

Pending Committee Approval

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2016
HELD AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Marvin Goodman
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Judith Green
Aaron Ben-Merre

AFFILIATION

Chair, Education Committee
CB8 Committee Member
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Community Committee Member
Committee Member

GUESTS

Robert Press
Tricia Mullen
Emily Falber
Jason Martinez
Faye Landsman
Phyllis Kertman
Patrick Meenaghan
Kristine Rivera
Alfreda Soto

CB8-Budget Chair
Riverdale Neighborhood House
Riverdale Mental Health
Guest
Guest
Guest
Bronx Charter School for Excellence
Bronx Charter School for Excellence
Student

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Introductions were made because of new attendees at meeting.

Emily Falber, our speaker from Riverdale Neighborhood House began the meeting engaging all to a conversation regarding "Bullying in Schools". Ms. Farber does clinical work at RMHA with 4 and 6 year olds and is involved with the middle school and high school at RKA. She gave her opinion as to why there is so much bullying going on at such a young age. Socialization is limited because of technology which is isolating, parents involvement in social issues so children do not have to cope on their own and administration in schools leave volatile matters to overburdened guidance counselors and some problems fall through the cracks and surface in violence. Schools need to address confrontations immediately to prevent future student problems.

Patrick Meenaghan and Kristine Rivera have applied to the state to open their third Bronx Charter School for Excellence (site not chosen yet). They are now running two Charter Schools on Benedict Avenue and have a successful model which they hope to duplicate in their future school. Children are admitted by lottery and include special education students. Their key elements of the Education model include: High academic standards focused on preparing scholars for high performing high schools, college and jobs in the future. The Committee was very impressed with the presentation.

There was some discussion of the situation with PS 24.

The budget was not addressed by laid over to our next meeting on May 31, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee