

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 24, 2014, AT COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

Present

Sylvia Alexander
Marvin Goodman
Rita Pochter Lowe
Robert Press
Karen Green
Marni Sugerman

Affiliation

Chair, Education Committee
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Community Committee Member
Kinneret Day School

The meeting came to order at 7:45 PM.

The minutes of the meeting held on May 27, 2014 were approved.

Marni Sugerman presented the SAPO application for the Kinneret Day School which will be held on October 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM at West 235 Street between Douglas Avenue and Independence Avenue. This is a renewal event and has occurred for many years and has always been a success with no negative issues. The committee approved the application. (5-in favor/0-against/0 abstentions)

In Favor: CB8 - S. Alexander, M. Goodman, R. Pochter Lowe, R. Press
Community Committee Member – K. Green

Chair reported on an article in a daily newspaper which suggested reducing entrance qualifications for students accepted into specialized high schools be changed to include grade point averages, scores on other high school tests and attendance credit instead of relying on entrance exams only. It is thought (in the article) this method would enable more minorities to be included.

The breakdown is now as follows:

Bronx Science-2379	Asian	Brooklyn Tech-3057	Asian
719	White	1086	White
78	Hispanic	430	Hispanic
33	Black	444	Black

Discussion followed.

Chair reported that Small School Athletic League was being considered for funding by the City Council and funds will be distributed through the Department of Education to service students of small high schools not included in PSAL funding. These students would be able to participate in team sports now denied to them.

Some topics entertained for future meetings were:

1. Early Childhood Forum
2. Mayoral control
3. Graduation Rates
4. Forum jointly w/Library Committee (Topic to be discussed)

Additional topics will be added during the year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee