

**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON APRIL 25, 2007  
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

**PRESENT****AFFILIATION**

D. Bowden	CB#8 Education Committee Chairperson
R. Press	Committee Member
G. Adames	Committee Member
E. Friedman	Parent-PS 24
K. Green	Committee Member
P. Friedman	CB#8
J. Prince	Parent Coordinator-PS 24
F. Byrne	Parent Coordinator-MS 141
I. W. Stone	CB#8
J. DeSio	Riverdale Review
M. Shelton	Committee Member
R. Bender	CB#8
G. Encababian	Committee Member
M. Porta	Parent-PS 24
U. Trebach	Parent-PS 24
M. Guerrier	DOE- Chief Parent Engagement Officer
M. Harris	DOE
S. Alexander	CB#8, Clerical Associate

Minutes of the previous meeting (January 23, 2007) were approved as written.

Chairperson reported on the following items:

- resignations of 4 educational leaders in our community: Principals of PS 24, MS/HS 141, PS 37 and PS 95 (not yet confirmed);
- Mayor's plan to privately donate money to 2,500 families in some of the City's poorest neighborhoods;
- 9 non profit groups will be selling their support services to city schools under new DOE reorganization plan;
- written to Sonia Menendez, Community Superintendent of District 10, asking her to speak to the Education Committee as to how the Chancellor's new reorganization plan will affect our local schools in CB8 area.

Marvin Shelton, President of CEC District 10, reported on Chancellor Klein's speech at his meeting on the reorganization.

Motion was passed to write to the Chancellor to clarify Principal selection and inquire what role the Parents and the Community would have in this process.

The Education Committee's budget priorities were discussed; they will be voted on at our next meeting.

Our guest speaker, Martine Guerrier, Chief Family Engagement Officer for NYC's Department of Education was then introduced. She spoke about her background, starting as a parent volunteer in her son's school. She is currently responsible for reaching out to parents and she encouraged parent involvement in choosing a Principal for their schools. However, she admitted that the parent's role was only advisory and that the Chief Hiring Officer was the only one who would select the person to fill the vacancy.

The next Education Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, May 22 at the Board office. The guest speaker will be Daniella Phillips, the present Principal of MS/HS 141.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Bowden, Chair  
Education Committee

