



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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December Calendar Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, Dec 15, 2020 - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Conference Line will open 6:25 pm to allow for early interpretation access.

Sign up for Public Comments in the Attendance link that will be shared at the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary
 - a. [2020 11 10](#) Business Meeting Minutes
 - b. [2020 11 17](#) Calendar Meeting Minutes
3. Introduction to CEC15
4. Teleconference Protocol
5. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
6. District 15 Report - Superintendent Skop
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
7. ODP & PAR - Rezoning
 - a. Public Comment
 - b. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
8. General Public Comment Period
9. Resolution on Translation & Interpretation
 - a. Translation & Interpretation Resolution
 - b. Public Comment
 - c. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
 - d. Vote on Translation & Interpretation Resolution
10. New Business
11. Adjournment



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Call to Order at 6:34 pm

1. Roll Call

Roll call vote:

Present:

Antonia Ferraro (Co-Vice President 1)
Tia Schellstede (Co-Vice President 2 & BP Appointee)
Bess Abrahams (Secretary)
Kimmerly Scott (Treasurer)
Cateia Rembert (Parliamentarian)
Claudia Lechuga
Iván Banda (on the phone)
Superintendent Anita Skop

Excused Absence:

Camille Casaretti (President) - death in the family
Mark Bisard (IEP rep)
Krystal Cason (Member)

2. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary.

Moved to January's Business Meeting agenda.

3. Introduction to CEC15 - read aloud.

4. Teleconference Protocol - read aloud.

5. [Vice President's Report](#) - Antonia Ferraro Martinelli, CEC15 Co-Vice President

- PS124 and Amanda Donates gave out hundreds of loaves of bread, milk, cereal, and canned goods to a line that stretched down the block. Great hands-on enriching experience that can give students a sense of purpose and empowerment, at a time when they may feel like everything is out of control. The next food pantry at PS 124 will be on Jan. 16th from 9-11am. Volunteers are encouraged to come early to help set up at 8:15/30 am.
- Monday was the 8th and final installment of our Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion series. The topic was *Giving vs. Gaining: School Lotteries and their Impact on Education*. Kudos to CEC15 President Camille Casaretti who worked very hard to present and organize these programs. The series will now be included on the [Parent University portal](#).



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- CEC15 will be forming various Ad Hoc [committees](#) that parents from the district can join. Committees may take up issues such as mayoral control, PTA reform and whole child focus.
- CEC15 is still seeking applicants for the ELL parent representative seat. Please email CEC15@school.nyc.gov for an application. To qualify a parent or guardian must have a child enrolled in one of the District 15 public schools under the Superintendency of Anita Skop and must have a child with ELL status or have had ELL status within the last two years.
- Please note CEC15's upcoming meetings:
 - Thurs, Jan 7 6:30 pm - Special Session: CEC15 Vote on SCA Priority List
 - Tues, Jan 12, 6:30 pm - Business Meeting: CEC15 meets with the D15 Presidents' Council, who is doing big things to support our community schools, from forming a district wide PTA to collecting and distributing cleaned devices to students in need.
 - Tues, Jan 26, 6:30 pm - Calendar Meeting: Office of District Planning on SubDistrict 3
- There are now Virtual Elementary Admissions Events where you can learn about 3-K, pre-K, and kindergarten admissions. Click [here](#) to register
- The Kindergarten application period opened on Thursday, December 10th, 2020. Children born in 2016 can apply to kindergarten for the 2021-22 school year. The application deadline is Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Families can apply to Kindergarten in two ways, online at [MySchools](#) and over the phone by calling [718-935-2009](tel:718-935-2009).

6. [District 15 Report](#) - Superintendent Skop

- Regarding access to devices for remote learners: All D15 schools have received devices, including students in temporary housing. In some shelters the reception is not good even though the devices have wifi. Wifi being installed at all shelters.
- Regarding PS 676. Currently open 5 days per week. Children/families with the most need will be prioritized.
- Regarding concerns over funding: D15 has a budget of \$18,000 that can be used at the discretion of the Superintendent. Central DOE will be posting a [School Allocation Memorandum \(SAM 56\)](#) with additional money to cover substitute teachers.
- Regarding snow days: Comment from a Council Member--snow day policy is confusing, it should be straightforward and consistent.
- Regarding the concentration of students in temporary housing at 124: The issue has been raised with the Office of District Planning (ODP) and they are looking into it.



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7. SubDistrict 3 Rezoning --Superintendent Skop

Rezoning is being looked at through a different lens: the conversation is deeper than just the addition to PS 32.

- ODP decided to seek additional community feedback. Disenfranchised voices began to engage in the PAR process.
- CUNY college engages community members and gives them a stipend to talk to their fellow community members.
- The survey created to engage the population has 800 responses so far. Their findings were presented at the [Nov calendar meeting](#).

a. Public Comments: Questions and Comments.

Regarding the timeline: Recommendation for a vote in winter or early spring as implementation will be for 2022-23.

Regarding the Kindergarten enrollment process: Kindergarten process for this year is unaffected, the next year's kindergarten will be impacted.

Regarding changes to the subzone rezoning and the possibility of PS 676 as a middle school: ODP is working on the PS 676 middle school proposal which would impact the map.

b. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments - No questions

8. New Business

update from Lara Lai, Education Liaison from City Councilman Blander's Office on Office of Management and Budget amending Directive 10

- Some schools have been using RESO A grant money for chromebooks that they would like to give to students for at home use, but the rule of the Comptroller ([Comptroller's Directive 10](#)) prohibits schools from using capital funds to buy take-home technology. This past year these devices were allowed to go home because of a waiver agreed to by the Comptroller's office and OMB to grant a waiver to the requirement that FY20 capital remain on site.
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- Schools are concerned that with the continuity of remote learning they want to be able to continue to distribute technology purchased with Reso A grant for at home use. It is unclear if the FY20 waiver will be extended to FY21 technology and beyond to allow the use of capital funds for devices for distribution to children's homes as remote and online learning will continue to play a greater role in public schools in NYC.

Resolution on Translation Interpretation



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- a. Translation & Interpretation Resolution is still being worked on to include comments and feedback from the Dec 8 Meeting.
- The Council will continue to add to resolution those examples of where the DOE needs to provide greater access to translation and interpretation.

9. Adjournment 7:51 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting - Bess Abrahams, 2nd motion, Tia Schellstede

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Saida Barker, Administrative Assistant.