

**Minutes for the CEC District 15 Meeting**  
**WORKING SESSION MEETING**

**Date: Monday, September 1, 2009**

**1- Call to order 6:20pm:** Theresa Latingua

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

**Members Absent:** Janet Williams

**Additional Participants:** Anita Scop, Acting Community Superintendent in District 15, Romaine Smith and Raymond Pierre Lewis– Office of Family Engagement.

**Motion for addendum to agenda - Jim Devor**

Jim read a memo from Martine Guerrier- (Chief Family Engagement Officer, Office for Family Engagement and Advocacy) - in reference to the Contract for Excellence and wanting to partner with CEC 15. The Campaign for Fiscal Equity determined that NY State was underfunded. Hearings were not conducted and now they need to hold hearings in each district for the purpose of appropriate dispersion of Contract for Excellence money. New programs and new monies targeted for low achievement, poverty, English language learners, and support to kids that have disadvantages. The CEC can co-host a meeting, but not have it be part of the CEC meeting. Dates will be prior to October 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Resolution by Janna** for suggested dates: September 24, September 30 and October 1  
**Second by Jim Devor – Resolution Passed -** DOE offered three choices of dates.

**2- Presidents Report- Jim Devor**

Not much to report. Issue – District Leadership Plan  
DCEP – adjusted time and place – PS 58.

**3- Superintendent’s Report- Anita Skop**

**- Update on PS 27 students-** Children had all been offered placement. Some of the children had moved, some requested transfers. Based on records, all children had been placed.

**-Summer school Successful** – very few children had difficulty and were held over. Very few children had issues.

**-District 15 is a District in Good Standing.** JHS 88 and PS 94 were moved to good standing, PS 24 still not in good standing.

**-DOE Planning Committee Update**

Planning Committee meets once a month. DOE’s concerns: PAVE’S presence in PS 15 and the new (shared) school at PS 133.

**-Bring CEC and District concerns to DOE**

-Looking at ways of making suggestions, to have an integrated, not segregated school. Shared school – District 13 and 15. Possibly a Planning Team to review plans. Suggest making PS 133 a two school model.

- **DCEP Review**– Executive summary in package provided a copy of capital plan. Graphs for ELA in Math (divided by grade/ethnicity/school). Our district has been doing well.

-**Jim Devor** raised issues of segregation/integration for District 13/15, asking who is governing the territory.

-**Point of Information- Mark Kolman** – The city wants to combine districts. This is an experiment to see how combining two districts would work out. Money from District 15 would be used to construct.

-**Jim Devor – SCA** – “It is all about the building, and there was not an education plan.”

-**Superintendent Skop**- “They are now talking about the education plan.”

- 4- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of July and August 2009 were **APPROVED** as written.
- 5- **School Assignments completed**
- 6- **CEC Mission Statement** – tabled once again. Once it is set, it should be put online.
- 7- **School Visits** – Protocol explained. Introductory courtesy calls to the Principal, Parent Coordinator, the network leader as well as the PTA President. Let them know we are here to help them and set up appropriate time to discuss and tour school. **Liz Rosenberg and Alisa Yalan-Murphy** asked if there could be a list of questions generated to assist the new members, and keep the protocol consistent.
- 8- **September Agenda-** Speakers invited: Spencer Robinson – PAVE, teachers from PS 15, John White, Bob Zuckerberg, SPEAC, the Media – Daily News, the Couriers.  
-**Valerie** asked “What is the protocol during media questioning for the Sept 17<sup>th</sup> meeting?”  
- **DLT Liaisons** – Mark Kolman and Liz Rosenberg to attend meetings. Valerie added that anyone can attend.
- 9- **Motion – Move to adjourn – Theresa Lantigua**  
Meeting is adjourned at 8pm.