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Youth and Education September 23, 2024

Present: A. Torres, N. Nunez, M. Fludd, H. Guy

Absent: S. Woods, J. Thomas

Guests: A. Baston, R. Bieder

The meeting began with an introduction of our team to new board member, Dr. Herman Guy and a description of the work/activities of the Youth and Education Committee. We expressed that our committee has presentations on schools and programs that impact youth, advocacy on important issues impacting youth and schools, as well as administering award programs for middle school and high school graduates.

NYC Ferry representative Anika Batson provided a presentation on the new discounted fare program for students. It is available for high school students and must be reapplied for every year. This differs from the discounted fare program for seniors and disabled persons that once approved, is permanent. She provided flyers on how to apply and stated that she is available to table at any events so that she can help people register for the student discount program or any of the other discounted fare programs.

The committee concerns noted in the community included the need for more school safety agents at Lehman High School, the need for air conditioning in the auditorium, gym and cafeteria at IS 192 campus, school bus transportation issues, lack of free public afterschool programs for PreK and K, etc.

The committee discussed upcoming goals for the year including a) increasing the attendance of constituents from neighboring schools, principals. b) increasing participation of applicants for middle and high schools for the scholarships/award programs in upcoming year c) Bring representatives from the Office of Pupil Transportation to discuss school bus issues in the community d) Bring representatives from the Office of Food and Nutrition Services to discuss food concerns e) Address community concerns regarding schools, as it arises. f) Increase our visibility by tabling at local community events and engage community members about our work.

Ms. Sylvia Nunez attended as representative from District 8 and provided flyers about upcoming events such as CAR-nival on October 26, Listening and Learning Tours with Superintendent Joynt and more.

