

(Pending Committee Approval)
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting
Held on December 19, 2017 at the Board Office**

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Eric Dinowitz
Marvin Goodman
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Judith Green

GUESTS

Roae M. Doyle
Robert Press
Lisa Hendron
Turan Balik

AFFILIATION

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

Manhattan College
Community Resident
The Riverdale Press
I Learn Schools

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

The minutes of September 25 and November 28 were approved as written.

The Chair received a call from Mr. Balik on December 18th asking to present his organization's plan to open a Charter School in District 10 in September 2019. His organization is called I Learn which has several Charter schools located in North Jersey. Even though this was not on the agenda, the Chair allowed the presentation. The application to New York State has not been submitted yet but the name of the school will be The Bronx Arts and Science Charter School. It is proposed to open with students chosen by lottery for K-2, adding a grade a year. It will be a free public charter school with a safe and secure school environment, it will have a STEM based education in a digital learning environment with extended day and extracurricular activities. Students who are English language learners or require special education services are encouraged to apply. A power point of existing schools under I Learn was viewed by the committee and there was a Q &A at the conclusion of the presentation. The committee did not approve or disapprove the charter school since a site has not been identified in CB8.

The Chair continued the agenda with the committee and discussion was entertained for possible topics for a community forum in the later part of the school year. Planning will be continued.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee