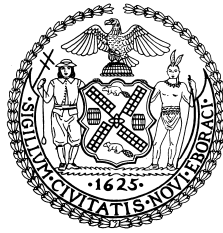


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**The City of New York**  
**Manhattan Community Board 8**  
**Youth & Education Committee Meeting**  
**NY Blood Center, 310 East 67 Street, Auditorium**  
**Monday, December 10, 2012 at 7:00 PM**

**Community Board Members (Present):** Lori Bores, Ed Hartzog, Hattie Quarnstrom, Judy Schneider

**Community Board Members (Excused):** Deidre Breslin, Sarah Chu, Jim Clynes, George Fuchs, Lorraine Johnson, M. Barry Schneider, Debbie Teitelbaum,

**Community Board Public Members (Present):** Sophia James

**Community Board Public Members (Excused):** Michael Hoffman

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

**B. Presentation about PS 198, Principal Nancy Cabero Emerick**

- Principal Cabero comes to PS 198 from Lower Lab elementary school, which is housed in the same building as PS 198, where she was an Assistant Principal. She is also a former student of PS 198.
- PS 198 is a PK-5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary school with 543 registered students. This is 30 more zoned children than last year.
  - There are 26 classes in total including 2 self-contained classes, 3 gifted and talented classes (K to 2), and an integrated collaborative teaching class (ICT) which are classes comprised of 60% general ed and 40% special ed students, on every grade.
- Principal Cabero's goal is for PS 198 to be one of the top public schools in New York City
- Enrichment programs include Asphalt Green coaches, monthly assemblies, Rosie's Theater Kids, Dancing Classrooms NYC, Acting for life. The school was just approved for Title III Supplemental Program for English Language Learners that will focus on developing and increasing academic language in the content areas with emphasis on fitness and nutrition. NYU also provides a math program where participants are selected by lottery and engage in challenging math programs and games.
- There is an emphasis on professional development for staff, which includes Principal observations and Columbia University Teachers College staff developers. Teachers attend seminars and professional development workshops.
- Units of study were introduced to the school by Teachers College in reading and writing and are aligned with the new common core curriculum.
- PS 198 and Lower Lab, which share a building have worked together to share the space, collaborations between the two schools include:
  - Book Buddies program has G&T students from both schools partnered as book buddies
  - Storybook character day brings schools together on October 31<sup>st</sup>

- There is a student council comprised of students of both schools.
- Both schools will be holding a joint fundraiser, International Night on December 13<sup>th</sup> with the proceeds going to both schools.
- Elected officials have been supportive of efforts and have helped the school obtain grants and other support. Assembly Member Dan Quart is currently working with the school to obtain a new copy machine.

**C. Update and Comments on using the space at PS 158 as a Middle School**

- A meeting was held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the DOE with the Manhattan Borough President, Upper East Side elected officials, parents, Deputy Chancellor Marc Sternberg and other members of the Division of Portfolio Planning to discuss putting a middle school in the annex at PS 158.
  - At the meeting, attendees stressed the importance of creating a local middle school on the Upper East Side and the desire for the process to begin immediately
  - DOE expressed that the space at PS 158 is small and may also be needed for any potential overflow in the event that elementary school enrollments increase
  - Another meeting will be held at the DOE in early January to review enrollment trends and DOE analysis
- Matthew Chook, President of the PTA at 267 added that there PTA/SLT members from all ten elementary schools on the Upper East Side at the meeting with the DOE, representing 4,800 school children and approximately 10,000 Upper East Side constituents.
- The Youth and Education meeting will provide updates on the January DOE meeting.

**D. Update on Community District 8 Re-zoning Resolution Passed By CECD2**

- The CEC voted on the zoning resolution which increases the size of PS267's zone and reduces the size of PS 59 and PS 183. (See New Map On Web Site)
- The resolution passed by the CECD2 was read aloud

**E. Old /New business**

- Update on Girls Prep at PS 158: According to the DOE, construction on Girls Prep is on track and they are expected to move back into their space by the end of February.
- The NYC DOE Mid-February break will be cut February 20--22 to accommodate loss classroom time caused by Hurricane Sandy.

**F. Future Meeting Dates**

- January 14: Featuring PS 183 + Planning for February Meeting Discussion of PS 158 as a Middle School
- February 11: Featuring PS 267 + Discussion on PS 158 as a Middle School
- Reminder to the community to check out the CB8M.COM website. Go to Committees on menu bar and scroll down to Youth & Education. Click on that and scroll down: Community Updates—The first update will be the current re-zoning map that is being proposed. The second map will be the existing zoning map, currently in place. Also you will find the minutes from prior meetings, if you were unable to attend.

Hattie Quarnstrom and Judith Schneider  
Co-Chairs, Youth and Education Committee