HUNDREDS OF school supporters came out to the Panel for Education Policy meeting in Brooklyn last week to urge its members, who are mostly controlled by the mayor, to vote against plans to close 22 city schools and co-locate new schools inside many more.

Panel Votes to Shrink DeWitt Clinton

Decision Could Mean End for 115-Year-Old School

By ALEX KRATZ

DeWitt Clinton High School boasts a deep roster of famous alumni that includes comedians, athletes, authors, judges, politicians, Pulitzer and Nobel Prize winners. But when it came down to it just before 1 a.m. on March 12 inside the cavernous auditorium at Brooklyn Technical High School, a total of five supporters, three teachers and two parents, stuck it out until the bitter end.

That’s when the Panel for Education Policy, which must approve major policy and school changes proposed by the Department of Education, voted 8 to 4 to shrink 115-year-old Clinton to about half the size it was just a few years ago and open up two new small schools inside the building known as the Castle on Mosholu Parkway.

Though Clinton is not new to major changes — it only began accepting girls 30 years ago — most people involved with the school believe this decision will mean the beginning of the end for one of the city’s most storied schools.

“I’m afraid it is,” said Principal Geraldine Ambrosio before leaving the hearing at about 10:30 p.m.

Since 2004, the DOE has shuttered or started to phase out 22 high schools in the Bronx and replaced them with multiple smaller themed schools. It’s only a matter of time, Clinton supporters say, that their school will be among those lost to the small school movement.

Just 13 years ago, Clinton was named one of the top 100 high schools in the entire country. But since Mayor Bloomberg took over the school system in 2002, Clinton’s performance statistics have seen a steady decline.

World Traveler

Back in the Bronx 30 Years Later

By SARA REGALADO

Sometime toward the middle of a record-breaking journey by foot through the Americas three decades ago, George Meegan found himself walking up Perry Avenue in the Bronx. Now, some 30 years after his 18,019-mile walk from Tierra del Fuego in Argentina to Alaska’s Point Barrow, which earned him global notoriety, Meegan is back, stopping through on what has become a lifelong trek.

Meegan is in New York trying to drum up buzz for a documentary he’s working on. Looking for a place to stay, he called up Norwood native Evan Camp, whose family became friends with Meegan on his journey years ago.

“I’m back where I am,” Meegan said. “And this all connects with the longest journey, in fact, because I came up Perry Avenue, and of course, was in this park,” he says, pointing to Williamsbridge Oval Park.

Now in his 60s, Meegan walks with sturdy, brown shoes. He has a long stride and moves quickly with his head up. He has an eager smile, laugh lines, small eyes that disappear.
**BREAKING BRONX**

**Detailed Crime Stats Bill Gets Hearing**

Bronx Councilman Fernando Cabrera’s proposed legislation to make detailed crime statistics more widely available, which has evolved since its inception nearly two years ago to take advantage of new mapping technology, is getting close to making it onto the floor for a vote.

Earlier this month, the City Council held its first hearing on Cabrera’s legislation, which was inspired by reporting and editorials by the Norwood News about the availability of neighborhood crime statistics, commonly known as “sector stats.”

While the police department regularly publishes precinct-wide crime statistics, it also produces more detailed statistics, which doesn’t make public, that apply to each sector or neighborhood, within each precinct.

Cabrera’s new proposal would require the Department of Information Technology to create an interactive map that would display crime data shown to the street where the crime occurred. This way anybody in the city could see how many and what types of crimes are occurring on their own block. Similar maps have been created in cities like Baltimore and Chicago.

At the hearing, representatives from DoIT said the technology would be relatively easy to create — they have done essentially the same thing for 311 complaints — it would just be a matter of getting hold of the data. The DoIT reps said the NYPD already inputs the information into a computer. They would just need to store it in a “data warehouse” where DoIT could access it.

The NYPD, which didn’t appear at the hearing and is notoriously cagey with information, is neutral on the plan, Cabrera says. Paul Browne, the NYPD’s chief spokesperson, did not return requests for comment.

“It’s all about being able to target our resources more efficiently,” Cabrera says. The NYPD uses these stats, he says. So should elected officials, nonprofits and other agencies.

Clergy Leaders Press Klein on Progressive Minimum Wage

A group of Bronx clergy leaders held a rally last week at Bronx Borough Hall to demand that the New York State Senate adopt an Assembly-approved plan to increase the state’s minimum wage to $9 an hour and make the rate tied to inflation.

The group is specifically calling on Senate co-leader Jeff Klein, a Bronx Democrat whose Independent Democratic Conference shares power with Republicans, to push for the indexed wage increase, which passed in the Democratic-controlled Assembly and is supported by the 27 Democrats in the Senate. Klein’s group includes five Democrats.

Originally, Cabrera’s legislation required the NYPD to provide the sector stats to each community board on a regular, periodic basis. But Cabrera felt that methodology might create a “bottleneck” at the community board. Besides, he says now “we have the technology to do something better and make everything public information.”

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Bedford Park Woman Killed Crossing Parkway

Anna Durrett, a spokesperson for Klein, says the co-leader is immersed in negotiations about minimum wage and other budget talks and that he’s on record saying he supported a higher minimum wage that is tied to inflation. But, she said, Klein was working to come up with a bipartisan compromise on minimum wage and that the most important thing was to pass some kind of a wage hike now.

“It’s most important that the legislature actually do something (to increase the minimum wage),” Durrett said.

Durrett said a compromise might include tax breaks for businesses to help off-set some of the cost increases that would come with a minimum wage hike. She said the base amount of the hike had yet to be determined and that Gov. Cuomo, also a Democrat, had not included an inflation index in his own budget plan.

Rev. Que English, co-founder of the Bronx Clergy Roundtable, directed her comments at Klein who lauded the passage of gun control regulations earlier this year as proof of his coalition’s effectiveness.

“What is there to negotiate? If you can pass gun control laws, surely you can raise the minimum wage to $9 per hour with indexing.”

**Public and Community Meetings**

- The 52ND PRECINCT COMMUNITY COUNCIL will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at the Bedford Park Senior Center, 243 E. 204th St. For more information, call (718) 220-5824.
- THE CROTON FACILITY MONITORING COMMITTEE will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 21 at the DEP office, 3660 Jerome Ave.
- The BEDFORD MOSHOLU COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION meets at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, at 400 E. Mosholu Parkway So., Apt. #B1 (lobby floor).
- COMMUNITY BOARD 7 committee meetings will be held on the following dates at the board office, 229A E. 161st St., 11:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted: Community Relations/Long-term Planning, Thursday, March 21; Land Use/Zoning, Thursday, March 28; Youth/Safety, Thursday, March 28 (St. James Rec Center, 2530 Jerome Ave.). All Community Board meetings are open to the public. For more information, call (718) 933-5660 or visit www.BronxCB7.info.
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Last year, the school received an “F” on its school progress report and only graduated about half of its students in four years. Ambrosio and others said the school’s woes coincided directly with the DOE’s emphasis on creating new, smaller schools. Clinton began seeing more and more “over-the-counter” students — students who didn’t apply to other schools or were kicked out of other schools. Last year, Clinton’s population included 20 percent English Language Learners and 19 percent special education students. Both types of students struggle to graduate on time.

In her testimony at the hearing, Clinton math teacher Kate Martin-Bridge broke down the numbers for the Panel, saying the school suffered from overcrowding and an influx of unprepared students. Just four or five years ago, she said, Clinton was operating at 160 percent capacity. This fall’s freshman class, she said, contained 649 students who didn’t meet state standards on eighth grade tests.

“We will educate anybody,” she said. “It doesn’t matter to the teachers where the kids are, but you use those statistics to beat us.” DOE officials countered that the schools slated for closure or co-location, like Clinton, were compared to other schools with similar populations and were given ample time and assistance, through the “engagement process,” to improve.

“When it doesn’t work, we have a responsibility to do something about it,” said deputy chancellor Marc Sternberg, who repeatedly talked about his experience opening up a successful small school, Bronx Lab, on the Evander Childs campus.

But when asked if the DOE provided any additional help or resources to help the school improve, Ambrosio said simply: “No.”

English teacher Alan Ettman, Clinton’s chapter leader for the United Federation of Teachers union, said the DOE is supposed to engage with the school through its Network leader, which works with the School Leadership Team. But Ettman said that hasn’t been the case. He doesn’t even know who his Network leader is.

The school community came up with a plan to help turn around Clinton without shrinking its size or adding two new small schools, but it was never seen by anyone at the DOE, Ettman said.

Ettman and others said it’s the student’s turn to lose out when Clinton is forced to cut programs and teachers.

“DeWitt Clinton has a proud tradition,” said Councilman Oliver Koppell who spoke earlier in the evening. “Don’t doom it to failure by putting two new schools in that you don’t even have a plan for.”

As night turned into morning in Brooklyn, Martin-Bridge, Ettman and science teacher Harry Brandt huddled together near the back of the auditorium as if bracing for impact. The Panel has never voted against a DOE proposal and many speakers tried to shame members into voting against the plans. It didn’t do any good.

A few rows over from the three teachers, were parents Abdool Abdool, a parent of a former Clinton student, and Nana Obeng, whose son is a freshman at Clinton.

“They’re all sycophants,” Obeng said as he awaited a decision. “I want to see that it’s true, that they’ve already made up their minds before they got here.”

When the vote came down, all five Clinton supporters quietly got up and left the building.
A new effort in the Bronx wants to pay you to use staircases for exercise.

Lawrence Murphy and Alvin Niere, the duo responsible for the fledgling Bronx Steps Up program, see the initiative tackling two goals: promoting exercise and healthy living to combat obesity and, at the same time, raising money to renovate a deteriorating borough treasure, the Bronx’s street steps.

The project was conceived when Murphy, an architect at Montefiore Medical Center, noticed the number of dilapidated staircases during morning commutes on the 4 train.

“The Bronx is very hilly,” Murphy says. “They needed these stairs to get from one side to another, wherever you were going. It’s funny because that is one
of the unique characteristics of the Bronx.” But now, he says, “They’ve been deteriorating for 30 years, no love given to them.”

Murphy began thinking of ways to beautify the staircases and get more people to use them, eventually creating the urban design and health initiative.

The need for both is glaring, Murphy says. The stairs are crumbling and some 70 percent of Bronxites are considered overweight leading to high rates of diabetes and heart disease.

Niere, also an architect for Monte-fiore, is on board to introduce social media technology and develop a GPS-based app that tracks participants as they navigate each staircase. Walkers using the app would get credit or money to put in their bank accounts or to a worthy cause or back into the maintenance of the stairs.

“Through the app, we would create incentives for those who walk the steps to either personally gain from these incentives or to give back to the community,” Niere says.

The program is for people of all ages, but the “primary focus” is on children 10 to 19 years of age. “Prevention is good medicine,” Murphy says. “It’s a no brain-er. You pay them early to stay healthy.”

Lawrence Fauntleroy, another Monte-fiore employee and youth basketball coach, said the health benefits of using the stairs are numerous. “Endurance, strength and conditioning, those are the main things,” said Fauntleroy.

His Riverside Hawks basketball team participated in the initial Bronx Steps Up test run a couple of weeks ago.

For Murphy, improved health, means improved lives. “The healthier one feels, the more likely they will feel better about their lives and about themselves,” he says.

Murphy is hoping to raise money through a series of fundraising walks, internet funding platforms and collaboration with New York’s medical community.

Editor’s Note: For more information about the program, email thebronxstep-up@gmail.com.
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**Health and Wellness Summit**
The Bronx Health and Wellness Summit will be held April 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Fordham University, 441 E. Fordham Rd. and will feature CBS medical reporter, Dr. Max Gomez, as the keynote speaker. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register, visit www.bronxboropres.nyc.gov.

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- Pregones Theatre, 571-575 Walton Ave., presents Grados Inefables, featuring pianist performing contemporary classical music, March 23 at 8 p.m.; and The Harlem Hellfighters on a Latin Beat, concert featuring jazz, ragtime, and danza, March 30 at 8 p.m. For more information, call (718) 589-2230.

- Casita Maria, 928 Simpson St., presents a hip-hop poetry performance, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. (free). For more information, call (718) 589-2230 ext. 6193.

- The Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance (BAAD), 841 Barreto St., 2nd floor, presents Sole Sisters, featuring contemporary dance followed by an opening night party, March 23 at 8 p.m. ($20). For more information, call (718) 842-5223.

**Events**

- The Bronx Academy of Arts and Dance (BAAD), 841 Barreto St., 2nd floor, presents Love and Sex at All Stages of Life, a celebration of Freda Rosen, March 28, with a dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a panel and film (free); Lucky, documentary of a young Bronx lesbian, March 29 at 8 p.m. (free); and Stud Life, film of friendship between black lesbian and white gay man, April 4.

**Free Music at NYPL**

The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents Nylon Wound, classical guitar duo performing original compositions, March 23 at 2:30 p.m.; and A Latin Jazz Concert, featuring the Papo Pepin Quartet, March 30 at 2:30 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

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The New York Botanical Garden presents The Orchid Show, in the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, featuring a viewing, music and complimentary cocktail with admission, Saturdays, March 23, April 6, 13 and 20 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. (tickets are $20/members; $30/non members). For more information, and to reserve, visit www.nybg.org.

The Woodlawn Conservancy (formerly Friends of the Woodlawn Cemetery) offers Eighty Days, book talk and signing, March 24 at 1 p.m. For more information, call (718) 842-5223.

■ The Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, presents Family Affair: Spring Has Sprung, with art- and food-mak ing activities for children 12 and under, March 30 from 1 to 4 p.m.; Readings & Conversations, author discusses his poetry, April 3 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the north wing lobby; and First Fridays, featuring the 6th annual collaboration with the Havana Film Festival, April 5, from 6 to 10 p.m. For more information, call (718) 681-6000 or visit bronxmuseum.org.

Exhibits

■ The Bronx Museum of the Arts, 1040 Grand Concourse, presents Joan Semmel - A Lucid Eye, self portraits of a female aging through her 80s, through June 9. Also featured are Honey, I Rearranged the Collection (artwork from the museum’s permanent collection) and Bronx Lab: Style Wars (featuring graffiti and its relation to style), both through June 2. For more information, call (718) 681-6000.

■ The Bronx County Historical Society’s Museum of Bronx History at the Valentine-Varian House, 3266 Bambridge Ave., presents Hail to the Chief and Hooray for Our Side, through April 14. For more information, call (718) 881-8900.

■ The Bronx Council on the Arts presents free, In the Realm of Dreams & Fears at Hostos Community College’s Longwood Art Gallery, main gallery, through May 1. For more information and a detailed schedule, call (718) 549-3200.

■ Lehman College Art Gallery, 250 Bedford Pl. Blvd., W., presents Contemporary Cartographies, expressing an array of ideas in various styles, through May 11, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 960-8731.

Library Events

■ The Bronx Library Center, at 310 E. Kingsbridge Rd., presents programs for adults including Computer Classes at 2 p.m. (in-person registration required); Intro to Computers, March 21; Single Stop/Government Benefits at 9 a.m.; March 21, 26 and 28; Featured Database: Lawhelp.org: (online registration required), offering a variety of legal help, March 25 at 2 p.m.; and Mango Language Program: (online registration required), to learn one of more than 40 languages, March 26 at 10 a.m. Children can enjoy Global Partners Junior at 4 p.m. (ages 5 to 12): phone or in-person registration required), March 27 and April 3; Preschool Story Time at 11 a.m.; March 28 and April 3; Films: March 26 and April 2 at 4 p.m.; The Frog Prince: (ages 3 to 12): show with puppets and music, March 30 at 2 p.m.; Bunny Basket Making: March 21 at 4 p.m.; and Flower Making, April 4 at 4 p.m. Foreigners can attend free English Classes, March 25 at noon and 6 p.m. For more information, call (718) 579-4244/46/57 or visit www.nypl.org.

■ The Moshulu Library, at 285 E. 205th St., offers for seniors and adults: Knitting Circle: Thursdays at 3 p.m.; and Wii Program: Tuesdays at 3 p.m. Children can enjoy Film: (ages 5 to 12): Wreck-It Ralph,” March 25 at 4:30 p.m.; Popsquawks: (ages 18 months to 5 years), featuring puppets, music, magic and more, March 26 at 11 a.m.; Read Aloud at 4 p.m.: (ages 3 to 12), April 1; Toddler Story Time at 10:30 a.m.: (ages 18 to 36 months), March 21 and April 4; Baby Story Time: (ages 18 months), April 2 at 11 a.m.; and Arts and Crafts: (ages 8 +), March 26 at 3 p.m. Teens/young adults can join NakhaChitra: Create Art With Your Fingernails: (all materials provided), March 21 at 4 p.m.; and Test Strategies: with Kaplan representative, April 4 at 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 882-8239.

■ The Jerome Park Library, at 118 Eames Place, offers Craftnoon: (all materials provided), April 3 at 4 p.m.; and Cooking at 4 p.m.; March 21, 28 and April 4; both for teens/young adults. Also offered is Pajama Party: (ages 5 to 12), March 25 at 4 p.m.; and The Frog Prince: (ages 3 to 12), show with puppets and music, March 26 at 4 p.m. For more information, call (718) 549-5200.

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