

## **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

### **MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 26, 2013, AT THE BOARD OFFICE**

#### **Present**

Sylvia Alexander  
Rita Pochter-Lowe  
Robert Press  
Colin Greene  
Jesse Greene  
Christian Rancil

#### **Affiliation**

Chair, Education Committee  
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Ex. Dir. Atmosphere Academy Charter School  
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The meeting began at 7:45 PM.

The minutes of the October 22, 2013 was not approved because the education committee did not have a quorum.

The Chair welcomed Colin Greene to present the mission of the Atmosphere Academy Charter School which is seeking support for their application to locate in the Northwest Bronx in School District 10. The school will serve grades 6 through 12. The school is proposed to open in the fall of 2015. The school will have an extended day and year. The hours will be 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. There will be a 190 day school year and 15 day summer academy. There will be classes in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, History, Foreign Language, the Arts, Technology and Electives. Atmosphere school leaders will strive to create a learning environment that is inspired and inspiring both in terms of immediate rigor and long term goal-setting. Atmosphere Academy students will be academically minded and globally aware. Each of these core values and their component parts will be stressed through the school day and in every classroom. Atmosphere Academy is in negotiation with Our Lady of Angels (Kingsbridge) as their location and Rev. Thomas Lynch is on the Trustee board. Atmosphere Academy will be affiliated with Bard College and Fordham's Graduate School of Education.

The Chair attended the Community Education Council 10 meeting in November at PS 37. The presentation pertained to new Kindergarten application regulations. The December meeting will be held at PS 54 and will address the DOE Five Year Plan 2015-2019.

The Chair advised the Education committee of the Class action lawsuit filed November 13 in NY State Court to block inBloom, Inc. and protect student privacy.

There will not be a meeting in December because of the holidays.

Happy Holidays to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair  
Education Committee