



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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December Business Meeting Minutes

Via Teleconference

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

AGENDA (as posted)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Introduction to CEC15
3. Teleconference Protocol
4. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary
 - i. [2020 10 27](#) Calendar Meeting Minutes
 - ii. [2020 10 29](#) Special Session Meeting [RESOLUTION OPPOSING FURLOUGH OF CCEC AAs](#)
 - iii. [2020 11 02](#) Special Session Meeting with SCA Minutes
5. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
6. High School Updates from Superintendent Janice Ross - Jen Goldberg
7. Old Business
 - a. Vote on [CEC15 Bylaws 20-21 Amendments](#)
 - b. Forming of AdHoc Committees
 - c. Recommendations for [Resolution on Translations & Interpretations](#)
 - d. Resolutions from March 2020 - Public Comment and Vote
 - i. [Charter School Accountability Resolution](#) in support of legislative bills to create more transparency and accountability for charter schools
 - ii. [Campaign for Fiscal Equity Resolution](#) calling for the State legislature and the Governor to allocate monies owed to our students as a result of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity settlement
8. New Business
 - a. School Liaison Report and SCA Priority List
 - b. Report on bi-weekly calls with PAR Team
 - c. Hearing on Mayoral Control Dec 17
 - d. Other New Business
9. Adjournment

Call to order at ----

1. Roll Call

Present:

Camille Casaretti (President)



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Antonia Ferraro (Co-Vice President 1)
Tia Schellstede (Co-Vice President 2 & BP Appointee)
Kimmerly Scott (Treasurer)
Cateia Rembert (Parliamentarian)
Iván Banda (BP Appointee)
Claudia Lechuga (Member)- late
Bess Abrahams (Secretary) - late

Absent:

Mark Bisard (IEP Rep)- excused absence
Krystal Cason (Member) - absent

2. Introduction to CEC15: read aloud

3. Teleconference Protocol: read aloud

4. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary

[2020 10 27](#) Calendar Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from October 27, 2020 - Bess Abrahams

2nd motion to approve the minutes from October 27, 2020 - Cateia Rembert

Minutes from October 10 27, 2020 meeting approved unanimously by 8 members present.

- i. [2020 10 29](#) Special Session Meeting [RESOLUTION OPPOSING FURLOUGH OF CCEC AAs](#)

Motion to approve the minutes from Special Session Meeting on October 29, 2020 - Bess Abrahams

2nd motion to approve the minutes from Special Session Meeting on October 29, 2020 - Tia Schellstede

Minutes from Special Session Meeting on October 29, 2020 approved unanimously by 8 members present.

- ii. [2020 11 02](#) Special Session Meeting with SCA Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from Special Session Meeting on November 2, 2020 - Bess Abrahams

2nd motion to approve the minutes from Special Session Meeting on November 2, 2020 - Antonia Ferraro

Minutes from November 2, 2020 Special Session Meeting approved unanimously by 8 members present.

5. [President's Report](#) - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President

- Elementary school buildings reopened this week and blended students in grades PreK - 5th grade and students in District 75 programs returned to the classroom. Superintendent Skop reported that Little Brooklyn Pre k is offering a 5 day a week program and has been all along. CEC15 is aware of at least one other elementary school offering 5 day a week in person classes. We are still waiting to hear back about scheduling in the other D15 elementary schools. Middle School and HS students will remain in fully remote learning throughout the 2020 year.
- IncludeNYC has published a tip [sheet](#) to support full time remote learning for students with learning differences.



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- District 15 has received devices and they are being distributed this week to schools. If you asked for a device, you may have already received a phone call from your school to make arrangements for pick up. Additionally, the DOE has set up a Tech help desk at 718-935-5100 press 5. There is interpretation as well.
- To learn about the latest DOE updates families can watch recordings of Town Halls and other large scale meetings like the **Family and Student Information Session Series**, available for viewing at: <https://learndoe.org/face/>
- The DOE has started “ Parent University “ a collaboration between the Office of Family and Community Empowerment (FACE) and the Division of Instructional and Information Technology (DIIT). [Parent University](#) seeks to educate and empower all families from early childhood through adulthood, with free courses, resources, events, and activities. Parents can register for free training on a wide range of topics, including adult education, student social-emotional learning, and special education. Visit Parent University today at parent.schools.nyc!
- Free grab and go meals are still being offered to families at every school from 9 - 12 every day. A hot meal option begins on Monday, Dec 14. Staff from the Office of School Foods and Nutrition may be utilizing and distributing compartmentalized aluminum “hot” lunch pans to students, based on what schools prefer.
- CEC15’s weekly planning meeting. now will be starting at 12:30 on Thursdays. Hopefully, this shift in the schedule will allow for more members to participate.
- Member attendance sheets and IPRs, are submitted to the DOE on the 15th of each month - please be proactive with filling them out.
- Upcoming meetings include our final Diversity, Equity and Inclusion meeting on Monday, Dec 14 at 1pm. This session will focus on School Lotteries and their impact on education. Videos of each session are posted on our webpage www.CECD15.org
- Executive Superintendent Karen Watts will be hosting a Brooklyn Town Hall event and will talk a bit about the work we did with the DEI Series. That meeting will be held the evening of Dec 16, 2020.
- On Dec 15, the Office of District Planning will be coming to talk to CEC15 about a possible timeline for the SubDistrict 3 rezoning.
- On Dec 17, the NYS Assembly will be holding a hearing on Governance of the NYC School District on Thurs, Dec 17 at 10am. This is the second forum to assess the effectiveness of mayoral control and hear from stakeholders on the ways to address the inequities in our schools and improve student performance.

6. High School Updates from Superintendent Janice Ross - Jen Goldberg

HS update was postponed due to scheduling conflict.

7. Old Business

- a. Vote on [CEC15 Bylaws 20-21 Amendments](#) (5 min)

Motion to approve the [CEC15 Bylaws 20-21 Amendments](#) - Antonia Ferraro

2nd motion to approve the [CEC15 Bylaws 20-21 Amendments](#) - Kimmerly Scott

[CEC15 Bylaws 20-21 Amendments](#) approved unanimously by 8 members present.

- b. Forming AdHoc committees



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Formation of new AdHoc committees was tabled for now due to the number of pressing issues CEC15 is currently addressing during this pandemic. We will pick this up in Jan 2021.

c. Recommendations for DRAFT Resolution on Translations & Interpretations

Resolution put on hold pending more detail on the issues. Tia and Camille will continue to work on this.

d. Resolutions from March 2020 that were never voted on due to pandemic disruption - Public Comment and Vote

Notes on the context out of which the resolutions from D15 is drawing from:

- a. 2 months ago SUNY Charter Institute approved a charter revision request for Success Academy that spanned 17 Community School Districts (CSD). The DOE was obligated to hold public hearings. They took place over 2 days and had 130 attendees. All but one attendee were opposed to the revision request. As the Charter Authorizer, SUNY is under no obligation to acknowledge these families in the same way the DOE is.
- b. Supt Skop and the Office of District Planning is currently weighing the possibility of transitioning PS 676 to a middle school.
- c. Brooklyn Prospect is merging with the International School whose enrollment is declining. The law enables mergers as a way for charters to expand without applying for another charter.

i. [Charter School Accountability Resolution](#) in support of 8 legislative bills to create more transparency and accountability for charter schools

Motion to support the [Charter School Accountability Resolution](#) - Antonia Ferraro

2nd motion to support the [Charter School Accountability Resolution](#) - Tia Schellstede

[Charter School Accountability Resolution](#) Approved unanimously by 8 members present.

ii. [Campaign for Fiscal Equity Resolution](#)

Calling for the State legislature and the Governor to allocate monies owed to our students as a result of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity settlement

Motion to support the [Campaign for Fiscal Equity Resolution](#) - Antonia Ferraro

2nd Motion to support the [Campaign for Fiscal Equity Resolution](#) -Kimmerly Scott

[Campaign for Fiscal Equity Resolution](#) Approved unanimously by 8 members present.

10. New Business

a. School Liaison Report and SCA Priority List

Claudia reporting: PS 516 -Trying for a waiver to hire PC and AA. Hiring freeze is the issue, not funding.

Claudia reporting: PS 107 - Uneven sidewalk in front of school- 676 has the same issue - MTA's responsibility. F/u with CB6 Transportation Committee

Antonia reporting: PS 24 - Students consistently absent or non-communicative students. There are still 200 open requests for devices.

Antonia reporting: PS124 The growth of the school due to 2 neighboring shelters is created budgetary issues.



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- PS 124- received funding for a temporary guidance counselor for only a month and half, and the guidance counselor can only work remotely. School in need of a full-time guidance counselor. Reports that a number of students in temp. housing does not have internet access.
- PS 124- did receive funding to hire a SPED teacher for the Gr. 3-5 Self-Contained Special Educ. Class as of November 30, 2020. Due to roster growth, a second SPED teacher is needed and will be hired as soon as the DOE releases the school's register growth money. Unfortunately this won't come until Jan. 2021
- PS 124- the school received temporary shortfall money for support staff a few weeks ago. The principal worked with her budget officer to increase all four school aides' hours instead of hiring another two school aides.
- PS 124-anticipates 40% STH when the shelters are full. They are asking for a rezoning as they feel it is unfair to concentrate all the STH in one school.
- PS 124 -In terms of SCA priority list - Add Security Cameras around perimeter of building (was added to a prior SCA list)
- PS32 - requesting upgrades to the old building including lighting and painting.
- MS 88 - all the proposed projects from last year, such as A/C in common areas, were deemed "unable to prioritize at this time" the school is asking for 1000 laptops to replace those given out to students at start of pandemic

b. Report on bi-weekly calls with PAR Team

At the Dec. 15 meeting ODP will only be discussing the timeline and process for presenting a plan and map and the ultimately the rezoning vote. Maps will not be presented but we will find out roughly when they will be presented.

c. Hearing on Mayoral Control Dec 17.

Add mayoral control to the next agenda.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting - Camille Casaretti

2nd motion, Cateia Rembert

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent of the 8 members present 8:17p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Saida Barker, CEC15 Administrative Assistant