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October Business Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, October 6,, 2020 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President

Welcome to the CEC15 October Business Meeting and thank you for taking the time to join us this evening. I am Camille Casaretti, President of CEC15. I hope everyone is feeling well and that you and your loved ones are staying safe. If you have any questions while I am reporting please feel free to add them to the chat, and I will do my best to answer them.

- At the request of ECC, the Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE) is organizing a parent leader briefing from DOHMH officials on COVID-19 testing in schools for this Thursday, October 8th from 6:30pm - 8pm. They will be partnering with CPAC and ECC in the promotion of the event and are asking for suggestions in developing a speaker list.
- UFT had a meeting last night and engaged with CEC members. Antonia was on the call early on and I got on the call a bit later. It seemed like UFT was not really answering the questions that they have answers to and were just putting blame on DOE and mayor. People on the call were shouting out how badly D75 parents were being treated.
- At our DEI session yesterday, we had a speaker who did her dissertation on D75 families in District 15. She said that the programming can result in parents and students feeling stigmatized, ashamed and left out of broader community conversations. The landscape is rather isolating. I would like to call greater light to this issue and I will be reaching out to the D75 CEC to invite them to come to a future meeting so that we can discuss this issue in greater detail.
- Regarding excessive covid cases in neighborhoods, we know that PS131 falls into one of the zip codes that the Mayor flagged for school closures.
- ECC wrote a letter to the Chancellor asking for greater accountability and true parent participation through our School Leadership Teams and District Leadership Teams. These State formed and DOE supported teams were developed to not only support our schools but to engage and involve all school community members in decisions that would impact them. As CEC members it is our legal responsibility to liaise with SLTs as may be necessary and provide assistance to the school leadership teams where possible. A well functioning SLTs will allow for full participation of stakeholders, and uplift the voices of all school community members, and encourage the sharing of information through a public process. We'll talk about this later again when we get to review school liaison information.
- SCA: will be at our October 27 meeting to do a site selection hearing for St. Catherine of Alexandria site. Regarding the Capital Plan and the priorities list - we don't know right now how this will be handled. Tamar said once school resumes and we get more clarity about the Capital Plan, hopefully then SCA will be able to offer more information
- ODP has invited us to a zone walk of PS 676/58 and the pedestrian bridge zone tomorrow morning at 9:15. Apologies for the last minute notice. Anne, Maddy, PAR members, Kelly from Anita;s office and Max will be going.
- Housekeeping issue with the Google Docs. I noticed that Scott Powell is still listed as the owner on the main folder. I think Mark was supposed to be following up on this. scott.mediavestww@gmail.com



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- At the last meeting the PEP said they would be voting on a Resolution to limit CEC speaking time to 2 minutes and elected officials to 5 minutes. As you know, we are also state elected officials. We should have no less time. Does anyone have time to draft a letter to the PEP about this?
- The next PEP meeting is November 17, 2020 at 6:00PM. The PEP will be approving the aggregation of the Community School District budgets, as modified and approved by the Chancellor, together with a proposed budget for the administrative and operational expenditures of the city board and the Chancellor (the "Aggregated Budget"). The Community School District budgets represent an aggregation of the school-based budgets developed by each school in the district pursuant to Section 2590-r of the Education Law and Chancellor's Regulation B-801, along with a separate budget for each district's Community Education Council and Superintendent's office. The details of this information were not shared with us. The information is not on the DOE website, the PEP meeting date is not on the website, nor is the October meeting date. There's been a huge lack of transparency around the PEP and the meetings that they are having, who's planning the agenda, etc. We've had no real contact from the Parent Member since the summer. Anyone have any thoughts on asking for a regular check in time to speak with him to get briefings.

Save the Dates for these [Upcoming Meetings](#)

- **CEC15 Diversity Equity and Inclusion Session 4:** Mon, Oct 19 - 1 p.m.
- **CEC15 Calendar Meeting:** Tues, Oct 27 - 6:30 p.m.