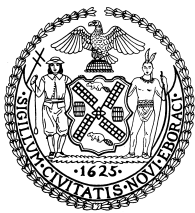


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Youth & Education Committee Meeting
KJ Synagogue Library, Level 1
125 East 85th Street (Between Park & Lex)
Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:30 PM**

Community Board Members (Present): Hattie Quarnstrom-Figerora, Debbie Teitelbaum, Ed Hartzog, David Menegon, Michael Mellamphy, Tricia Shimamura, Sara Solomon, Lynne Shinozaki

Community Board Public Members (Present): Betsy Tiffany, Michael Hoffman

Attendees: 12

Agenda: Presentation on Yorkville East Middle School

I. Introductions

II. Christina Riggio, Principal of Yorkville MS177

- This is the school's second year as a middle school
- The school, which is located on 77th Street and York Avenue, is co-located with PS 158 on the 4th and 5th floor
- There are currently 16 staff members with 140 students in grades 6-7, next year, the school will be grades 6-8 with anticipated 230 students
- The school epitomizes debate to help students develop authentic voice and have arguments that are substantiated
- Since the school is small, the Principal gets to know all students in the school well
- Spanish language classes are offered in all grades
- Students have advisory every morning with a morning circle with academic check in on Tuesdays and Thursdays and sustained silent reading
- There is a STEM curriculum and PE is offered
- Admissions are made on a 50/50 split – 50% of the student body are screened and 50% are limited unscreened. For the limited unscreened population, there is a priority given to those who attend events. For screened cases, potential students are selected based on attendance, teacher recommendation, common core test scores, and a group interview. All potential students can rank the school twice – once as screened and once as limited unscreened. All students who rank the screened choice in the top three are guaranteed an interview.
- Once students have entered, the school does not track students
- The school works with NYC Admissions Solutions and is hiring a full time guidance counselor in anticipation of graduating 8th graders.
- The school partners with Manhattan Youth to offer afterschool programs
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Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Hattie Quarnstorm-Figueroa and Debra Teitelbaum, Co-Chairs