

# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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# Approved at the Feb. 16, 2023 meeting. November Calendar Meeting Minutes

## **November Calendar Meeting**

Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022 - 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. MS 136/MS821 - 4004 4th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11232 Livestream Via Zoom

## **AGENDA**

### Call to order at 6:30 pm

- 1. Roll Call (2 min)
- 2. Vote on Minutes (3 min)
  - a. 2022 10 25 Calendar Meeting Minutes Draft
- 3. Introduction of Interpreters and Public Comment Protocol (5 min)
- 4. **GUEST SPEAKER:** Smitha Varghese, AQE (10 min)
  - I. Public Comment (10 min)
  - II. CEC member Comment (10 min)
- 5. **CEC15 President's Report** Camille Casaretti, Pres (10 min)
- 6. **D15 Superintendent's Report** Rafael Alvarez (20 min)
  - I. Public Comment (10 min)
  - II. CEC member Comment (10 min)
- 7. **Brooklyn North High School Superintendent's Report** Janice Ross (10 min)
  - I. Public Comment (5 min)
  - II. CEC member Comments (5 min)
- 8. CEC School Liaison Members Reports Nancy Randall, Co-VP1 (30 min)
- 9. **Old Business** (10 min)
  - a. Second Review of Draft Bylaws Amendment on Hybrid Meetings Tia Schellestede, CEC15 Member
- 10. New Business

Adjournment

Calendar Meeting Call to Order: 6:40 pm Meeting Attendance via zoom: 22 ppl

1. Roll call

#### **Present:**

Antonia Ferraro Martinelli Vincet Lu Alfred De Ingeniis Joseph Alexander Ivan Banda

Nakia Muhasa Brown

#### Absent:

Camille Casaretti (excused)
Tia Schellstede (excused)
Nana-Poku Agyekum (excused)
Nancy Randall (excused)
Vanessa Gonzalez Ueoka (excused)

#### 2. Vote on Minutes

b. 2022 10 25 Calendar Meeting Minutes - Draft

Council member Vincent Lu proposes an amendment to the minutes. To reflect that during the vote on the Resolution for Class Size Task Force, his voice was restricted as he was not permitted a second opportunity to comment during CEC member comment period.

Motion was seconded by Alfred DeIngeniis

Antonia Ferraro Martinelli - abstain Vincent Lu - approve Alfred DeIngeniis - approve Joseph Alexander - oppose Ivan Banda - oppose Nakia Muhasa Brown - abstain

The motion does not succeed. The minutes cannot be adopted and will be placed on the December agenda.

(Note: During CEC member comment periods, each member is offered one opportunity to speak. Members can use their two minutes as they wish, but there are no additional rebuttals in addition to the single comment period. Any rebuttals made are out of order. Meeting minutes do not document member behavior. Future comment periods will be done by roll call.)

- 3. Introduction to CEC 15 Nakia Muhasa Brown; Treasurer Public Comment Protocol Joseph Alexander; Parliamentarian
- 4. Guest Speaker Smitha Varghese was not in attendance.
- 5. CEC15 Reports and Updates Antonia Ferraro Martinelli; Secretary
- 6. D15 Superintendent's Report Rafael Alvarez; D15 Superintendent Superintendent's Report

5 minute food intermission

- 7. Brooklyn North High School Superintendent's Report Yuet Chu; EDSSO Brooklyn North High Schools Superintendent's Report
- 8. CEC School Liaison Member Reports Antonia Ferraro Martinelli; Secretary provides a summary of school visits from:
  PS 154 Budget cuts have lead to a rise in class sizes. The PTA is funding the afterschool programming, media arts cluster position, a one day per week guidance counselor and music enrichment. Three teachers are on sabbatical therefore no teachers have been excessed. Enrollment loss has not been tremendous. The school needs an elevator, and new playground equipment.
- PS 38 Needs a cluster and science teacher. Did not excess any teachers. The school needs security cameras around the perimeter of the building, new auditorium seats and AV equipment, air conditioning in the gym, auditorium and cafeteria. The school needs a new staff bathroom.
- PS 94 In receipt of a \$350,000 grant from Alexa Aviles office to build a new music room. The school needs to redo the roof and playground area. The school needs 11 paras and is struggling to fund substitute teachers. There is no money for supplies. After

School program funding has been reduced from 22 to 5 programs. Two classes within the higher grade level have 32 students. Five teachers have left, no one was excessed.

# 9. Old Business

a. Second Review of Draft Bylaws Amendment on Hybrid Meetings - Tia Schellestede, CEC15 Member Will be moved to the upcoming meeting agenda.

**Business Meeting Adjournment:** 9:07pm