



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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APPROVED AT THE CEC15 BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 4, 2020

June Calendar Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

CALENDAR AGENDA (as posted)

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call (2 min)
2. Introduction to CEC15 (3 min)
3. Teleconference Protocol (5 min)
4. Approval of Minutes (5 min)
 - May 5 Business Meeting
 - May 21 Calendar Meeting
5. President's Report - Camille Casaretti (10 min)
6. Superintendent Report including update on PAR/Rezoning SubDistrict 3 (15 min)
 - CEC15 Comments (10 min)
 - Public Comment (10 min)
7. Special Education Presentation - Office of Special Education (15 min)
 - Questions and Answers (10 min)
8. Presentation of Draft Resolution to Support Reform of the Division of School Safety (10 min)
 - Public Comment in Response to Draft Resolution (10 min)
 - CEC15 Comments (10 min)
 - Vote on Resolution (5 min)
9. New Business (40 min)
 - New Resolutions (10 min)
 - PEP member election (5 min)
 - Candidates for CEC vacancies (10 min)
 - Review of 2020-21 Meeting Dates (5 min)
 - Bylaws Review (5 min)

It is anticipated that CEC15 will vote to go into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters.

Members of the public are not permitted to attend an Executive Session.

Adjournment

Call to Order at 6:40 pm

1. Roll Call

Present:



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Camille Casaretti, President
Mark Bisard, Co-Vice President 1, IEP Rep
Antonia Ferraro, Co-Vice President 2
Bess Abrahams, Secretary
Kimmerly Scott, Treasurer
Krystal Cason, Parliamentarian
Tia Schellstede, BPA
Ivan Banda, BPA
Anita Skop, Superintendent

Motion to cut agenda items due to time constraint - Antonia Ferraro

2nd motion to cut agenda items due to time constraint - Kimmerly Scott

Approved unanimously.

Review of 2020-21 Meeting Dates (postponed until further notice)

Bylaws Review (postponed until further notice)

2. **Introduction to CEC 15** was read aloud

3. **Teleconference protocol** was reviewed

4. **Approval of Minutes**

- May 5 Business Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from May 5, 2020 - Bess Abrahams

2nd motion to approve the minutes from May 5, 2020 - Antonia Ferraro

Minutes from May 5, 2020 approved unanimously.

- May 21 Calendar Meeting

Minutes were not ready to approve, and were moved to next month's agenda.

5. **President's Report - Camille Casaretti**

Update on SubDistrict 3 Participatory Action Research team

- PAR Team was contracted by the DOE and has been working with the Office of District Planning to discuss how to engage our school community members while social distancing. Payment is being made through the SIGA grant.
- The pandemic delayed the start date of the PAR process but the PAR team is going to be moving forward with community engagement and research
- Four CEC Members have been on bi-weekly calls with the DOE and Superintendent Skop. Going forward we will be working with ODP, Superintendent Skop and the PAR Team. The timeline for a vote may be determined by the PAR.
- Ultimately, the decisions about rezoning will be made in collaboration with the broader community, Superintendent Skop, DOE, the PAR Team and CEC15.

Review of last week's Special Ed Town Hall Joint Meeting with the Citywide Council on Special Education and the D75 Citywide Council - CEC15 is looking for feedback on remote learning as it relates to students with IEPs. CEC15, CCSE and CCD75 will continue to do outreach to the public on how students with disabilities or IEPs are doing during remote learning.



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CEC15 parent workshops that CEC15 hosted recently focused on strategies that families can use at home to assist with student learning. We will be posting the presentation documents and videos on our website: cecd15.org

Acknowledgement that the pandemic is still causing distress and disruption. Recognize the losses, pain and emotional suffering that so many people are experiencing in our communities, not just in relation to the pandemic but also in regards to social justice issues that are at the forefront of all of our conversations.

5th grade, 8th grade and 12th grade graduates will be celebrating this year in very different ways. It's important to acknowledge their successes and congratulate them on a job well done. In fact, everyone is doing a really good job. This has been really tough on everyone.

Save the Dates for these July Meetings

July 7 CEC15 Election Meeting/Business Meeting

July 21 CEC15 Calendar Meeting

6. Superintendent Report - Superintendent Skop

Superintendent Skop provided updates on PAR/Rezoning SubDistrict 3. Maddy Fox and Vanessa McKnight, PAR team leaders, shared details about the process. Superintendent Skop shared the [power point presentation](#).

- In response to being asked about the community response to the PAR process so far (enthusiasm/interest) Vanessa McKnight encouraged us to see the engagement as a process --and that regardless of and in addition to that, the beginning conversations, are having a positive impact adding that she has been involved in the area for decades and sees the difference.

7. Special Education Presentation - Patrice McGowan, Specialized Student Support Lead, Special Education Office Brooklyn North

Ms. McGowan presented information on best practices for remote learning for Students with Disabilities (SWDs). The [presentation](#) shared engagement strategies and highlighted the importance of structure, consistency and movement.

Community members and CEC members had an opportunity to ask questions of Ms. McGowan.

Below is a sample of some questions and answers we thought might be helpful to you.

Q: How can parents implement these methods if parents are working while having their kids to learn remotely
How do IEPs get re-evaluations adapted to the new reality?

A: The IEP process should flow regularly with the exception of in-person evaluations. IEPs will adapt to this new reality as well and guidance will come out of central for this.

Q: Are new IEP evaluations being done?

A: Yes. Same process as in brick and mortar school. Contact your teacher and school based support team.

Q: Is there a way to have IEP services in the REC centers, like occupational and physical therapy?

A: Yes. Whatever can be delivered via teleconference is being delivered.

Q: Is there childcare for teachers?

A: We don't know. Teachers are essential workers. We do not know how this is going to work.



8. Presentation of Draft [Resolution to Support Reform of the Division of School Safety](#)

Antonia Ferraro, VP 2 read aloud this prepared statement:

“This resolution is similar to the resolution the PEP just approved in 10-1 vote last week. If the mayor adopts the PEP’s resolution, the chancellor has until August 18th, to engage a task force of students, parents, teachers, staff, and safety agents to create recommendations for transferring oversight of the Division of School Safety to the DOE. CEC15’s resolution is also calling on the Mayor to terminate the MOU between the NYPD and the DOE for SSA. This is not in any way a removal of school safety agents, but a transfer of oversight, training, and funding back to the DOE as it was prior to 1998. We have instances where students as between the ages of 6 and 10 are handcuffed and we have to ask why? Very often our students most in need of support, students with IEPs, experience the most punitive tactics. The resolution also makes recommendations for training agents in restorative practices more fitting to the school environment we aim to achieve.”

- **Public Comment in Response to Draft Resolution**

Public Comments were taken from attendees.

- **CEC15 Comments**

In support of the Resolution: We talk about disproportionality in Black and Brown communities while mothers are losing their children to police violence. A clear distinction has to be made between the safety agents who are beloved members of our school's communities, who actively participate in school cultures that deescalate, compared to police officers whose intention is to police and criminalize the population they're supposed to protect. Organizations that serve the public need to clearly identify and articulate their values. Tone has to come from the top, and fixes need to come at the policy level. Agreed, that there may be unintended consequences. We have to focus on those values and goals as they relate to our children.

In support of the Resolution: Budgets are value statements and about accountability. That we would cut education now, when heroes like Superintendent Skop, our staff, and kids that are trying so hard need those dollars. We are not saying anything like “All cops are bad” we’re saying it’s time to make some value decisions, schools need this money.

Superintendent Anita Skop acknowledged that there are safety agents who love our children and then there are those who see the children as a danger.

- **Vote on Resolution**

Antonia Ferraro made a Motion to approve the Resolution to Support Reform of the Division of School Safety

Kimmerly Scott second motion the Resolution to Support Reform of the Division of School Safety

8 in favor

0 opposed

Resolution to Support Reform of the Division of School Safety passed unanimously

9. New Business

- FACE Liaison Steve Weiser shared information on vacant [PEP Parent Member seat](#)



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- FACE staff shared information on process for CEC candidates due to vacancies ([CEC Member Guide book page 56-57 "Vacancies"](#))

At 8:36 pm, Camille Casaretti made a motion to go into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters pertaining to the Superintendent Evaluation. The AA and FACE liaison were invited to the Executive Session.

Tia Schellstede 2nd the motion

Vote was unanimous to go into the Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters pertaining to the Superintendent Evaluation.

At 9:39 pm, Antonia Ferraro made a motion to end the Executive Session.

Ivan Banda, seconded the motion.

Remaining members were: Camille Casaretti, Antonia Ferraro, Ivan Banda, and Tia Schellstede

The Council agreed to edit and continue to compile information for the Superintendent Evaluation. They will also meet in a Special Session to talk about the actual roles and responsibilities of the Superintendent and finalize the Superintendent Evaluation (tentatively scheduled for Tuesday night).

Adjournment at 9:39 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Saida Barker, Administrative Assistant.