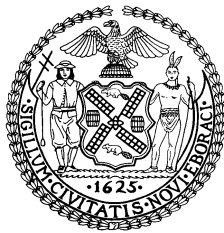


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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8
Youth & Education, Committee Meeting
NY Blood Center, 310 East 67th Street Auditorium
Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

Community Board Members (Present): Sarah Chu, Ed Hartzog, Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa, Barry Schneider, Judy Schneider, Debbie Teitelbaum

Community Board Members (Excused): Lori Bores, Sophia James, Lorraine Johnson,

Community Board Public Members (Present): Michael Hoffman

A. Everyone present introduced themselves and their school or where they lived.

B. Presentation by Michael Mirisola, School Construction Authority (SCA), on the upgrading schools in Community District 8. **Many of the comments for procedure on 158 will also apply to the other schools.** They are as follows:

1. PS 158

- Currently contractor is applying for contracts, present bridge around building being removed and replaced with a scaffold that will allow for the construction work that will occur.
- This will be the third time the SCA is working on the building and they decided at this point the most economical approach was just to replace all the brick work; the windows—which need steel supports; stone work and the Cornish and the roof. Windows will be sealed from the outside when removing the brick.
- Also installed will be waterproofing with weep holes at the base of the building. Currently this does not exist so water goes in the building cracking the walls. When work is complete the interior of the building will be re-plastered where necessary.
- Asbestos—the majority is gone from the building during prior work. Any small amounts will follow the proper procedure and be removed at night. A containment tent will be set up to seal off the room and a negative air pressure machine and air monitors will be used. Air in classroom will be tested before students return to class.
- Every night a cleaning crew will clean so when the school opens in the AM it will be in good clean condition.
- Construction Work is expected to start ASAP and will end in 2017.
- They plan is to work 3 summers on this project.
- **No work will be done during school hours when school is in session.** Work is expected to start between 3:30/4 pm in the afternoons. They can work until midnight. Summer hours for work are 7 am to 4:30/5 pm.
- The school has agreed to free up 3 class rooms at a time and move the children around, to make construction easier.
- Noisy work will try and occur during the summer months, when then they remove the brick. However if noisy work needs to occur during school session it will not occur past 10 pm—such as cutting the brick. Then they will quiet down and start to clean up and be finished by midnight.
- During the school session they will be working on one side of the building at a time. During summer they will work on 4 sides of the building.
- The rear yard will be available until about 4 pm then it will be used by the contractor. When in use the contractor's materials will be stored securely in one area.
- It is required that the scaffolding be lit at night and they will try to shield the light so that it does not interfere with any of the residents.
- SCA has agreed to meet with the principals and necessary staff every two weeks. Mr. Mirisola suggested a parent representative should be present at these meetings in response to a question.
- SCA will have a phone number available for any issues that might come up during the course of the work.

- Contractor will be taking parking on the side streets during the project. Some of that parking is dedicated for teachers. They do not know at this time if any spaces will be taken on York Avenue.
 - A resident of Cherokee, which borders on the school asked for a meeting. Mr Mirisola said the SCA already has a written contract with Cherokee Management, but that he would be happy to meet the residents. He requested that the meeting be combined with that of the neighborhood association.
2. PS 183
- This is basically the same work that is listed for PS 158 except: the project will not take as long and will only go through 2 summers; they will not be using steel reinforcements for the windows; the school has only 1 classroom that is freed up while work goes on.
 - The work has started and is expected to end in 2016.
 - Will the school will not lose any of the large play yard during the construction. The Flea Market will continue on Saturdays.
3. PS 198/77
- The work is expected to start spring/Summer as it is out for bid now. Work is expected to take 2 years.
 - Replacing the exterior of this building is totally different from the other buildings as this is a curtain wall construction of metal and glass.
 - The exterior walls of class rooms will be covered as they remove each section.
 - Gymnasium floor has been completed.
 - Water infiltration has been a major problem for the school for a long time. Leiters were installed that go into the alley in back, which will empty into the sewer on 96th Street. The boiler is in the process of being replaced and will be completed before exterior work commences.
4. Wagner Middle School
- Brick work to be replaced is expected to start in the fall and take 1 ½ years.
 - They replacing some of the brick.
 - Impact of the yard for student sports is still to be determined.
 - Parent complained that the sound system installed in the auditorium recently is not working correctly. Mr. Mirisola said he will check with Principal Rehn and have it fixed.
5. General Comments on Community District 8 schools:
- In the few remaining schools, the PCB fixtures will be removed by the end of this calendar year.
 - SCA has remove #6 fuel oil from all schools and is working its way down to #2 oil in the balance of the schools.

C. Old/New Business

1. Madai Velez spoke on the summer internship program at the NY County District Attorney's Office.
 - This program has been in existence for 27 years. This year they are expanded it to cover 10th through 12th grades. They accepted 40 students last year but expect to expand the program this year.
 - It is a 6 week program, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4:30pm, each intern gets paid \$150.00 per week.
 - They cover many functions of the office during the program, such as: mock trials, field trips, working in different areas of the office to get a good understanding of what the A. G. does.
 - They must submit a resume, complete application, do an essay and submit a letter of recommendation. Then an interview follows.
 - Applications are due March 27th.
 - See flyer attached for more information
2. 2nd Teacher/Aide in the classroom was brought up. Council Member Garodnick's Office is working on this and we hope to have a report next month.

D. Future Meeting Dates;

- Monday, April 13: Chess NYC a not-for-profit specializing in education and events
- Monday, May 11: The Windward School

The meeting was adjourned.

Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa and Judith Schneider, Co-Chair, Youth and Education Committee