

**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON APRIL 19, 2005**

**PRESENT**

Debbie Bowden  
Philip Friedman  
Robert Press  
Aaron Ben-Merre  
I. William Stone  
Glen Encababian  
Karen Green  
Julie Reyes  
Judi Veder  
C. McKenley  
Marvin Shelton  
Sylvia Alexander

**AFFILIATION**

CB#8 Committee Chair  
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Lehman College Student  
President, CDEC #10  
CB#8 Clerical Associate

Minutes of November 18, 2004 and October 26, 2004 were accepted without correction.

**Chairperson’s Report**

- Defibrillator ordered for CB#8 office.
- Results of returned School Safety survey showed that most public schools had safety plans, which were distributed to parents (most were on file at 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct), had defibrillators with trained staff, and had full time Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Department of Health personnel. Non Public Schools results were not as positive.

Marvin Shelton, President of Community District Education Council #10, reported on lack of progress, poor meeting attendance, little input into educational issues and new mandate to evaluate Community Superintendent.

Round table discussion revealed statistics from Department of Education Web site on overcrowding in local elementary and middle schools, continuous safety and traffic issues with double parked buses, passenger cars and rowdy students at entry and dismissal times (PS24, MS/HS 141 & PS 81), suggestion that local High School students should be crossing guards, and questions about MS/HS 241.

The following are the Education Committee’s Capital/Expense priorities for FY 2007:

**CAPITAL:**

1. Acquisition of sites for and/or construction of pre-Kindergarten classes for the children within the Community Board #8 area.
2. Acquisition of sites for and construction of additional schools to relieve overcrowded school conditions in CB#8 area.
3. Allocation of funds to immediately repair crumbling schools in CB#8 area, as identified from recent school report cards on infrastructure of the schools.

**EXPENSE:**

1. Funding for after-school remediation programs, gifted and talented programs and educational/recreational arts programs.
2. Complete the staffing of a full-time nurse, librarian, guidance counselor, a computer instructor (with lab technicians for science and computer labs) for every school.
3. Request a larger slice of the City/State budget to be allocated to Education for appointments of more personnel in the following specialties: art, music computer education and special education.
4. Allocation of funds to provide for a meaningful reduction of class size in all grades.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bowden, Chair  
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