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# BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## **EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE**

Chair:	Leurys Acosta, Education, Youth, & Libraries
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	November 12, 2024
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Library Center
	310 E Kingsbridge Rd, Bronx, NY 10458
Members	✓ Leurys Acosta ✓ Adaline Walker-Santiago
In Attendance:	✓ Tayna Pena _ Kayla Owusu ✓ Yuleika Ventura
	✓ Khadija Kolya _ Jhenelle Robinson
Minutes done by:	Leurys Acosta

#### **Minutes:**

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the meeting were read
- II. Introductions & Attendance was taken Quorum was met
- III. Review of Previous Minutes Minutes approved
- **IV.** New Business

#### A. Literacy Inc.- Arisbel Villa, Community Engagement Specialist

- 1. Arisbel presented and shared information about Literacy Inc. and the programs they provide for our community.
- 2. They focus on early literacy advocacy in 3K and Pre K schools.
- 3. Arisbel shared some community challenges which include but are not limited to: low parent engagement, an increasing number of non-verbal children and behavioral issues
- 4. Literacy Inc. provides diverse literacy experiences that go beyond traditional books, such as community walks and interactive activities.

### B. Education Town hall / Public Hearing brainstorm

- 1. The committee discussed what issues and concerns could be addressed at a community town hall
  - a) What are Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos' priorities?



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- b) What is her team doing to address family engagement?
- 2. Other issues raised included:
  - a) Child screen time awareness and safe app usage.
  - b) Free access to preparatory courses for specialized exams and more parent workshops in the community.
  - c) After school options to keep the youth busy and engaged, and more programming for girls.
  - d) Overcrowded schools, school buses, hungry children, etc.
- V. Next Meeting Date: January 14, 2025
- VI. Discussion on Next Agenda
  - A. Follow up on town hall progress
- VII. Adjournment: Meeting is adjourned