

Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

Community Board 8 and Community Board 9
Joint Education Committee Report
April 7, 2015

Attendance:

Community Board 8

Sharon Wedderburn
Patricia Scantlebury
Xeerxeema Jordan
Phil Hawkins
Adam Bunkeddeko

Alli Lesovoy
Kwasi Mensah
Michael Cox
Betty Davis

Community Board 9

Fred Baptiste – Committee Chairperson
Ada Terry – CB9
Beverly Newsome - President Ebbets Field Tenants Association

Guests

Rhea Smith)
Zeilika Bumpus
Claudette Agard (CEJ),

Nicole Job (President – CEC #17-Brooklyn),
William R. Howard (West Indian Day Carnival
Association)

The following was discussed:

- 1) Brooklyn Children’s Museum (BCM) changes and possible impact to nearby community given the considerable tax levy dollars expended and to be expended for the museum’s benefit.
- 2) Developing a Five Point Plan for Schools
What do we need to do to have our students be competitive in the 21st century?
- 3) Collaborative Action Inviting the following to a community board general meeting for updates and information:
 - A) A representative from the CUNY Start program. CUNY Start accepts students who have been admitted because they have a high school diploma or GED but are not college ready based upon their assessment tests. There is a full time program at Medgar Evers College. The program provides intensive preparation in academic reading/writing, math and “college success.”
- 4) Community School located at Ebbets Field middle school.
 - Social service provider is “The Door”
 - Early community outreach was ineffectual as demonstrated by the absence of awareness about school kickoff between the school located across the street from the Ebbets Field Apartments and its tenant association

Query to the Executive Committee:

- What are your thoughts on the discussion items in 1, 2 and 3?
- Can a meeting be organized between BCM and key stakeholders?
- Provide letter of support for Piano in the Park

Proposals for Significant Changes in School Utilization Regulations

- Proposed Expansion of Success Academy Charter School in several Brooklyn schools.

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**Respectfully submitted,
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