



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

Office: 131 Livingston Street, Room 301, Brooklyn, New York 11201

CEC15@schools.nyc.gov | tel. 718-935-4267 | [facebook.com/CECD15](https://www.facebook.com/CECD15) | CECD15.org

APPROVED 2020/10/06

August Calendar Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, August 25, 2020 - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (2 min)
2. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary (8 min)
 - a. Minutes from [2020 07 21](#) Calendar Meeting
 - b. Minutes from [2020 08 04](#) Business Meeting
 - c. Minutes from [2020 08 10](#) Special Session - Bylaws Committee
3. Introduction to CEC15 (3 min)
4. Teleconference Protocol (2 min)
5. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President (10 min)
6. **School Reopening Updates: Deputy Chancellor Karin Goldmark & Executive Superintendent Karen Watts, Brooklyn North** (20 min)
7. District 15 Report including Participatory Action Research Update - Superintendent Skop (10 min)
8. Public Comments (30 min)
9. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments (30 min)
10. Old Business (10 min)
 - a. Follow up on Testing Suspension Letter - Tia Schellestede
11. New Business (10 min)
 - a. Vote on [Letter Supporting District 15 Principals](#)
 - b. Other new business
12. Adjournment

Call to Order at 6:33 pm

1. Roll Call

Present:

Camille Casaretti, President

Antonia Ferraro, Co-Vice President 1

Kimmerly Scott, Treasurer

Bess Abrahams, Secretary

Cateia Rembert, Parliamentarian

Tia Schellestede, BPA

Ivan Banda, BPA

Claudia Lechuga, Member

Late:

Krystal Cason, Member

Mark Bisard, IEP Rep

Note: The President suggested that 10 minutes be added to the meeting to accommodate changes and the addition of two speakers from the DOE. All members agreed to this change.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

Office: 131 Livingston Street, Room 301, Brooklyn, New York 11201

CEC15@schools.nyc.gov | tel. 718-935-4267 | facebook.com/CECD15 | CECD15.org

2. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary

- a. Minutes from [2020 07 21](#) Calendar Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from July 21, 2020 - Antonia Ferraro

2nd motion to approve the minutes from July 21, 2020 - Cateia Remebert

Minutes from July 21, 2020 meeting approved unanimously by 8 members present.

- b. Minutes from [2020 08 04](#) Business Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes from August 4, 2020 - Bess Abrahams

2nd motion to approve the minutes from August 4, 2020 - Kimmerly Scott

Minutes from August 4, 2020 meeting approved unanimously by 8 members present.

- c. Minutes from [2020 08 10](#) Special Session - Bylaws Committee

Motion to approve the minutes from August 10, 2020 - Antonia Ferraro

2nd motion to approve the minutes from August 10, 2020 - Ivan Banda

Minutes from August 10, 2020 meeting approved unanimously by 8 members present.

3. Introduction to CEC15: read aloud

4. Teleconference Protocol: read aloud

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

- Our school communities have also asked for [guidance on outdoor learning](#). The Mayor made an announcement yesterday that will prioritize the areas of greatest concern. In District 15, the Sunset Park community is facing higher than average Covid rates and will be prioritized for outdoor learning.
- Permit applications are due this Friday for street closure requests, or to use a nearby park. Only your Principal can file for this permit. For survey purposes, schools should also submit plans for school yard use. If schools choose an outdoor learning model, they must provide barriers and staffing in order to close any street. Schools are strongly encouraged to select streets that are quiet and non-commercial, ideally one way streets or streets not more than two lanes wide.
- The Brooklyn North Office has offered a large variety of [Professional Development](#) classes over the summer. The Chancellor also spoke of a number of training sessions that are scheduled for teachers and staff. And we know that parents also need some training time. [What kind of trainings do parents want?](#)
- On August 11, CEC15 and CEC14 held a Curriculum Workshop Joint Meeting. Dr. Starita Boyce Ansari spoke about [The New 3Rs](#) which is an anti bias, social justice based curriculum. Many of our District 15 teachers attended this meeting and asked about creating customized curriculum that meets the needs of their students. They are looking for a culturally responsive and rigorous curriculum that teaches history in an honest way and in a way that values every student.
- CEC15 will be hosting Diversity Equity and Integration (DEI) workshops throughout this school year. Please find time to attend these sessions and invite your friends and family members and anyone you feel might benefit from anti-bias work.
- Information from the [Participatory Action Research Team](#) went out via email earlier today along with a [survey](#) that they have created.
- It's not too late to [sign up for fully remote learning](#) through the DOE survey. The deadlines have been extended. Know that families can opt into fully remote at any point during the year.
- The Chancellor has been posting [Messages for Families](#) on the DOE webpage and there was a [Back to School Pledge](#) made recently to ensure a safe start to this school year. Today, the Mayor announced that inspectors will be sent to every school to look at ventilation. Promises were also made that there will be a nurse in every school building.
- The Chancellor said we've had a billion dollars in cuts from the DOE, but school budgets have been untouched. Central DOE is also giving PPE and disinfectant materials to every school, and that fee is coming out of DOE Central Budgets.
- We keep hearing that the fall is not going to be like it was last year. It's not going to be the same, there will not be 7 classes a day, no afterschool.
- We've heard some of what the school day will look like:



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

Office: 131 Livingston Street, Room 301, Brooklyn, New York 11201

CEC15@schools.nyc.gov | tel. 718-935-4267 | facebook.com/CECD15 | CECD15.org

- Culturally responsive and rigorous instruction.
- Synchronys/live online instruction happening daily, in the morning, and at the end of the day.
- Students will also be expected to do assignments on the computer independently.
- Assignments and schedules will be posted in advance in order to assist with family planning, and adjustment of schedules.
- All teachers will be required to have 20 minutes of office hours daily.
- Instructional lunch will be modeled off of breakfast in the classroom.
- Staggered in person classes from 10-2pm will vary based on the grade your child is in.
- Community relationship building will be done with all students no matter remote or blended.
- Social emotional learning will be embedded in all subjects.
- Fully remote students will be assigned teachers from their schools.
- The number of staff at each school will be impacted by the teachers and aides that are seeking medical accommodations and request remote learning.
- There will be constant cleaning the entire time with people wiping down common surfaces, doorknobs, fountains, handrails.

And very important to everyone, a full schedule will be offered before the school year begins.

6. School Reopening Updates:

Germaine Robinson and Steven Chambers for Deputy Chancellor Karin Goldmark-

Outdoor learning policy was released yesterday (8/24/2020). This policy prioritizes schools that do not have access to outdoor space or have been impacted by covid.

Read the [announcement](#) on the Outdoor Learning Initiative

- Different spaces are being considered: parks, playstreets that already exist, or open street - coordinate with DOT.
- Schools can have outdoor learning on a rolling basis.
- PE Health guidance requires an additional 6 feet, to 12 feet apart.
- School must have interest in doing outdoor learning, but filling out the following [survey](#).
- Aiming for a centralized process that the DOE and our co-agencies can use
- Schools must request outdoor learning.
- Parents must fill out permission slips that they agree with the outdoor program.

Executive Superintendent Karen Watts Brooklyn North [Presentation](#).

Janice Ross. Superintendent of Brooklyn North High Schools [Presentation](#).

7. District 15 [Report](#) including Participatory Action Research Update - Superintendent Skop.

8. Public Comments Comments were taken from the floor.

9.. Old Business

Follow up discussion on Testing Suspension Letter -

- Vote on [Letter Supporting District 15 Principals](#)**

Tia Schellstede made a Motion to approve the letter Supporting Testing Suspension

Mark Bisard second motion to approve the letter Supporting Testing Suspension

9 in favor

0 opposed

The letter Supporting Testing Suspension passed unanimously



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

Office: 131 Livingston Street, Room 301, Brooklyn, New York 11201

CEC15@schools.nyc.gov | tel. 718-935-4267 | facebook.com/CECD15 | CECD15.org

10. New Business (10 min)

b. Vote on [Letter Supporting District 15 Principals](#)

Tia Schellstede made a Motion to approve the letter Supporting Testing Suspension

Mark Bisard second motion to approve the letter Supporting Testing Suspension

9 in favor

0 opposed

The letter Supporting Testing Suspension passed unanimously

12. Adjournment

Adjournment 9:31 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting - Bess Abrahams, 2nd motion, Mark Bisard.

The motion passed unanimously by all members present