

Education Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, June 20, 2017  
6PM-8PM  
Cedric McClester, Chairman

Motion: Community Board 2 will provide a letter of support for the concept of a charter school which will be located in School District 12 which encompasses some schools that are located in Community Board 2.

1. Emily A. Kim, representative of Zeta Charter Schools is requesting a Letter of Support for a proposed public charter school to be located in the confines of Bronx School District 12. This community board has some schools that are in School District 12 in its area.
2. There is no current physical location for this school.
3. Ms. Kim is seeking institutional and philanthropy funding.
4. She wants to create a school that has individual instruction for struggling students and labs for advanced students.
5. She wants to borrow space from the Department of Education for two years. The Committee asked her if she knew of any space in the area of Community Board 2 and asked her to find out if there was space.
6. Her plan is to start with Kindergarten and First Grade ( also Pre Kindergarten).
7. Ms. Kim will be the Director. Her previous experience was as an administrator, with some teaching experience , at Success Academy working with High School students. She has never taught elementary school students.
8. There was a discussion by Board members and Ms. Kim regarding Success Academy and its policies regarding students who did not achieve. The leader of Success Academy, Eva Moskowitz, has had both negative and positive press. Ms. Kim stated that she has left Success Academy, and this venture is not connected with that organization.
9. When asked about the quality of the proposed teaching staff, Ms. Kim referred to a training of teachers according to the specifics of the proposed school. In a traditional public school, teachers do get licensed and are expected to prepare and enhance their pedagogical experience by going for a Masters Degree.
10. The Education Committee had a quorum, and so did the Youth Committee, under Chairman Larry Robinson. The request for a Letter of Support passed with one education committee member casting a NO vote, and one education committee member abstaining. Altagracia made the motion, Reverend Moses seconded the motion to provide a letter of support.

Silvia Alemany of Literacy Inc. spoke about her program. LINCK has been active for more than 20 years. The organization works with children from Kindergarten through Third Grade doing Read Alouds in schools, community

centers, and libraries. There is a metric component. Upper grade students read to students in the lower grades. Many of those upper grade students, were read to when they were in the lower grades. LINCK works closely with parents, training them to Read Aloud. PS 333 , in our community district participates in the Read Aloud program,.

There will be a Health Fair, Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hunts Point Recreation Center. This was an announcement by LINCK spokesperson, Silvia Alemany.

Boxes containing books have been placed in Laundrymats. Parents can read to their children while doing their laundry.

Respectfully submitted by;

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Recorder for Education Committee