

Bronx Community Board No. 8

Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting Held on May 27, 2014 at the Board Office

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
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Rita Pochter-Lowe
Karen Green
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The meeting came to order at 7:40 PM.

The minutes of the March 2, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Chair presented an article from the media regarding Regents tests grades in 2012 were higher because teachers graded their own students exams. However, in 2013 the test scores were significantly lower because teachers who graded the test were not the students instructors.

Discussion was held on Budget items for 2016 dealing with fixing external doors to be ready for alarms which is proposed legislation in the City Council for the students safety, funding for sports team participation in small high schools in CB8, and electrical upgrading to prepare for online testing which is quickly approaching. These budget items approved by the committee.

The committee considered a request from the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center to support the RFP they were applying for, to establish an afterschool center at Am Park school. The committee had many questions and no one from the Center was available to attend the meeting and the deadline to submit the paperwork was the next day giving the committee and CB8 less than a day to address this issue. Perhaps next year they will be able to submit their RFP earlier.

The FY 2016 budget priorities were approved by consensus as follows:

EDUCATION COMMITTEE-CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES

1. MS 244
 - Electrical upgrade for computers.
2. THE MARIE CURIE HIGH SCHOOL FOR MEDICINE
 - Electrical upgrade to power air-conditioners needed in classrooms.
 - Student lockers installed on 5th floor. (Junior High School building-High school on 5th floor of a 57 year old building).
3. PS 8I
 - New air-conditioners for several classes and rewiring to accommodate 220 volt units.
 - New cafeteria tables.

- Alarms for all exit doors.
- 4. Repair all exit doors in Elementary and District 75 schools in Bronx Community Board 8 in anticipation of alarms being installed for the safety of students.
- 5. Funding for small high schools to join Small School Athletic League in Bronx Community Board 8 to enable students to participate in team sports.

EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORTIES-2016

1. Funding for after-school educational/recreational programs in particular remediation and Enrichment programs for all of the schools in Bronx Community Board 8 including Title No. 1 Schools.
2. Allocation of funds to provide for a meaningful reduction of class size for all grades.
3. Upgrade of all gymnasium equipment in all schools in Bronx Community Board 8 to help reduce the epidemic of obesity among students. (Children First Network not available for consultation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee