

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 25, 2013, AT THE BOARD OFFICE

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Robert Press
Tricia Mullen
Bob Bender
Marvin Goodman
Rita Pochter-Lowe
A. S. Ben-Merre
Jennifer Donato
Chris Donato
David Golovner

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The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

The Chair introduced the Guest Speaker, David Golovner, Vice-President of Policy & Advocacy of NYC Charter School Center. The Charter Center helps new charter schools get started, supports existing schools, and engages the Charter School community around key issues. Charter Schools are free independently run public schools that are able to innovate in their classroom structures, curriculum, and teaching methods, in return they are held to higher standards of accountability. Some of the statistics shared were that in 2012 there were 67,500 applications received by NYC Charter schools but there were only 14,600 available seats leaving 52,900 students waitlisted. The funding per pupil from NYC DOE is \$15,027. The Charter School achievement data shows higher grades in Math and ELA.

Some Charter Schools have dual language programs and some serve high school students at risk of dropping out. The discussion was very engaging to the committee and Mr. Golovner remained at the meeting for an extended period.

The minutes of April and May were approved.

The FY2015 was approved by consensus as follows:

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE-CAPITAL BUDGET PRIORITIES - 2015

1. In-Tech –Academy MS/HS 368X
 - Electrical upgrade for Computer Lab-room 321
 - Electrical upgrade for Library Media Center
2. PS 7
 - Concern for School and Student Safety - Need for replacement of 15 internal doors that do not open or close properly. The doors do not have modern panic bars and 16 exit doors (external) coming off frames.
3. To continue exploring site acquisition opportunities for annexes to our existing educational facilities.

EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES-2015

1. Upgrade of all gymnasium equipment in all schools in Bronx Community Board 8 to help reduce the epidemic of obesity among students.
2. Funding for after-school educational/recreational programs in particular remediation and enrichment programs for all of the schools in Bronx Community Board 8 including non-title No. 1 schools.
3. Allocation for funds to provide for a meaningful reduction of class size for all grades.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM with the Chair wishing everyone a Happy and Relaxing Summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Alexander, Chair
Education Committee