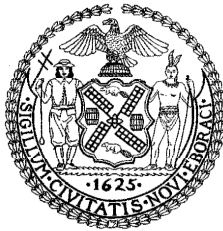


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

**Youth & Education Committee Meeting**  
**Lenox Hill Hospital, 131 East 76 Street, Einhorn Auditorium**  
**Monday, March 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM**

**Community Board Members (Present):** Sarah Chu, Ed Hartzog, Hattie Quarnstrom, Judy Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Debbie Teitelbaum

**Community Board Members (Excused):** Lori Bores, Deidre Breslin, Jim Clynes, George Fuchs, Lorraine Johnson,

**Community Board Public Members:** Michael Hoffman, Sophia James

### **A. The new Common Core Curriculum presented by District Superintendent Mariano Guzman**

After being introduced Superintendent Guzman took over the program and introduced the following Department of Education personnel participating in the program. They were:

Yuet Chu, Network Leader

Samantha Kaplan, Principal of PS 151

Tara Napoleoni, Principal of PS 183

Jennifer Leventhal, Principal of PS 183

Kerry Cunningham, Network Leader

He also introduced other personnel present:

Mandana Beckman, Principal of PS/IS 217 (Roosevelt Island)

Jennifer Greenblatt, Parent Support Officer

Superintendent Guzman led the presentation with a general discussion on implementation of the Common Core standards, which much of this work started under Tony Alvarado in this District. The students in District 2 outperform many of the students in other Districts. The City has become a leader in setting these standards.

All the Presentations given will be up on the Community Board Website under the Y & E committee, once we have received all of them digitally.

Network Leader Chu explained how all the schools belonged to a Network. There are four for all of District 2. The principals can choose which network they want to join. The network leaders work with the principals and the teachers to help provide the training. These standards are for K through 12, as well as for the IEP, ESL classes.

Samantha Kaplan, Principal of PS 151, shared a draft of Kindergarten Curriculum Overview for her students for the year and explained the implementation.

Principal Napoleoni and Assistant Principal Leventhal concentrated on developing grade level writing rubrics and the implementation.

Network Leader Cunningham concentrated on Common Core learning standards for math and the implementation.

The following information was handed out on a flyer after the presentations were over:

- To learn about the Common Core in NYC schools, ask your child's teacher or visit the Common Core Library at: <http://schools.nycgov/Academics/CommonCoreLibrary>
- To view the National PTA's parent guides to the Common Core, visit: <http://www.pta.org/4446.htm>
- To learn more about the Common Core standards across NY State, visit: <http://engageny.org>

and for information nationally, visit:  
<http://corestandards.org>

After each presentation there were questions and answers. The discussion continued until our time for the meeting space was up. Therefore we did not get a chance to cover any of the other items on the agenda. These items will be covered at our May meeting, as we will not be meeting in April.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**James Clynes and Judith E. Schneider, Co-Chairs, Youth and Education Committee**