

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 26, 2013
AT THE BOARD OFFICE**

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Andy Cohen
Marvin Goodman
Tricia Mullen
Rita Pochter-Lowe
Robert Press
Karen Green
Teri Colon
Sura Jeselsohn
America Rosario

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Chair, Education Committee
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Community Committee Member
Rep. Assemblyman Dinowitz
Riverdale Resident
PS 81 Parent Liaison

The meeting came to order at 7:40 PM.

The minutes of February 26, 2013 meeting were approved.

The chair recognized Sura Jeselsohn to present her community concern.

Ms. Jeselsohn witnessed some rowdy students at dismissal time in the Spuyten Duyvil Library. These teens spend some time at the library to socialize and do not use their inside voices. Ms. Jeselsohn mistook these students for PS 24 children but they are probably from MS 141. The chair visited the library and observed the teens and the branch manager monitoring the situation and it was under control. Ms. Jeselsohn said she would write a letter to the Principal of MS 141 and ask that students use the library only for research or quiet activity and not for socializing. She will let the Education Committee know her results at a later meeting.

Chairman's Report:

The first charter high school for law is being planned by College of Mt. St. Vincent and New York Law School. This school hopes to steer teens, in underserved communities, into the legal field.

The first UFT charter school located in Brooklyn is in danger of being closed because of poor results.

The state will recommend the termination of \$700M funding (Race to the Top) if teacher evaluations do not happen by September 2013.

The fifth graders will be given an app for the STEM program. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) to be installed in their cell phones to help them with math homework. However, the Mayor does not allow students to bring their cell phones to school. He is also working on apps for Science, Technology, and Engineering to ready students to compete for future jobs.

The GED program is changing in 2014. In order to receive credit for all parts of the requirements for a GED, all must be completed before 2014.

Community Service in CB 8 schools:

The chair distributed assignments to all members present to determine the involvement in public schools in CB 8, as well as private schools and parochial schools. A survey was supplied to members so information could be obtained in a structured manner for ease when compiling the results. At the next meeting the information gathered will be investigated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

The next meeting will be held on March 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee