

Bronx Community Board No. 8
Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting
Held on April 27, 2010

Attendees

Affiliation

Sylvia Alexander	Vice Chair, Education Committee
Bert Feinberg	CB 8
Bridget Maybury	CB 8
Maria Khury	CB 8
Bob Bender	CB 8
Andrew Cohen	CB 8
Robert Press	Member
Ray Norberto	Member
Karen Green	Member

The meeting began at 7:40 PM.

The minutes of the meeting of March 23, 2010 were approved.

The Vice Chair's report:

Announced and distributed flyers on Riverfest-June 13, 2010.

In conjunction with the Health committee the survey findings were distributed and they indicated our area does not advertise tobacco advertisements at children's eye level, hence no action or volunteers are needed.

Mayor Bloomberg and Chancellor Klein have decided to remove teachers from "rubber rooms" and put them back to work.

NY Magazine article listing Riverdale #38 as desirable location to live and said we have "subpar" schools. The Riverdale Review had a front page article on same topic last week. Riverdale school have not kept their ranking high as it was in the past. We agreed the article was subjective. We do not know what data they used to come to their conclusions.

Roundtable discussion on topics for next years Education Committee, but not limited to:

PS 7 underutilized at present but rumors that a Charter School will be housed on Corlear Avenue.

Charter Schools vs. Public Schools

Will invite new Principal of PS 24 to come and make a presentation to the committee.

Have our meeting at PS 7 to find out how the G&T program is doing for the students.

Have our meetings at local schools so that Principals, teachers and parents would be more apt to attend.

Be aware of health issues with regard to the flu season and have a meeting if necessary.

The Capital and Expense Budget Priorities FY 2012 were distributed. (See attached)

All schools received a letter from the Education Committee requesting that the schools indicate needed repairs under #2 item on the committee's Capital Budget Priorities. Five schools responded sighting a variety of needs.

Discussion on the #1 priority of the Capital budget regarding the EMS station in Community Board No. 8, since a member of the committee felt CB 8 would not be granted one in the future. The point was made that the response to last years same #1 priority was (the agency will try to

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accommodate this issue within existing resources). It is important to leave this item #1 to

emphasis its importance to the community for school emergency medical needs because we need to consider “Safety First” for our children and for the rest of our community.

A vote was taken on the submission of the budget priorities as follows:

For: 8 Against: 1 Abstentions: 0

In Favor:

Board Members:

S. Alexander, A. Cohen, B. Feinberg, B. Maybury, M.Khury

Committee Members:

R. Norberto, R. Press, K. Green

Against:

Bob Bender

The next meeting will be held on May 25, 2010. Dr. Jane Bedell will speak on Childhood Obesity. She will be introducing a new initiative on this subject matter.

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

Thank you to Maria Khury for taking the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bowden, Chairperson
Education Committee

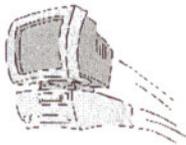
**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FY 2012**

CAPITAL:

1. The acquisition of a site for an EMS station in the Community Board 8 area in the Bronx.
2. The allocation of funds to immediately repair schools and infrastructure of the schools.
 - A. **In-Tech Academy-Ms/HS 368X-**
 - Gymnasium curtain replacement and floor repair
 - Ceiling mounted projectors
 - Electronic announcement systems for the cafeteria, auditorium , hallways and gym
 - Storage pod for maintenance equipment, snow plow/lawn mower
 - Nautilus exercise equipment
 - B. **John F. Kennedy High School-**
 - New Baseball Field
 - Smart Boards
 - Student and Teacher bathroom upgrade
 - Air Conditioning package for auditorium
 - Air Conditioning package and modernization
 - C. **P.S.207-**
 - Electrical upgrade for 23 classrooms
 - Relocation of network cabinet to the main distribution frame
 - Door to divide library
 - D. **Bronx Engineering and Technology Academy -**
 - Auditorium: New curtains, sound system upgrade
 - Science lab upgrade
 - Electrical upgrade for technology in classrooms
 - E. **The Robert J. Christen School PS 81-**
 - Radiators covered (dangerous situation)*
 - Air conditioning-Kitchen, Gym, Lunchroom, Auditorium*
 - Window Shades* (High Priority items-*)
 - Gym upgrade - ceiling and floor
 - Electrical upgrades - currently does not match tech needs
 - All classroom lighting replaced
 - Water fountains replaced and sink upgrades
 - Lunchroom, auditorium floor tiles and all classroom tiles replaced
 - Bathroom toilet upgrades
 - New leaks around building
 - Closet space - 2nd floor
 - Corridor tiles and staircase landing (asbestos)
 - Update univents
 - Replace 9X9 asbestos tiles in classrooms
 - New outside building lighting with sensors
 - Entrance lights with sensors
 - New exit and emergency lighting throughout the building
 - Auditorium ceiling lights
 - Staircase doors A, B, C, D, E (all floors)
 - Return of metal exit doors (NOT WOOD)
3. To continue exploring site acquisition opportunities for annexes to our existing educational facilities.
4. The immediate inspection and reconstruction of all schools in the Community Board No. 8 area to ensure that they are in compliance with ADA or handicapped accessibility.

EXPENSE:

1. Renewal of the lease at the Whitehall annex.
2. The immediate inspection of all public schools by the School Construction Authority for repairs needed, infrastructural defects and PCB contamination.
3. Funding for after-school educational/recreational arts programs, in particular remediation and enrichment programs for all of the schools in Community Board No. 8 including non-Title No. 1 schools.
4. Allocations of funds to provide for a meaningful reduction of class size in all grades.
5. 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.



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MS/HS 368X

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April 7, 2010

Debbie Bowden
Community Board No. 8 Bronx
5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
Bronx, NY 10471-2194

Dear Chairperson Bowden,

I am writing to you in response to your e-mail of March 26, 2010 requesting budget requests for major repairs for our school. The following is a list of repairs and physical plant needs for IN-Tech Academy. I thank you for this opportunity to possibly fund these needs.

- Gymnasium curtain replacement and floor repair
- Landscaping
- Ceiling mounted projectors
- Electronic announcement systems for the cafeteria, auditorium, hallways and gym
- Storage pod for maintenance equipment
- Snow plow / Lawn mower
- Nautilus exercise equipment

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information. I may be contacted at 718-432-4300, or via e-mail at rclunie@schools.nyc.gov. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rose Fairweather-Clunie

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JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

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Anthony Rotunno
Principal

April 12, 2010

Ms. Debbie Bowden
Community Associate
Bronx Community Board No. 8
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Dear Ms. Bowden:

As per your letter dated March 26, 2010, I would like to submit the following budget requests for John F. Kennedy High School, 10X475:

- New Baseball Field
- Smartboards
- Student and Teacher Bathroom Upgrades
- Air Conditioning Package for Auditorium
- Air Conditioning Package and Modernization

The John F. Kennedy Campus building is almost forty years old and in dire need of any of these upgrades. Our students and the community would benefit greatly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anthony Rotunno
Principal

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*P.S. 207 A Great Place Where Little People Learn Today And Lead Tomorrow
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Maria J. Rosado, Principal

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April 15, 2010

Community Board No. 8 Bronx
Debbie Bowden, Chairperson
Education Committee
5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100
Bronx, New York 10471

Dear Ms. Bowden:

Please find our budget for major repairs needed at Public School 207.

Electrical upgrade for 23 classrooms-**\$75,000**
Relocation of network cabinet to the Main Distribution Frame-**\$4,880**
Door to divide library-**\$3,000**

Total budget: \$82,000

These repairs are necessary to keep up with the technology demands we have today. Thank you for keeping us under your radar. If you have any questions, please contact me at 718-796-9645 ext. 3000.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Maria Rosado in cursive, with a circled 'R' next to it.

Maria Rosado
Principal



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BRONX ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY

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Rashid Davis
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April 14, 2010

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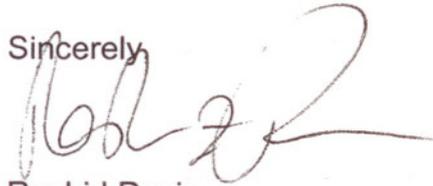
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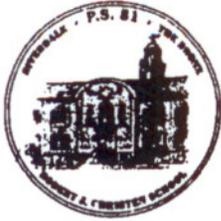
Our school is in need of the repairs listed below. Please include them in your education budget requests.

- Auditorium: New Curtains, Sound System Upgrade
- Science Lab Upgrades
- Electrical Upgrade for Technology in Classrooms

Thank you for including our requests.

Sincerely,


Rashid Davis
Principal



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THE ROBERT J. CHRISTEN SCHOOL PS 81

Board of Education, City of New York
5550 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471

Melodie Mashel
Principal
Principal

Anne Kirrane
Assistant

2010-2011 IMPROVEMENTS REQUESTED

- Radiators covered (dangerous situation)*
- Air conditioning*
 - Kitchen
 - Gym
 - Lunchroom
 - Auditorium
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*First three items are high priority.