

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 24, 2011, AT THE BOARD OFFICE

**Present:**

Sylvia Alexander, Vice Chair Education Committee CB 8 member  
Bob Bender, CB 8 member  
Colleen Hanley, CB 8 member  
Amy Moore, CB 8 member  
Gregory Adames, Committee member

**Agenda:**

Meeting started at 8:05 PM

The minutes from the March 22, 2011 meeting were approved.

Vice Chair S. Alexander spoke about proposed teacher layoffs, reports in papers on major Parents Associations fund raisers throughout the city. Advised committee of letter sent to Chancellor Walcott to be the speaker at an Education committee in the fall semester and a letter was also sent to the Principal of The David A. Stein Riverdale-Kingsbridge Academy to be a speaker at a meeting of the committee in the Fall semester. She also advised that at a Health Committee meeting attended by S. Alexander, James P. Booth, Division Chief, EMS Division 2, was the speaker invited by the Health committee on May 16th identified a possible site in Community Board No. 8 at Mosholu Avenue and Broadway on designated city owned land now used by the Department of Transportation. Therefore, the continued listing of a Budget Priority for an EMS Stocking Station in Community Board No. 8, should be continued as the Education committee has done for a number of years.

Vice Chair S. Alexander presented a list of potential budget priorities for FY 2013. B. Bender stated that he did not feel that the Education Committee should have the acquisition of a site for the EMS station as the committee's number one priority. Others agreed and thus the EMS station site acquisition was ranked as the 2<sup>nd</sup> priority, following the capital budget item requests from the local schools.

The committee then decided the best plan would be to ask the schools to prioritize their lists, and then rank the capital budget items that each school has requested. The budget priorities will eventually be submitted without prioritizing one school over another, just simply prioritizing items that each school has requested.

Local UPK programs were not solicited, however, The Marble Hill Nursery School, which houses a Universal Pre-Kindergarten program, submitted a request list. Since their request list was unsolicited, the committee then felt the best course of action would be to reach out to the other UPK program schools in CB8, to inquire as to what, if any, capital items they might like to request.

A. Moore offered to research other UPK programs/schools in CB8 and reach out to them in the coming days along with the help of C. Hanley.

The Committee then reviewed the Expense portion of the proposed budget priorities for 2013 and decided to leave them as they were but add items from UPK programs/schools if appropriate.

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S. Alexander reminded the committee that on October 15, 2011. The Borough President's office will host a Bronx education Summit. S. Alexander requested any ideas for topics for the parent symposiums that will be held during the summit.

Ideas presented were:

A review of the Chancellor's A660 Regulations and their implications for parents

Navigating the High School application process

Navigating schools for parents with children with special-needs to obtain special services

How is Michelle Obama's Program of Fitness, "Let's move", being incorporated into our schools.

S. Alexander thanked A. Moore for taking the minutes.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Sylvia Alexander

Vice Chair, Education Committee