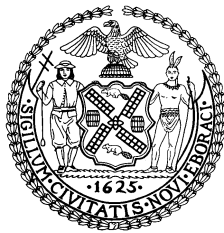


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**The City of New York**  
**Manhattan Community Board 8**  
**Youth & Education Committee**  
**NY Blood Center, 310 East 67th Street, Auditorium**  
**Monday, October 5, 2015 at 6:30 PM**

**Community Board Members (Present):** Debbie Teitelbaum, Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa, Ed Hartzog, Sophia James, David Menegon, Glen Pandolfini, Betsy Tiffany (Public Member)

**Community Board Members (Excused):** Lori Bores

A. Presentation by Sophia James, Community Education Council (CEC)

- **CEC District 2 Town Hall:** On October 14, CEC will hold a District 2 Town Hall meeting with the Chancellor @MS 250 to discuss parent engagement as well as the Chancellor's future plans for the DOE. People can email the CEC with questions/topics for the Chancellor to address.
  - Priorities for the CEC to discuss with the Chancellor include: more diversity within the district schools; admissions to the new middle school at 75 Morton Street; how will the DOE respond to class size; and building IT infrastructure through integrating databases and making them more navigation friendly for parents and educators.
- **75 Morton Street:** Tuesday, October 20: meeting for parents to respond to 75 Morton Street admissions process. Meeting will be at PS 41 on West 11th street 6:30pm. There will be a series of CEC meetings regarding 75 Morton if parents cannot attend on the 20th.
  - 75 Morton will also be a D75 school and will include students with disabilities.
  - There will be a 75 Morton Committee Alliance Committee for parents to be further engaged with the vision of the school. School is planned for opening in September 2017. CEC would like to engage parents from throughout the district.
  - Virtual tours for 75 Morton are starting to be put in place. Principal has not been hired yet.
- **NYC Charter School of the Arts:** There will be a public hearing regarding the New Charter School application for the NYC Charter School of the Arts.
  - The new charter school presented to the CEC for District 1 and District 2 families to open Fall 2016.
  - Plan is to have 102 students in grade 6; 306 students in grades 3-8.
  - District feedback has not been positive. Families feel that a separate charter school is not needed when there are public schools that need the funding and that the proposed program would work better as an after school arts program.
  - A principal spoke at the CEC meeting about how charter schools don't have good track records addressing specialized educational needs for certain students and how the community needs to stay sensitive to helping those children.
  - CEC District 2 passed a resolution in March 2012 stating a moratorium toward charter schools in District 2.
- **Public Safety Officers:** There has been discussion from the NYPD about reducing the presence of school safety officers within the public schools. Community District 8 will not be affected.
  - CEC wrote a resolution urging the NYPD to share relevant information in a timely manner as well as keeping the numbers of officers to a reasonable amount.
- There will be parent conferences for elementary schools at Tweed Courthouse on October 17 from 8am to 1pm
- To stay in the loop, check the CEC website regularly; locations for meetings change
- The Youth and Education Committee decided to post CEC meetings on their future agendas to support the CEC's efforts.

- Sophia will also be the liaison to some Upper East Side schools through the PTA's and School Leadership Teams and will keep our committee posted of any issues. Sophia will also let the CEC members know about our future meetings as well.

B. Old/New Business: Future agenda items discussed.

- Committee will focus on high school students and address college issues over the next few meetings.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa and Debbie Teitelbaum, Co-Chairs, Youth and Education Committee