

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 - Bronx

**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2011
BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE, BRONX, NY 10471**

Present:

Community Board 8 Members: Sylvia Alexander, Chair Education Committee; J. Reyes, B. Press, A. Moore, B. Bender, M. Goodman, H. Young, R. Pochter Lowe

Community Member: Gregory Adames, Karen Green

Guest: Lauren Carmona-PA 81, Dolores Lessner, , Teri Colon-Assemblyman Dinowitz Miawling Lam-Riverdale Review, Jennie Soler-McIntosh, Director, Community Engagement-New Visions for Public Schools

Agenda:

Newly elected Chair Sylvia Alexander convened the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Tonight's Minutes being recorded by J. Reyes.

Introduction of guest speaker, Jennie Soler-McIntosh, Director, Community Engagement Charter Unit of New Visions For Public Schools (New Visions). Ms. Soler-McIntosh provided an encouraging follow-up of New Vision Charter High School's "Community Role Model Program". Ms. Soler-McIntosh also gave an informative address on the New Visions goals, vision and commitments for the students, family, faculty and community. The New Visions Charter High Schools are housed on the campus of John F. Kennedy School. New Visions welcomes and promotes community involvement. Discussion had on the school's curriculum, vision, enrollment, staff, etc. The school website: www.newvisions.org

Chair S. Alexander Report:

- October 15, 2011- The Borough President's office will host a Bronx Education Summit. The event will take place at Lehman College in the Bronx from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- October 18, 2011 – Riverdale Kingsbridge Academy will have an Open House 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- NBC news hosting an Education Nation Program during the morning programming all this week.

Discussion had on:

- Department of Education upgrade of food in the schools to help with childhood obesity.
- Working with Environment committee on PCP in schools and City Council Intros now in the Education Committee pertaining to informing parents of any PCP discovered in their schools.
- Kids being bullied in schools, Cyber-bullying too often resulting to suicides countrywide.
- Current laws and policies in regards to Bullying in schools
- Entering Kindergarten students already deficient when entering due to raised standard set by DOE.
- Recognition of past Education Chair Debbie Bowden who will continue her work as the committees Vice Chair
- Potential closing of Middle Schools by Chancellor Walcott citywide.

The minutes of the June 28, 2011 meeting were approved as written.

* The **next committee meeting** will be held at **7:00 p.m.** at the new **Kingsbridge Library** located at 280 West 231st Street, Bronx. Guest speaker will discuss Computers vs. Books. All are welcomed to attend – feel free to bring a guest.

Old Business ~ None

New Business

Bob Press advised after a brief conversation with NYC Department of Education Chancellor Dennis Walcott, Press forwarded an invitation via e-mail for Walcott to come and speak on the matter of Gifted and Talented middle schools.

B. Press also advised October 5th was National Walk Your Child To School Day.

Meetings adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sylvia Alexander

Chairperson, Education Committee