



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Minutes adopted at the Calendar Meeting, Tuesday, October 25, 2022

September Business Meeting Minutes

131 Livingston St, Room 301

Livestream Via Zoom

Tuesday, Sept 13, 2022 - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Roll Call (2 min)
 2. Vote on Minutes (3 min)
 3. District Updates - Camille Casaretti, Pres (10 min)
 4. Discussion on Support for School Based Health Centers - Camille Casaretti, President (15 min)
 5. Discussion on District Planning Data Requirements - Antonia Ferraro, Secretary (10 min)
 6. School Liaison Assignments and CEC Member Reports - Nancy Randall, Co-VP1 (30 min)
 7. CEC15 Budget Update and Member Reimbursements - Nakia Muhasa Brown, Treasurer (10 min)
 8. Old Business (10 min)
 - a. Review of Draft Bylaws Amendment on Hybrid Meetings - Tia Schellestede, CEC15 Member
 9. New Business (25 min)
 - a. [CEC15 Resolution Calling for the Permanent Elimination of Discriminatory Admissions Methods for Middle and High Schools](#)
 - I. Public Comment
 - II. CEC member Comment
 - III. Vote
 - b. [CEC15 Resolution to Implement Covid-19 Testing Protocols in Schools Following Holiday Breaks](#)
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 - III. Vote
 - c. Other
- Adjournment

Please note: Due to the change in the Open Meetings Law, the Council was not able to vote on any agenda items during this meeting. Public Comment proceeded as scheduled. The Council is seeking feedback via email until Thursday, Sept 15 until 5pm.

Business Meeting Call to Order: 6:35 pm

Meeting Attendance: 46 ppl

1. Roll Call

Present:

Camille Casaretti

Antonia Ferraro

Tia Schellestede

Vincent Lu

Nana-Poku Agyekum

Nancy Randall
Vanessa Gonzalez Ueoka

Late
Alfred De Ingeniis

Absent
Joseph Alexander (excused)
Ivan Banda (excused)
Nakia Muhasa Brown (excused)

2. Voting on minutes, moved to September 20, 2022 Calendar meeting

Motion to move item 4 on the Agenda to 6.5
Motion - Camille Casaretti
Second - Antonia Ferraro

3. District Updates - Camille Casaretti, President
[2022 09 13 President's Report](#)
4. Discussion on Support for School Based Health Centers - Camille Casaretti, President
Moved down to 6.5
5. Discussion on District Planning Data Requirements - Antonia Ferraro, Secretary

Upcoming data consultation on Tuesday, September 20, 2022

District 15 Data Summary is in draft form for CEC 15 to review, the data has not, yet been published. It was offered in advance so that CEC 15 can discuss additional requests. This document includes citywide and district specific data on enrollment trends, retention, available seats, capacity, demographic and student population information and programmatic offerings in the district. This information should be used to drive planning conversations, district needs and priorities for the 2022-2023 school year. Enrollment has asked that each member fill out a brief survey, which will help inform the focus of the conversation and allow District Planning to prepare answers to specific questions.

As CEC 15 reviews the data summary, consider the following in thinking about district needs:

- Do all students in the district have access to quality schools and programs that meet their needs?
 - Are there opportunities to expand offerings to drive demand in schools and programs?
 - Does access vary by neighborhood or demographic?
 - What opportunities exist to increase diversity and integration across the district?
- Are all schools able to offer robust, sustainable programming?
 - Are there notable enrollment trends?
 - Are there specific schools with concerning declining enrollment or positive enrollment growth?
- Are DOE buildings being used efficiently to meet student needs?
 - Is there overcrowding or available space that can be used to address district needs?
- In light of the impact of COVID-19, have new district needs emerged, and are any existing needs now more pressing?

6. School Liaison Assignments and CEC Member Reports - Nancy Randall, Co-VP1 (30 min)

15K136	IS 136	Vincent Lu
15K169	PS 169	Vincent Lu
15K821	MS 821	Vincent Lu

15K088	MS 88	Vanessa Gonzalez Ueoka
15K107	PS 107	Vanessa Gonzalez Ueoka
15K172	PS 172	Vanessa Gonzalez Ueoka
15K058	PS 58	Tia Schellstede
15K295	PS 295	Tia Schellstede
15K443	MS443	Tia Schellstede
15K845	PS 295 + MS 443	Tia Schellstede
15K032	PS 32	Nancy Randall
15K321	PS 321	Nancy Randall
15K027	PS 676	Nancy Randall
15K015	PS 15	Nana Poku Agyekum
15K124	PS 124	Nana Poku Agyekum
15K130	PS 130	Nana Poku Agyekum
15K671	PS 958	Nana Poku Agyekum
15K051	MS 51	Nakia Muhasa Brown
15K230	PS 230	Nakia Muhasa Brown
15K839	MS 839	Nakia Muhasa Brown
15K010	PS10 + K280	Joe Alexander
15K442	MS442	Joe Alexander
15K001	PS 1	Ivan Banda
15K029	PS 29	Ivan Banda
15K131	PS 131	Ivan Banda
15K516 + 15K557	PS 516 + Annex	Ivan Banda
15K024	PS 24	Camille Casaretti
15K655	MS 447	Camille Casaretti
15K293	IS 497	Camille Casaretti
15K655	HS 656	Camille Casaretti
15K038	PS 38	Antonia Ferraro
15K094	PS 94	Antonia Ferraro
15K154	PS 154	Antonia Ferraro

15K039	PS 39	Alfred De Ingeniis
15K763	PS 118	Antonia Ferraro
15K142	PS 146	Alfred De Ingeniis
15K261	PS 261	Alfred De Ingeniis
15K682 + 15K730	PS 896 + Annex	Alfred De Ingeniis
15K749	PreK 15Z076	Vanessa Gonzalez Ueoka
15K767	PreK 15Z093	Joseph Alexander
15K692	PreK 15Z108	Vincent Lu

The following persons have become liaisons to the respective schools:

Antonia Ferraro - PS118

Vanessa Gonzalez Ueoka - 15Z076

Joseph Alexander - 15Z093

Vincent Lu - 15Z108

Camille Casaretti, President reports on liaised schools:

P.S. 24 - Foyers, doors on the side and back exits are rotting. The building conditions are a safety hazard.

The school was supposed to get two new kitchenettes over the summer, and that did not happen. The school yard is in even worse shape. DSF made repairs, but the SCA made it worse. Areas under the turf were destroyed, there are a lot of potholes. Currently there are scaffolds up for repairs on the roof which will result in a delay to fix these issues until after the scaffolds are removed. The school only has 9 children enrolled in the new G&T class.

Brooklyn High School for the Arts - The Parent Coordinator and Assistant Principal both left. Working on finding the best candidates. The school has no issues with the budget. They have almost 1000 students enrolled. They are satisfied with their arts funding.

BHS - Will be meeting with the Principal on Wed 9/14. They did not have a nurse last week.

M.S. 447 - Needs a new building, the building that the school is housed in was never meant to be a school. Working with CB2 Education Chair to get the parking lot repaved so that they can use it as a recess yard.

Joseph Alexander reports on liaised schools:

K280 - The pre-k classrooms are running over ratio (safety concerns, 2 above contractual size, however there are others that are very small and some classrooms unused)

15K442 - needs more space

News from Supt. Alvarez - Transformer fire at PS 136, power will be restored by morning.

4. Discussion on Support for School Based Health Centers - Camille Casaretti, President

History - SUNY Downstate has a 5 year contract to host the School Based Health Centers which expired at the end of July. The schools that lost clinics are: P.S. 38, BHS, BNS/BCS, MS51. SBHCs are a vitally important part of our healthcare system. Assemblyman Richard N. Gottfried has been working with the New York School Based Health Alliance to resolve this issue. Part of the problem

seems to be that by an error, in this year's state budget, the State Senate neglected to match the Assembly's allocation of funds to SBHCs. Conversations with our State Senators have led CEC 15 to believe they are trying to resolve this. At the same time, the State Health Department is working to find support for the SUNY Downstate-sponsored SBHCs although they have already moved much of their furniture and equipment out of the schools.

What CEC15 did so far

Survey to families - CEC 15 received more than 200 responses all supporting the idea to keep the clinics open.

Meeting with elected officials - multiple calls and emails have been dispatched to try to get more funding from the Senate.

Meeting with parents from the schools to combine efforts.

The D19 CEC President, who also had a disruption with Downstate has a connection with NY Health & Hospital and is trying to find out if they would be willing to take over these spaces.

Outreach to the Mayor's office.

Meeting with SBHC staff.

Supt. Alvarez has been working with NYU Langone to see if they would take over.

CEC 15 also sent Certificates of Appreciation to all the staff members of the SBHC.

Next Steps

Trying to schedule a meeting with the senate health committee chair.

Supt. Alvarez is in conversation with NYU Langone and they are communicating that they have capacity to take over the clinics. They are looking at Jan 2023 to solidify details.

D19 had a Health and Hospital Meeting today.

In the meantime, SUNY is providing doctors that are accessible to students and will visit the schools for appointments until we get this resolved.

Also, nurses will be posted in every school building.

7. CEC15 Budget Update and Member Reimbursements - Nakia Muhasa Brown, Treasurer

Per SGO Linda Perez: If the CEC wants to provide incentive awards to students, that would have to be officially documented as a sanctioned incentive program (schools have done movie theater vouchers).

Attendance Awards for students in temporary housing - need to be renamed for budget line

Need to vote on prior year's reimbursements because it has to come out of this year's budget.

8. Old Business

a. Bylaws Amendment on Hybrid Meetings - Tia Schellestede, CEC15 Member

Pass resolution to allow hybrid

Delineating procedures

Vote on amending by-law

9. New Business

a. [CEC15 Resolution Calling for the Permanent Elimination of Discriminatory Admissions Methods for Middle and High Schools](#)

I. Public Comment - [View on YouTube](#)

Preliminary Feedback from the public via email:

3 in favor,

1 family opposed

D14 and D4 will be voting on this resolution

PS 29's IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Action) Committee and Education Action Committee (EAC) both strongly support the District 15 Diversity Plan.

Vote will be at Tuesday 9/20/22 Meeting

II. CEC member Comments - [View on YouTube](#)

III. Vote (Cannot vote at this time, but members offered time to state their intentions.)

b. [CEC15 Resolution to Implement Covid-19 Testing Protocols in Schools Following Holiday Breaks](#)

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Not read yet

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c. Other

Adjournment: 9:07 pm