

Community Board #3

655 Rossville Avenue
Staten Island, N. Y. 10309

Youth and Education Committee Minutes

January 6, 2010

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Harold Kozak, *Chairman Youth & Education*
Kasey Gaeta
James Mahaney

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Daniel Ajello
Verna Lauria

GUESTS:

Dwayne Pinnock, Jewish Community Center, Reality Check Coordinator
Amy Schaub, New York Public Library, Tottenville Branch

Harold Kozak commenced the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

The Committee discussed the advantages of smaller classroom sizes in Public Schools versus Charter Schools. They agreed that smaller class size is imperative to better student achievement. Harold discussed the lawsuit by the United Federation of Teachers against the Department of Education for not reducing class size in Public Schools with funds that were appropriated. The Committee members also noted that Charter Schools have more motivated students and parental involvement. Kasey suggested that math and reading scores of students at Charter Schools was a more valid way of evaluating Charter Schools and comparing them to Non-Charter Schools.

Dwayne Pinnock, Reality Check Coordinator at the Jewish Community Center, made a presentation about this New York City Health Department funded program which aims to make people, between the ages of 13-18, aware of how the cigarette industry targets them to purchase their products. He stated Reality Check seeks to dissuade the movie industry from showing people smoking in films rated P, PG, or PG-13 (films with smoking in them would be rated R) and also to stop small delicatessens from posting signs advertising the sale of cigarettes . He presented two resolutions to the Committee and will bring these before the General Board on January 26. Community Board 1 and 2 have previously signed off on both of these resolutions.

Kasey Gaeta MOTIONED; “that Community Board 3 sign off on the resolution of smoke free movies and the resolution on tobacco point of sale advertising”.

SECONDED: James Mahaney

VOTE: 3-0-0 MOTION PASSED.

Amy Schaub, New York Public Library Tottenville Branch, distributed fliers about the Teen Lounge for teens 12-18 years old, Book Discussions and Internet Workshops for Adults available, located at the Tottenville Branch,

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Kozak, Chairman