

**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2007
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Debbie Bowden
J. Reyes
R. Press
K. Green
A. Ben-Merre
R. Bender
P. Friedman
C. Prentice
A. Williams
I. W. Stone
B. Trebach
M. Shelton
H. Harris
U. Ellis & 2 Guests
J. DeSio
A. Dukette
C. White
Nicole Wilder
K. Poulos
C. Niles
F. Byrne
A. Lel
P.S. Sharper
M. Schenk
T. Shelton
G. Encababian
S. Alexander

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Guest Speaker, Phillip Sayer Scharper, the new Principal of PS 24, was introduced by the Chair. Mr. Scharper then outlined his background in the Arts, as well as in Education. In general he advocated providing opportunities for all children to achieve success in academics, social, emotional and physical areas of development and respect for the similarities and differences of the school's diverse population. He hopes that the parents, the teachers and administrators will work together and with the children to achieve these goals. Mr. Scharper then answered questions asked by the committee members.

The Minutes of the committee's September 25 meeting were accepted.

Chairperson's Report contained the following items:

- mixed report card for NY students proficiency on the 4th and 8th grade math and reading scores.
- 200 schools are to be selected to receive merit pay bonuses based mainly on the tests students take next spring.
- funding for after school programs known as "Out-of-School Time Initiative" has gone up from \$46 million to \$121 million by next year, so more children will be serviced.
- read E-Mail from 2 PS 95 parents opposed to plans for placing a new school within their building causing additional overcrowding. They were invited to attend this Education meeting, but did not show.
- dates for Open School Week follows:
Elementary - Afternoon Tuesday November 13 and Evening, Wednesday November 14.
Intermediate and JHS - Afternoon, Tuesday, November 20 and Evening, Monday, November 19.
High Schools - Afternoon, Friday, October 26 and Evening, October 25
District 75 - Afternoon, Thursday, November 8 and Evening, Wednesday, November 7.
- vacancy on Community Education Council of District 10 (see flyer); next meeting of CEC 10 is Thursday, November 15 at 7:15 PM at PS/MS 15-PS 29L.

The Chairperson thanked, Karen Green and Bill Stone for their excellent notes on this meeting. The next meeting of the Education Committee is Tuesday, November 27 at 7:30 PM, at the Board Office. The guest speaker will be Lori O'Mara, the new Principal of MS/HS 141.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bowden, Chairperson
Education Committee

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