

**Minutes for the CEC District 15 Meeting**  
**Calendar Meeting**

**Date: Thursday, October 15, 2009**  
**Held at: P.S. 295/ M.S. 443 NEW VOICES**

**1- Call to order 6:30pm:** Theresa Latingua

**Members Present:** Theresa Lantigua, James Devor, Valerie Price Ervin, Alisa Yalan-Murphy, Mark Kolman, Ken Kramer, David Stutt, Janna Turoff, Janet Williams

**Member Absent:** Liz Rosenberg and Amy Sirot

**Additional Participants:** Anita Scop, Acting Community Superintendent in District 15, Romaine Smith.

**2- Presidents Report- Jim Devor**

-Designee for DLT position. Valerie Price Ervin accepted nomination and was voted DLT designee.

-The DOE decided unto itself to place PAVE into PS 15 without notifying CEC15. This requires a special meeting to put forth litigation. CEC should be part of the process. A resolution needs to be put in place, but cannot be passed at a business meeting, therefore, a public meeting should be held for that purpose.

-Two dates will be proposed to DOE for public meeting: October 19 and October 20<sup>th</sup>.

- 3- School Visit – Janna Turoff** - Janna met with the PS 295 PTA co-presidents and spoke at a recent PS 295 PTA meeting. The school was a magnet school for the arts. It is no longer a magnet school, but it does retain its focus on the arts. Due to budget cuts, the school lost its dance teacher. The school is looking for ways to get more funding for the arts. The co-presidents were not aware of the District 15 President's council. Janna offered to get them information so that they can actively participate. At the PTA meeting, some parents got excited about the idea of having a wellness committee and decided to get together to start one.

**Finalizing Middle School Forum-**

-CEC members were designated to introduce speakers.

**Meeting Adjourned 7:00pm**

**Middle School Principal's Forum-**  
**Calendar Meeting 7-9pm**

**Call to order 7:15pm**

**- Welcome and Introductions – Teresa Lantigua**

**-Presidents Report and Introduction – Jim Devor**

**-Superintendent's Report – Ms. Anita Skop  
The Middle School Process**

- Introduction
- Reported that she is the new District Superintendant as of July
- District 15 is a district in good standing
- Discussed in depth the middle school application process, accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation.
- Rank all of your choices; go to tours and open houses.
- Mark Twain has a different application process this year. Requests and applications must be submitted directly. Applications must be submitted by October 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no sibling/priority policy. If Mark Twain is ranked as first choice, it will not affect your choice of other school choice ranking.
- Charter Schools- contact the school directly – put them on the application.
- Special Needs – talk to the principals and teachers to see if a school will meet the needs of your child.
- You must know **1** – if you are eligible for the school **2**- where the school located and how will you deal with the transportation and **3**- is there an interview process.
- Know your options.
- Every school has a middle school liaison.

**Middle School Principals' Presentations**

- Followed by questions to presenters by the audience.

**Adjournment 9:10pm**