

**Manhattan Community Board 9 – Youth, Education and Libraries Committee
November 9, 2011 Meeting**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 6:51 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: Present: Yvonne Stennett, Winston Majette (co-chair), Judith Insell, Joe Rogers, Jr. (co-chair), Tisha Jackson; **Absent:** Dr. Vicky Gholson (Excused); Carmen Morillo (On Leave); Kyle Doyle; Alyson Gordon-Browner

Public: Patricia Sousloff, Neighborhood Charter School of Harlem; Emily Neal, Columbia Spectator; Jonathan Daniels, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL – Approved.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL – No quorum.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Patricia Soussloff, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees, Neighborhood Charter School of Harlem

- Website: www.ncsharlem.org
- School set to open fall 2102; starting with K and 1st, growing to K-12; assigned to be in School District 5 but will accept students from outside the district
- 15% of the student body will be “high functioning” on the autism spectrum.
- Launching an outreach program to find students who fit the criteria
- Programs will be rich in the arts.
- Working with real estate brokers to find a facility; must sign a lease by the end of Jan. 2012 using grant money.
- Three classes in each grade: inclusion classes + general education
- Goal is to be in a private space, not a co-location, but would consider a temporarily shared space assigned by the DOE.
- Will hold school lotteries (2 in district 5, 1 for outside district).
- Working with YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities to find students with special needs and to administer testing. Committed to serving children with special needs in their own neighborhood.
- Have visited CB10 informally.

6. REPORTS

Joe Rogers, Jr., School Leadership Team, Teacher’s College Community School

- Joe is CB9’s representative on the SLT. The SLT currently consists of the principal, four teachers, four parents, and two community organization representatives (Joe & Nancy Stream, VP of Government Affairs, Teachers College).
- Briefed pubic attendees on the history of CB9’s relationship with and interest in the school
- SLT to meet monthly; first meeting was held on Oct. 27

- reviewed boilerplate bylaw language
- Joe questioned whether community organization representatives were ineligible to serve as voting members of the SLT. Principal Worrell-Breeden agreed to consult the DOE for guidance.
- Joe invited SLT members to participate in CB9 meetings, including the Youth, Education & Libraries Committee meetings.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jonathan Daniels, Job Developer, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp.

- NMIC has a grant to work with young people in CD9 & CD12
- Offering a 12-week internship (e.g., The Intrepid, Dept. of Transportation, Morris-Jumel Mansion) and help finding employment upon successful completion
- Paid internship: \$7.75 per hour / 20 hours a week.
- Monday-Thursday (work); report to the No. Manhattan Improvement Corp. on Fridays (25 hours total)
- Seeking internship candidates with high school diplomas or GEDs
- NMIC also offers other programs: GED, ESL, Housing (ages 16-24)
- For more info, contact NMIC at 212.453.5375

Emily Neal, Education Beat Chief, Columbia Spectator

- Conducting research on DOE expanded closure list (Opportunity Charter School, Frederick Douglass HS, Wadleigh HS)
- Plans to cover the YEL Committee's December 10th Youth Resources Expo

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. ADJOURN – No time recorded.