

Community Board 7
Youth & Education Committee Meeting
March 21 2022

Agenda:

1. Presentation from Emily Shapiro, Project Director at PS 958, new school at 36th Street and 5th Ave.

Minutes:

1. Emily Shapiro shared her background working with students with disabilities in the school system
 - a. Over twenty years as a para, teacher, administrator
2. Shared mission, values and core values of school (in draft)
3. Enrollment plans
 - a. September 2022
 - i. 3K, ICT 15:2:2
 - ii. PreK, ICT 18:2:2, GenEd 18:1:1 + SEIT
 - iii. K, AIMS 6:2:1, BCBA, Horizons 8:1:1, ICT 20:2, GenEd 22:1
 - iv. Adding one grade per year - by third grade expect all students to be ICT
 - b. 62% of 3K applicants are from Sunset Park
4. Questions:
 - a. After school programs for SWD - city funds after school programs but they don't go far enough to service SWD
 - b. Additional safety concerns for 36th St and 5th ave
 - i. Safety signs approaching the school on fifth ave in both directions
 - ii. Blocking one side of gas station on 36th Street
 - iii. Left turn signal on 36th and 5th Ave, DOT wants to wait till school opens to do a study
 - c. Choice school enrollment - what does that mean for this community?
 - d. Naming of the school after Dr. Antonia Pantoja -
 - i. Mindful of the DOE process and open to it once school officially opens. Very interested.