



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

September 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Janelle Harper, Julio Quinones Jr

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The youth & education committee represents the community's interests with regards to education and programs that target the youth and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Department of Education including Parent Advocates, PTA's, Educators and Principals, School Safety, the Administration for Children Services, the District Attorney's Office, NYC department of Youth & Development and local organizations and nonprofits.

II. Speakers

A. Vanessa Ruiz, School District 8

District 8 is looking forward to inviting various local D8 schools (36 schools in D8, CB9 covers most) to present at future Y&E committee meetings similar to last fiscal year. 2nd Annual Fall CAR-NIVAL will take place on Oct 26th in front of PS 182, 10am-1pm. This event was schedule to take place last year but was canceled due to inclement weather. This event is a play on the trunk or treat events but District 8 wanted to be inclusive of all. This event will also allow students to obtain additional school supplies needed for the fall. The event is free to all and in the past has had free ice cream and hot dogs until supplies last. Various community partners will be in attendance including the NYPL book mobile and the event will include contests and performances. The previous event hosted 800 residents. District 8 is still looking for potential partners and event sponsors.

District 8 Superintendent hosts annual Fall Listening & Learning Tours. This year's tours will take place on September 23rd 9:30-10:30AM at PS62 at 660 Fox Street and September 26th 9:30-10:30AM at PS36 at 1070 Castle Hill Ave. These meetings host agendas set by parents where local issues are discussed. CB9 plans to be in attendance at the Sept 26th event.

Concern about school food and menu was discussed at committee. As per Ms. Ruiz menu is determined via testing kitchens. Some schools are trying to take other initiatives to provide food variety such as Halal options but otherwise, school food menu is determined citywide. Schools with eligible population can apply for Halal Kitchens. Concern was raised about After School Programs at NYC Schools. Ms. Ruiz explained that not all schools offer after school programs as these are run by CBOs inside school buildings and these need to requested by parents with a demonstrated need by the number of requests.

B. Erica Woods, Program Director - Jobs Plus

Bronx Works presentation included their mission and overview of services. Bronx Works mission is to help individuals and families improve their economic and social wellbeing. They have over 50 locations throughout the Bronx and provide services for residents of

Courlandt, Moore, Betances, Melrose, Sack Wern, Clason Point Gardens, Monroe and Soundview Houses. Jobs Plus offers residents employment services and occupational skills training, financial incentives to make work pay and community support for work. Upcoming Events and Initiatives include: GED/HSE Prep and Free College Services for youth 18-24, Flyers added to CB9 email bulletin.

School District 8 and Bronx Works were able to begin collaboration as District 8 has 2 schools that go to High School: X367 Archimedes Academy for Math, Science and Technology Applications (within CB9) and another site in Hunt Point. District 8 will connect Ms. Woods to High School Superintendent for future collaboration.

III. New Business

A. October Agenda Items

BM Daniel Porro suggested Youth & Education committee meet during the day and at other locations such as in schools. ADM Alonzo explained that work schedules impede meetings during the day for some board members and that coordinating different meeting spaces can prove difficult after hours but will discuss suggestion with Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

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