

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2012 AT BOARD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Bob Bender
Diane Kirksey Floyd
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Patricia Mullen
Robert Press
Xaxia Sanchez
Andrew Cohen
Teri Colon
America Rosario

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The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM,

The minutes of the May 22, 2012 meeting of the Education Committee were corrected to reflect the attendance of Diane Kirksey Floyd whose name was omitted in the attendance and then were approved.

The chair announced that RKA/MS/HS 141 was having an open house on November 13, 2012, 9:00 to 10:30 AM.

Letters of invitation were sent to the Principals of PS 7 and PS 95 to attend education meetings in November, January or February. The PS 7 Principal has accepted for November 27, 2012. The Principal of PS 95 is considering January 2013 or February meeting dates.

Touro College Graduate School of Education has opened at 3121 Corlear Avenue and is offering courses to improve preparation of future teachers and will be taught by full professors or adjunct professors.

The Comptroller proposed to address the remediation of PCB danger in schools using the present low interest rates, low construction costs, saving \$200 million. The work could be completed in 20 months instead of 10 years as previously voted on by the City Council. Now the Mayor and Council President Quinn are supportive of this proposal.

The Mayor is speaking about a possible mid-year budget cut in education.

Whole Foods is working with the schools to bring salad bars to public schools in the hope of fighting obesity. It is interesting to note that school lunches have been improved by the Department of Health to include fruit and vegetables, but it has been reported that students discard them.

Some suggestions for the committee to address this year:

- The frequency of physical education according to DOE policy.
- To invite the Principal of MS 244 (was MS 143).
- To visit TI Charter School and perhaps have a meeting there.
- To address main streaming of special education students which began 2 years ago and was reported to have no positive results.
- Absence of vocational schools as an option for future employment, if students are not interested in attending college.

The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee