

## COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

### MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2010 AT COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 - BRONX BOARD OFFICE

#### Attendees:

S. Alexander  
R. Press  
J. Reyes  
B. Bender  
D. Kirksey-Floyd  
A. Moore  
K. Green  
G. Adames  
B. McHugh  
M. Lam

#### Affiliations:

Vice Chairperson, Education Committee  
CB 8 Board Member  
Committee Member  
Committee Member  
Riverdale Review  
Riverdale Review

The meeting began at 7:40 p.m.

S. Alexander welcome all in attendance and introduction of new committee member, Diane Kirksey-Floyd and A. Moore.

Tonight's Minutes being recorded by J. Reyes.

The minutes of the May 25, 2010 meeting were approved as written.

#### Vice Chairperson's Report:

- Regretfully, last minute notification that scheduled Guest Speakers, Geri LaMura, PS 24 UFT Chapter Chair and Florence Byrne, PS 24 Parent Coordinator, would not be attending tonight's meeting – nor will a representative be coming in their place.
- Discussion had on the lack of information and communication to the Board or community has received in the past few years with PS 24.
- Notices of committee's meetings are sent to all Parent Association in the Boards district yet their representation is very low at committee meetings. Volunteers were taken from committee members to act as a Liaison to schools in attempts to gather information as to the schools needs and environment.
- The report on Gifted & Talented (G & T) situation by Damian McShane was reported to the committee by Vice Chairperson. Statistical informational literature on G & T was also distributed.
- Discussion had on the pros/cons of G & T at PS 24, PS 81 and a possible citywide G & T's school in District 10. K. Green would like Councilman Koppell to address the committee on this issue. B. Bender mentioned the Borough President was a G & T student during his school days.
- Assemblyman Jeffery Dinowitz will be a featured speaker at next month's committee meeting; November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Venue will be advised at a later date.

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- Discussion had on Councilman O. Koppell's inquiry; Is the committee interested in a new school in Riverdale. The Department of Education (DOE) has a 5 year plan which would place a school in Riverdale if warranted.
- Committee Chair has spoken with representative at the Riverdale Mental Health Association in attempts to get a speaker from RMHA to speak at a future committee meeting on Bullying. Discussion had on this matter.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

R. Press spoke on a few issues including: his disappointment on the lack of parent involvement in our community, negative impact on Mayoral control, and the need to fill the Assistant Principals position at PS 24.

Discussion had on Parent Coordinators positions and duties.

A. Moore advised that Parent Association meetings are public and anyone can attend.

S. Alexander thanked all for their participation and attendance.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Debbie Bowden  
Education Chairperson

Sylvia Alexander  
Vice Chairperson