Community Board No. 8

October 18, 2006

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE

PRESENT

AFFILIATION

D. Bowden B. Bender N. Dixon B. Feinberg P. Friedman J. Reves I. W. Stone B. Trebach S. Alexander G. Adames R. Press M. Shelton A. Ben-Merre R. Norberto C. Persaud A.Thoman

CB#8 Education Committee Chairperson CB #8 Clerical Associate Committee Member Committee Member

Minutes of the June 27, 2006 meeting was accepted as read.

Chairperson's report included recent education issues; letter sent to Mayor Bloomberg concerning deteriorating status of JFK High School, asking for his assistance. Letter inviting Yvonne Torres, Superintendent of Region I, to speak at either the October or November meeting; notification that the Chancellor's responses to unanswered questions from May, 2006 meeting were received.

Marvin Shelton, President of Community Education Council of District 10 reported on New Graduation Requirement Card; results of mandated 2006 summer school program; proposed new gifted and talented classes.

Anthony Thoman, former teacher at JFK High School spoke about present conditions in the school, elimination of programs such as Science Honor Program, Auto Shop, Wood Shop, Art Program, Law Program and Advanced Placement Classes. At the Committees request, he compared these conditions to present conditions at the High School of American History Studies on the campus of Lehman College.

Next month's meeting will be devoted to the Chancellor's responses.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bowden Chairperson Education Committee

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