

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 24TH, 2009**

Attendees

Affiliation

S. Alexander	Acting Committee Chair
B. Bender	CB #8
A. Cohen	CB #8
T. Durham	CB #8
P. Friedman	CB #8
B. Maybury	CB #8
G. Adames	Committee Member
A. S. Ben-Merre	Committee Member
M. Gunn	
J. Harris	Riverdale Neighborhood House
R. Lopez	
R. Norberto	Committee Member
R. Press	Committee Member
C. Schiller	Riverdale Y
M. Shelton	Chairman, CDEC 10

Board member Sylvia Alexander was Acting Chair in the absence of the Chairperson and opened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Guest speaker Lieutenant Clark of the NYPD School Safety Division gave a gang awareness workshop. The workshop included warning signs that children may be in gangs, including the different clothes, speech and hand gestures children may do when joining a gang, the different gang names and where they originated as well as how far said gangs have grown and how children are easily recruited into gangs and gang culture. Lt. Clark, while having no actual statistics took questions about some of the local schools.

The October minutes were accepted as written.

The report by the acting chair included that President Obama intends to allocate \$4.3 billion dollars to states to improve education, whereas a discussion about this then began. On Monday, November 16th there was a meeting at the board office on a citywide Bronx gifted and talented program, whereas a discussion about this item began. Robert Press wanted to know why this was a private meeting with non CB8 members in attendance and not a public meeting. Mr. Press then made a motion to have all such meetings part of the Education Committee agenda in the future. There was some discussion on the motion that was then tabled for the next meeting.

Marvin Shelton, CDEC10 Chairman, gave an update on the re-zoning of the old MS 143 now MS 244 and PS 246 schools. There has been a change in the siting of the new Riverdale School. There may be two new smaller schools in leased space rather than one larger school.

The next meeting of the Education Committee will be on Tuesday, December 21st. Speaker to be announced.

Minutes Submitted by,

Robert Press