

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 11-24-15
Held at Board Office, 5676 Riverdale Avenue

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Marvin Goodman
Rita Pochter-Lowe

AFFILIATION

Chair, Education Committee
CB8-Committee member
CB8-Committee member

GUESTS

Judith Green
Karen Green
David Gellman
Robert Press
Terence Miller

Community Resident
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CB8
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Rep. NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera

ABSENT

Manuel Felix
David Toledo

CB8-Committee member
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The Chair began the meeting at 7:40 PM. The personal invitation to the Co-Presidents of PS24 was ignored. The hope was to get an update on the fate of the 5th grade students in view of the new lease which was signed with an early childhood school. The lease was withdrawn due to the lack of urgency on the part of School Construction Authority/DOE.

The minutes of May and October 2015 were approved.

The Chair reported:

Massachusetts is doing away with the Common Core test replacing it with their own test. Some other states are thinking of doing the same.

Students passing class work and tests cannot pass Common Core Test.

More classrooms are crowded, therefore additional space is needed.

Students attending middle schools and high schools closed by Mayor Bloomberg are doing much better in their new schools.

There was a great discussion by those present with dialog of personal dealings with the Board of Education during past years.

Judith Green submitted a schedule of projects involved in the Participatory Budget of Councilman Cohen with many pertaining to Education and Libraries. Some of the schools are AmPark, PS 8, PS 81, MS 368, RKA MS/HS 141, MS 95, PS 340, MS 80, PS/MS 280, HS of American Studies at Lehman College. Some of the items are also on the Proposed Budget of CB8 and the education committee hopes these items will be funded by either source for the students benefit.

Judith Green also shared that she is working with the League of Women Voters to introduce registering high school students to vote in the near future. She will keep us inform of her progress.

Terence Miller, representing Senator Gustavo Rivera, distributed information announcing a Canned Food Drive for the Holiday Season.

Under new business, the Chair publically thanked Rosemary Ginty, Vice-Chair of Bronx Community Board No. 8 for the Legislation updates made available through her efforts to all the committees on the Board. Intro 644B was recently passed by the City Council and signed by Mayor de Blasio to encourage greater female and special education students participation in physical education in our schools. The Education Committee has supported physical education for our students to help fight obesity and to promote good health.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee