

To the people of SoHo:

As a community, we have been given the challenge and the opportunity to decide what kind of public school we will have for our children. We have been told that if our community comes up with a feasible plan in June, the political-powers-that-be will allow us to put it into action.

The GREENWICH VILLAGE CHARRETTE is the instrument to formulate that plan. For the past eight weeks, workshops and discussion groups have been examining and exploring every phase of conventional and alternative educational means. The actual Charrette is an intensive brainstorming session scheduled for June 4, 5 & 6, and charged with the responsibility for coming up with a feasible plan. The Charrette will involve--and has the sanction of--the Central Board of Education, the District School Board, the Community Planning Board, and other agencies of the City, including health and other services and resources.

Simultaneous discussion groups will meet in different rooms in PS 41 during the Charrette. Here, alternative plans in various disciplines will be introduced into the groups by workshop leaders and invited consultants in representative fields. A consensus of each of these groups will then be brought to meetings of all the groups together for further consensus. Everyone is invited to attend the final decision-making meeting in which official representatives from those city agencies concerned will participate.

Your help--as an important part of our community--is vital. Some of you are already involved as individuals. But that is not enough. We, those parents and community people who believe in public education, who believe in community control, who believe that the educational process in our city should be a constructive force in the lives of our children--we must contribute our ideas, our skills and resources, and our involvement in the decision-making process, the Charrette itself.

The South Village, your SoHo area, once supported a number of public elementary schools. Through the years, the parochial and private schools, along with the political climate, left us with a single public elementary school serving the entire lower west side of Manhattan from the Battery to 16th St.

Last year, we--the community as a whole--forced the Board of Education to give us a building (PS 3 at Hudson & Grove Streets) to serve as an annex to relieve the tremendous overcrowding at PS 41. Working as a community, we not only got a building, we were even able to implement some innovative educational concepts into the building.

Now, we again have the opportunity as a community to make ourselves heard. We have been promised 1.6 million dollars to renovate the building to suit the educational programs we come up with. We have a chance to use our schools, instead of being forced, as many of us have, into private or alternative schools.

The creative people of SoHo have a particular contribution to make, inasmuch as you are both knowledgeable and verbal as to what is wrong with our schools and what could be right with them. At last we have the chance to show our political "muscle" in the field of education. We can design our curriculum as well as our building. This is an opportunity we must not allow to pass us by.

You don't have to be a parent to have an interest in our schools. A school is a resource of the community, and should serve the needs of all within it. BECOME A PART OF YOUR CHARRETTE.

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***IMPORTANT *** DATES *** SAVE *** IMPORTANT DATES *** SAVE ***

- November 19 at P.S. 3, Rm 109 - Executive Board Meeting
- November 28 at NYU Loeb Student Center, Rm 517 - Executive Board Meeting
- *December 5 at P.S. 3 - School Community Council Meeting
- December 12 at NYU - Executive Board Meeting
- *December 14 at P.S. 3 - WINTER FAIR - starts at 6 p.m.
- December 19 at NYU - Executive Board Meeting

All meetings of the Executive Board are open to the members of the School Community Council. All meetings will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m.

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My fellow members of the School Community Council of P.S.3:

The School Community Council is the structure for participation of the school community to implement the physical planning, and the planning of administrative and curricular innovations in accord with the principles and objectives evolved in the Greenwich Village Charrette. In addition, the Council is the representative organization of parents possessing the rights and responsibilities generally accorded to parents associations. Each of you is accorded membership in the Council by virtue of your status either as parents, faculty, or interested members of the general community.

The Executive Committee of the Council has the power to make recommendations to the Council and acts on any matter requiring action of the Council between meetings, subject to the review of the Council. As required by our By-Laws, we elected the Executive Committee at our Annual Meeting on October 26, 1973.

PARENTS

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COMMUNITY

Kathy Biesada
Evelyn Darer
Brian Sutton-Smith

The organizational meetings of the Executive Committee were held on October 31 and November 8, to elect the officers who are to function as officers of both the Executive Committee and Council, and to establish procedures to effectively coordinate our activities for the forthcoming year. The officers elected:

President	Maurice A. Reichman	31 West 12th St.	909-8129
Vice-President	Lee Rosenfeld	61 Jane Street	WA 4-7972
Secretary	Kathy Biesada	61 West 10th St.	AL 4-1876
Treasurer	Sam Wortzel	229 East 12th St.	477-7265

The Executive is an integral part of the Council. The ultimate success and survival of our school depends upon the interrelationship and coordination between Executive and Council, and the fullest participation possible by each one of us.

Six major interest areas have been grouped by function, and each group is to be convened and coordinated by a member of the Executive, who is charged with the responsibility of insuring proper function of each unit within the group. These groups are:

Finance - Sam Wortzel, Treasurer, 229 East 12 St.	477-7265
Administration - Kathy Biesada, Secretary, 61 West 10th St.	AL 4-1876
Volunteers & Class Parents - Lee Rosenfeld, VP, 61 Jane St.	WA 4-7972
External Affairs - Hal Reichwald, 1 University Place	OR 4-3385
Internal Affairs - F. Michler Bishop Jr., 237 West 11th St.	255-4167
Public Relations & Communications - Lois Bonfiglio, 117 Waverly Pl.	674-8349

The units within each group will be composed of and mostly chaired by non-Executive members of the Council.

In addition, we have established a Problem Panel to be composed of 3-5 persons to function individually in the nature of an ombudsman, dealing with problems unique to a small number of persons or localized within one class. The Panel will be independent of the Executive. Ross Basch, 100 Hleecker St., 228-8817, is the liaison between the Executive and the Problem Panel.

All of us in the Executive look forward to working with each of you in this forthcoming year to insure that P.S. 3 will realize the expectations and hopes we all hold for our school.

Sincerely,
Maurice A. Reichman, President