

**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2005  
AT BOARD OFFICE**

**PRESENT**

Debbie Bowden  
I. William Stone  
Philip Friedman  
Bert Feinberg  
Julie Reyes  
Glenn Encababian  
Robert Press  
Lynette A. Vesquez  
Frank Pagliuca  
Randi Martos  
Waldon King Fishman  
Marvin Shelton  
Christine Miranda  
Admin Rivero  
Derek Miranda  
Sylvia Alexander

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Minutes of September 27, 2005 meeting were accepted as read.

Chairperson's Report included the following items:

- Teacher's Union finally has a contract, accepted by the teachers' last week.
- Mayor plans to expand the City's early childhood programs and double pre-Kindergarten slots over the next four years: to provide 4 year olds with full day pre-Kindergarten and more 3 years old with half and full day pre-Kindergarten.
- Mayor unveiled his long term plans to help struggling public school students and dropouts; will open 7 new specialty High Schools for high achievers; will double the number of small "transfer" schools to serve older students who have failed at their regular High Schools; will create new GED programs and at least 5 Young Adult Borough Centers.
- more than 84% of poor students in the City's worst schools who are entitled to free tutoring this year, have not signed up for the benefit under the "No Child Left Behind" law.
- NYC received several grants and the City plans to develop the number of all-girl secondary schools and to create 7 new academically selective secondary schools.

Guest Speaker; Frank Pagliuca, Regional Administrator of School Safety-Region #1 spoke about safety issues in 136 schools and 96 buildings in Region #1. He distributed booklet "Citywide Standards of Discipline and Intervention Measures" and discussed occurrence reporting, Students' Bill of Rights, Intervention Measures types of suspensions and School Safety Plans. It was noted that he works with the School Safety Agents of the NYC Police Department (re School Crossing Guards, etc.)

The following Resolution was passed unanimously:

The Education Committee of Community Board #8, reaffirms its position that the School Annex at the Whitehall Building (3223 Independence Avenue) be used for a pre-Kindergarten school for the children of Community Board No. 8 commencing July 1, 2006.

In favor:	<u>Community Board No. 8 Members</u> I. William Stone Julie Reyes Debbie Bowden Bert Feinberg Philip Friedman	<u>Community Committee Members</u> Marvin Shelton Robert Press Christine Miranda Admin Rivero
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Marvin Shelton, President of District 10's Education Council said the Council is working on upgrading new health HIV-Aids focus. Their next meeting is December 15<sup>th</sup> at PS 95.

Committee members continue to be concerned about Gang activities in local schools and other safety issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bowden  
Chair  
Education Committee

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