

(Pending Committee Approval)

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 5-31-16 MEETING
Held at Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue**

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Judith Green

AFFILIATION

Chair, Education Committee
CB8 Committee Member
Community Committee Member

Guests

Robert Press
Phyllis Kertman

CB8
Community Resident

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:40PM.

The minutes of 5-3-16 could not be voted on since there was no quorum.

The main topic for the meeting was to discuss and finalize the FY2018 Proposed Budget for the Education committee.

The main request was the new construction needed to alleviate the overcrowding at PS24 and PS81. It was the understanding of the Chair that the Office of Management and Budget requested the committees to specify their most important item to the community.

In response to the letters sent to the Principals we received several requests for funding for FY2018. The committee will submit the following Proposed Budget.

Education Committee FY2018 Capital Budget:

In-Tech Academy (MS/HS368

Athletic Track/approximately 1,000 students use the concrete athletic field on a daily basis for gym and recess. The track is shared with school X721, a District 75 school. It is also used for afterschool sports and recreation programs (Riverdale Neighborhood House) as well as summer camp and community programs. There are drainage issues with this track and several students fell during games and one student sustained a bloody contusion to his face and the other to the back of his head. It is necessary at this time to remove the concrete, address the drainage issue and replace it with a cushioned, synthetic surface that will have a longer life and will significantly reduce the risk of student injury.

**PS 95 AC units for all classrooms and new HVAC system in Auditorium
Upgrade our classroom Smart Boards**

**PS81 Air Conditioning for Gym, Cafeteria and Auditorium-including electrical upgrade
12 AC units in classrooms- including electrical upgrade
Computer room upgrade
Library Upgrade
School Yard Upgrade**

Education Committee-FY2018 Expense Budget

- 1. Library upgrade to provide support for curriculum, instruction and specialized efforts geared to improve students literacy.**
- 2. Creation of rooftop hydroponic gardens in schools in Bronx Community Board No.8 PS24, RKA 141, MS368 specifically requested.**
- 3. PS 37- Upgrade security system. Security cameras and monitors needed to make safety of the students paramount...**

After extensive discussion, those present supported the proposed budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.

There will not be a meeting in June since school ends and the committee wishes all a good Summer. See you in September.

Respectfully submitted,

**Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee**