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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8 Youth & Education Committee Meeting NY Blood Center, 310 East 67 Street, Auditorium Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM

**Community Board Members (Present):** Ed Hartzog, Hattie Quarnstrom, Debbie Teitelbaum **Community Board Members (Excused):** Lori Bores, Deidre Breslin, Jim Clynes, George Fuchs, Lorraine Johnson, Judy Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Sarah Chu

# Community Board Public Members (Present): Michael Hoffman

Community Board Public Members (Excused): Sophia James

**A.** Introductions were made by everyone present.

## B. Presentation by Samantha Kaplan, Yorkville Community School, PS 151

- ■Principal Kaplan provided an overview of the curriculum which is creative and rigorous. After each unit of study, the students participate in a community project which ties into the unit of study.
- The school has partnerships with many organizations to provide enrichment for students, among them including 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y, NY Chess, Asphalt Green, and Wingspan drama.
- The school is growing at a nice steady pace with comfortable enrollment. Currently there are 4 grades (Kindergarten through Third Grade) with 17 classes. The school will grow to Kindergarten to Fifth grade in the next two years.
- ■Active PTA with 47% parent participation.
- ■Yorkville Community School is currently fully staffed and has a nurse, parent coordinator, Assistant Principal.

#### **C.** Old /New business

#### ■*Rezoning*

- A new map came out as the result of the last public commentary to the CEC; however proposed zoning for PS 267 remains the same as the previous version.
- DOE would like CEC to vote on all zoning changes by the end of November; however at the last CEC meeting, some members expressed that they are not ready to vote on the plan at this time.

### ■Update on PS 158

- PS 158 is currently not included in the current zoning plan in front of the CEC.
- Parents at the meeting expressed interest in hearing plans for a middle school in this space.
- Assembly Member Kellner is organizing a meeting with the DOE to advocate for a middle school in that space.

#### **D.** Future Meeting Dates:

■PS 198 will be featured at the next meeting