

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD No. 8

**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 24, 2015
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 Riverdale Avenue**

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Marvin Goodman
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Robert Press

Guests:

Judith Green
Tricia Mullen
Rabbi Shemtov

AFFILIATION

Education Committee, Chair
CB 8 Committee member
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Community Resident
RNH @ In-Tech 368
Chabad of Riverdale

The meeting came to order at 7:45 PM.

The minutes of the meeting held on February 24, 2015 were approved.

Rabbi Shemtov presented the request for the street activity permit for a Block Party event, Lag B'Omar, to be held on May 7, 2015. This event was held previously, and calls for the street closing on West 235 Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue during the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 PM. After some discussion the committee approved the request.

Vote: 4-In Favor: Sylvia Alexander, Marvin Goodman, Rita Pochter-Lowe, Robert Press
0-against, 0-abstentions

The Chair reported that there will be a Town Hall meeting with Chancellor Farina at the next meeting of the Community Education Council held at PS 86 from 6:30-7:30PM on April 1, 2015.

The Chair also announced that Mayor de Blasio signed a Local Law legislation on February 5, 2015 to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to requiring the reporting of environmental data regarding schools. The reporting will include staff and parents of students attending the involved school.

The Chair spoke of the possibility of reporting Comp Stats for schools as the Police Department now do to report their crime stats. This will give a clearer record of the progress of the schools to the education community.

Discussion involving the 2016 Preliminary Budget responses from OMB and the committee will address the upcoming 2017 Budget which will be on the agenda for the next meeting for committee input. A letter went out to the local schools for their needs and we look forward to their responses.

Judith Green, Community Resident spoke about Councilman Cohen's Preparatory Budget and

Informed the committee of upcoming community involvement in voting for projects. She cited three education entries for local schools such as RKA – Renovation of Auditorium, PS 7– Cafeteria upgrade and air-conditioning, and PS 24 – 2 computer carts.

Under new business, the Chair announced the Bronx Community Board No. 8 Community Service Awards. Candidates qualifications should be sent to the Library Committee at the Board Office by April 8th.

Robert Press proposed a resolution against the continuation of Mayoral control of Department Education which has an expiration date of June 2015. The consensus was against this resolution at this time since the Governor and the Mayor are in heated discussions.

The next meeting will be held on April 28, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee