

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**  
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 27, 2012**  
**AT BOARD OFFICE**

**PRESENT**

Sylvia Alexander  
 Bob Bender  
 Andrew Cohen  
 Marvin Goodman  
 Rita Pochter-Lowe  
 Robert Press  
 Xaxia Sanchez  
 Frank Patterson  
 America Rosario  
 Carol Rogers  
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The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

**Invited Guest Speaker: Frank Patterson, Principal, PS 7.**

Mr. Patterson presented a power point presentation about his school and its recent accomplishments. He shared Survey Results which can be found on the NYCDOE website:

<u>PS 7 Results</u>		<u>All Elementary Schools Results</u>	
Academics	8.8	Academics	8.0
Communication	8.2	Communication	7.6
Engagement	8.4	Engagement	7.9
Safety & Respect	9.0	Safety & Respect	8.3
<u>Parent &amp; Teachers</u>			
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PS 7 received an “A” on the recent DOE School Report Card which shows that there has been great improvement in the students’ accomplishments. Mr. Patterson has a solid background for being a Principal since he came through the ranks instead of the Mayor’s Academy. He was a math teacher and assistant principal in District 9 before coming to PS 7.

The attendance was 96.5% at close of school year 2011. There are 618 students on register. The feeder schools are MS 368 and MS 141. The school has two assistant principals. Mr. Patterson has a very good relationship with parents because of his visibility at arrival and dismissal time where he can engage with parents. Parent participation of the School Survey is 93% and parent conference participation is 86%.

Math scores have increased by 28.3% since 2009-2010. Due to Mr. Patterson’s knowledge of math, he built a strong team of teachers in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and the results show much

improvement. He is using the monthly conference time to prepare and plan for new standards and for staff professional development in all areas.

The school has 3 certified teachers (visual art, music and theater). Art Class-Students are learning about Picasso. Music Class-Students are learning how to write music notes. Theater Class-Students are writing and performing plays written by students. Gym class is being offered twice weekly and students have recess daily. The school has four special education classes and two Gifted & Talented kindergarten classes, as well as, two Gifted & Talented first grade classes. Under the leadership of Mr. Patterson the school appears to be making significant strides in successfully giving the students excellent skills to insure their success.

The minutes of the meeting of October 23, 2012 were approved as written.

**Chair's Report:**

The chair spoke about our schools in CB8 having shown much improvement on the "DOE School Report Card" 2012.

It was noted in a press release from Chancellor Walcott that for the first time, readiness for college and careers is included in the score at the high school level. As part of the Department of Education's increased focus on rigorous instruction in the classroom, the College and Career Preparatory Course Index recognizes schools for offering approved rigorous college preparatory classes such as Advanced Placement courses and College credit-bearing courses. During the open house at RKA/MS 141, Principal O'Mara mentioned AP classes and College credit-bearing courses are offered at RKA.

The Chair brought up the Department of Education's Proposed Five Year Capital Plan Amendment for Fiscal Years 2010-2014 which was distributed in November 2012. The major improvement listed for CB8 schools is the need of classroom connectivity. Much of the additional work is listed as completed in 2012.

The chair advised that our meeting in December has been cancelled because of Christmas. The next meeting will be held on January 29, 2013.

Thanks to Xaxia Sanchez for taking minutes at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair  
Education Committee