

(Pending committee approval)
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO.8

**Minutes of Education Committee Meeting
Held on November 28, 2017 at the Board Office**

PRESENT

**Sylvia Alexander
Eric Dinowitz
Judith Green**

AFILIATION

**Education Committee, Chair
CB8, Committee Member
Community Member**

GUESTS

Steven Schwartz

Principal, PS24

Nina Amster

I.A. Assistant Principal. PS24

Florence Bern

Parent Coordinator, PS24

Laura Moukas

Parents Association President, PS24

Deborah Weitz

Parent. PS 24

Daniel Weitz

Parent, PS24

Eileen Bowden

Parent, PS24

Michelle Montoya-Goldman

Parent, PS24

David Slotnick

Parent, PS24

Carrie Muhlstein

Parent, PS24

Jenny Weber

Parent, PS24

Lara Duo-Swartz

Parent, PS24

Shirley Zilberstein

PS 81 PA Representative

Catherine Millor

PS 244, Assistant Principal

Dan Padernacht

CB8 Board Member

Joshua Stephenson

Rep. Councilman Andrew Cohen

Absent

Marvin Goodman

Rita Pochter Lowe

There was no quorum in attendance so the minutes of September 25, 2017 were laid over.

The Chair called on the Principal of PS 24, Steven Schwartz to present the issue of overcrowding PS 24 is enduring at present and why they are looking for support to add an addition to their school building in the future. Since losing the annex at the Whitehall Building, the School Construction Authority was able to find space in the cold lunchroom to place two new classrooms. However, many adjustments had to be made to accommodate students such as Special Education classrooms in different areas in the school that were not used for classrooms prior. The parents presented their positions about the use of the building and how they perceive how the school should look in the future. The Principal and

parents would like to add an additional wing to the building of approximately 200 new seats with art and music rooms, as well as, science labs. Mr. Padernacht asked if a plan had been formulated that could be looked at and was told there is none available yet. Since the committee lacked a quorum the Education Committee could not take any action at this time.

The committee hopes PS 24 will contact them again when a plan has been created so the Community Board can weigh in, since this move will concern all us in Riverdale, the many families here now and those who consider moving to Riverdale so their children can attend our excellent schools that they have heard so much about.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee