

January Calendar Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2021 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President

Thank you all for coming to this evening's CEC15 January Calendar Meeting. Happy New Year to everyone and a very Happy Lunar New Year to our friends that are celebrating the Year of the Ox on February 12. We truly appreciate your finding time to attend our meetings. There is always so much information to share about the District and our 35 schools. And although this is our first Calendar Meeting of 2021, we have already attended or hosted over a dozen meetings so far this month, with more scheduled for this week and next.

With so much happening all the time, we need the voice of parents, teachers, administrators and all of our school community members in these conversations to help shape education for all District 15 students.

CEC15 is here to serve you, and as elected leaders of this district, we take our role very seriously in including the public in conversations. We will soon be sending requests for school community members to join us in our efforts to transform education by signing up to be part of small CEC15 AdHoc Groups that will address issues including: The Whole Child, Blended and Remote Learning Supports, Financial Inequities within District 15, Student and Parent Empowerment and Improved Methods of Communication.

If you would like to learn more about these groups, you can review the CEC15 minutes from December and look for the application form coming soon via email.

Additionally, if you have any concerns or ideas you want to share about education related matters, please do not hesitate to write to CEC15@schools.nyc.gov.

I would also like to remind everyone that 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: parentu.schools.nyc

Additionally, the School Wellness Weekly newsletters have consistently been filled with very useful information including a link to the DOE Wellness Policy. The Office of School Wellness is trying to build community through a Student Advisory Wellness Committee with High schoolers from all over NY. They are partnering with Hip Hop

Health for a three part Saturday event Series called “Weekend Wellness and Self Care for Communities and Families, launching in February. They are also talking about vaccine hesitancy and acceptance, mental health and physical activity and racism and the connection to health and stress.

Our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion series that was conducted in the Fall is available for viewing on the CECD15.org webpage. Let us know what you think of it and if you have ideas for another series feel free to write.

The DOE has also been conducting CEC trainings which are a great way for the public to get a glimpse into what the expectations of CEC members are. If you are considering running for a seat on any of the District or City Wide CECs take some time to research what the roles and responsibilities are. We have documents for your review on the CECD15.org website.

And, CEC15 is still seeking applicants for the ELL parent representative seat. Please email CEC15@school.nyc.gov for an application or visit our website. 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.

CEC15 members have been invited to attend briefing sessions with Brooklyn North Executive Superintendent Karen Watts. Please plan to attend and share information with other Brooklyn North CECs and Presidents Council leaders.

We have some upcoming meeting announcements:

There is a PEP Meeting tomorrow night. In my role as Co-Chair of the ECC Legislative Committee, I drafted a letter of comments regarding proposed changes to the Chancellors Regs that dictate CCECs.

January 28 there is a Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on Elementary Education. CoVP Ferraro shared her statement with the council and can talk more about this later in the meeting.

ECC Meeting with Chancellor Carranza on Saturday, Feb 6 at 9:30am. These meetings are live streamed through the Education Council Consortium.

There is a Joint Town Hall meeting with CEC15 and CEC13 on mental health, dyslexia screening and special education in which Assembly member JoAnn Simon will be giving opening remarks. That’s on Thursday Feb 11

Our next CEC Calendar meeting is on Feb 23. This will be a Joint meeting with the Presidents’ Council and there will be a Contracts for Excellence Presentation.

I want to send a hearty congrats to CEC15 Council Members Tia Schellstede and Ivan Banda. We are celebrating their one year anniversary of joining our council through the Boro Pres Appointment. They have been actively

engaging with our school communities and advocating for District 15 and beyond, and we are grateful for their leadership.

Before I sign off on this report, I want to say that I am so proud to be a part of this dynamic team, working diligently through the pandemic, continuing to call out inequities where we see them and work toward implementing changes to policies that are perpetuating those inequities. Thank you all for your involvement and advocacy.

I'm happy to answer questions, and if there are none I'll turn the floor over to Superintendent Skop who will be giving us updates on Admissions for next year and also on the community outreach in SubDistrict 3 around the rezoning of 7 of our elementary schools.