Borough President Appointee will be assigned. CEC15 President Camille Casaretti emailed the Brooklyn Borough President's Office. She's waiting for a response.
- CEC15 will send an email reminder regarding the student member vacancy.
- CEC15 member Kathy Park Price announced the 2nd Annual School Garden Crawl will be on Saturday, September 21. Information will be posted on nycgardentrain.org. Participating schools: P.S. 15, P.S. 24, P.S. 29, P.S. 32, P.S. 118, P.S. 146 and more to come. Participating schools' gardens will be open to the community that day to celebrate our schools. Ms. Park Price invited CEC15 to sponsor this event. CEC15 will vote on this next business meeting.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting session - Scott Powell

2nd motion to adjourn the Business Meeting session - Kimmerly Scott

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:15 p.m.

- Minutes submitted by Francisca Andino, Administrative Assistant