



Chairman: Nicholas Himidian, Jr. - District Manager: William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Minutes October 11, 2018

Committee Chair: Venus Williams

Vice Chair: Harry Dunlap

- **Introduction**

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.

- **Guest Speakers**

- No guest speakers

- **Old Business**

- **New Business**

A. What do the youth in our community need?

- Afterschool, vocational schools, or recreation
- DM Rivera: You should choose one and write 500 words on why you chose it
- Chairperson Himidian: When I was in school, half the day was designated to academics and the other half was dedicated to vocational school. We should have it available for juniors and seniors in high school, who don't want to go to college and want to get into commercial employment.
- Venus Williams: We should do an afterschool program.
- Chairperson Himidian: If we do an afterschool program, we have to find another place besides Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club and the Sonia Sotomayor Center because although they are wonderful, gangs in these areas become territorial. We need a neutral environment where everyone can come but it's difficult to find that location.
- Venus Williams: Kips Bay used to have extensions of their program in certain buildings but there can be another program that comes in and can be an extension in each school or certain schools. This way students wouldn't have to go to a different building.

- Chairperson Himidian: It's difficult to find funding for custodian. We need to find the funding. We don't have to find another facility but all we have to do is find the funding to pay the custodian.
 - Venus Williams: We can have an afterschool program for the younger kids and vocational school for the older kids
 - Chairperson Himidian: Vocational school is for those who don't want to go to college and can get useful jobs in the community
 - Vocational School is now privatized, so people can get out of high school and pay for these certification programs
 - Vocational School is the same as Trade School and instead of getting degrees, people get certificates
 - Candystripers were high schoolers who were mentored by nurses and they learn about whether or not they want to do the job
 - Chairperson Himidian: Why not get ConEd to have mentorship program and students can be considered for future job opportunities within the company. Trucking company can give out CDL classes. We have to figure out what to do with students who don't want to go to college. I would like to try to target the juniors and seniors in high school because we have a lot of facilities in the community that cater to recreation and after school programs. I will write about the vocational schools.
 - Venus Williams: Maybe we can extend it to 30 year olds and still check off after school program for little kids and working parents
 - Chairperson Himidian: We, as a committee, should write a letter to ConEd to see if they would do the mentorship program for this community, maybe use Stevenson students. We should also get involved in the grant resource program, so we can get a facility and create a curriculum for VoTech
- A. DOE Accessibility Funding Resolution
- B. 2018 & 2019 Committee Overview/Events