

**COMMUNITY BOARD SIX
YOUTH/HUMAN SERVICES/EDUCATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 26, 2011**

PRESENT:

J. BERNARD	L. HILL	B. SOLOTAIRE
S. TURET	D.C. VITO	

EXCUSED:

L. CIRANDO	E. FELDER	M. KOLMAN
A. PANINGBATAN	M. SCHMIDT	

ABSENT:

M. HEYER	L. HOROWITZ	C. MURRAY
Y. ROMAN	M. RUIZ	

GUESTS:

D. RUBENSTEIN – REP. FROM BROOKLYN PROSPECT CHARTER SCHOOL
R. YU – REP. FROM BROOKLYN PROSPECT CHARTER SCHOOL

***** MINUTES *****

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm. Suzanne Turet and James Bernard co-chaired the meeting. There was not a quorum present.

Presentation by Dan Rubenstein of the Brooklyn Prospect Charter School.

Dan gave the committee a progress report about the school which is now in its second year. Dan answered questions about how the school is financed and how the scores are. The school decided that next year 40% of the class will be reserved for free lunch students. His particular concern was about space. The school has a permanent facility that will be built for the fall of 2012. Last year, they were housed in Sunset Park High School, but they need to find a home for the next school year. By February 4th, Dan will know where the DOE has assigned them. Dan was asked to come back to the next meeting with the principal in whose school BPCS will be housed. The committee will decide whether to proposal to the entire board to write a letter of support for the new arrangement.

Committee member Benjamin Solotaire provided an update on the Park Slope Interfaith Social Justice Network:

Their first exploratory meeting was several months ago, since then they've had three meetings with lay members and one clergy meeting. The goal is to build on each congregation's existing actions but to expand into projects that are of interest to the groups that maybe they couldn't undertake by themselves.

Their first project is a discussion on homelessness to be held at Old First Reformed on January 31st. They're also considering a 9/11 event or series of events, on religious tolerance and understanding. Also efforts to encourage "shopping-at-ethical-local-retailers" gained some enthusiasm.

Current membership includes:

Congregation Beth Elohim
Kolot Chayeinu
Society for Ethical Culture
Old First Reformed Church
St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church
Greenwood Baptist
Brooklyn Congregations United

More groups have expressed an interest in membership since the announcement about their Homeless discussion went out. While they are open to more faith based institutions joining we are discussing how to become more diverse spiritually and/or stay neighborhood focused.

At this point they're a young group, focusing on institutions of faith to serve as an action oriented coalition to achieve what the groups can't as individuals.