

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 3-22-16 MEETING  
Held at Board Office 5676 Riverdale Avenue**

**PRESENT**

Sylvia Alexander  
Marvin Goodman  
Rita Pochter-Lowe  
Judith Green

**AFFILIATION**

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

**GUESTS**

Tricia Mullen  
Karen Green  
Tao Moran  
Giordana Avila  
Anthony Lopez  
Jasmine Williams  
Daniel Williams

Riverdale Neighborhood House  
Community Resident  
Parent-PS 24  
Parent-PS 81  
Community Resident  
ALFE Charter School  
ALFE Charter School

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

Introductions were made because of new attendees at meeting.

Jasmine and Daniel Williams started their presentation of their proposed new Charter School Academy of Leadership and Free Enterprise. Their mission is to cognitively, emotionally and socially develop young men committed to the pursuit of excellence in leadership and entrepreneurship. To date there is no charter school that serves an all male population from grades 6-12. Beginning in 10<sup>th</sup> grade the students will have access to the CTE pathway to Business and Distributive Education. They have chosen Entrepreneurial Education because it promotes social and cultural identity, builds a stronger sense of community, gives youth, especially at risk youth, a sense of meaning and belonging, creates entrepreneurial thinkers, and greatly improves economic and financial literacy. They chose District 10 because of its diversity and is located in one of the safest neighborhoods in the city. They are at stage two of the process and greatly appreciated the members input. They will return to the committee in the future.

Overcrowding at local schools was discussed but no conclusions were decided upon. Administrations of the schools are working with DOE to come up with a plan for the near future.

The Participatory Budget of Councilman Cohen was discussed and will be voted on by the community starting March 26-April 2.

The minutes of the February 23, 2016 were unanimously approved.

In Favor-4-Sylvia Alexander, Marvin Goodman, Rita Pochter-Lowe, CCM Judith Green  
Against-0 Abstentions-0

Discussion on the election of Elizabeth Rosa as Board of Regents Chancellor was enthusiastic since

Ms. Rosa is from the Bronx and is aware of the feelings of parents as to the common core curriculum. She has taught and served as Superintendent in District 10 and is very familiar with the needs of the students. It is great to have someone of her caliber in Albany tuned in to our schools.

Five of the schools in the JFK school complex were among recipients in the city of \$10.00 tickets to "Hamilton". What a great treat for the students. The schools are Bronx Engineering and Technology Academy, Bronx School of Law and Finance, ELLIS Academy, Marble Hill High School and Bronx Theatre High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair  
Education Committee