

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 23, 2013, AT THE BOARD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Marvin Goodman
Bob Bender
Amy Moore
Tricia Mullen
Robert Press
Xaxia Sanchez
Robert Fanuzzi
Bob Abbott
Dana Lennon
Karen Green
Robert Ackerson

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

The minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting were approved as written with one correction, Robert Press instead of Bob Press.

Chair reported that PS 24 has gotten a commitment from Senator Klein to finance the installation of air conditioning in the new wing of their building. This item was on the budget priorities of the Education Committee last year. He also committed to reimbursement of the securing and installation of cameras for school security.

Chair also brought to the attention of the committee the reported error in the testing of Kindergarten Gifted and Talented students. Correction will be made so that the children will be allowed to attend the classes even though they had been told they were not eligible. There was concern that those students scoring over 97 on the G&T test are sent to schools in Manhattan because the Bronx does not have Bronx-wide G&T classes.

This year's testing in both reading and math for all grades are reported to be based on common core curriculum to be taught in the September 2013 school year. Therefore, it is expected that scores on the tests will be considerably lower.

Discussion of cameras in schools might be a budget priority and the Chair was asked to investigate to determine which schools have cameras and how the school safety teams in the schools would view this additional security.

The community service forum was discussed and because of time restraints, a subcommittee was formed to meet next week to fine tune the 5 schools to be presenters and other schools to be contacted to participate.

The SAPO application for Kinneret street fair for October 2013 on the agenda was tabled because no one was in attendance from the school.

The next meeting will be held on May 28, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee