



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

March 11, 2021

Vice Committee Chair: Monique Farrington

Board Members Present: Monique Farrington, Lashei Deoleo, DM Rivera

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.

2. Speakers/Presentations

A. Farah Despeignes, CEC8 President: Incoming Chancellor Misha Porter Ross, Parents Being Heard, CEC Elections- Farah Despeignes the CEC8 President talked about welcoming the new incoming Chancellor Misha Ross Porter, who is replacing Chancellor Carranza, her position starts on March 15th. Ms. Despeignes also talked about parents speaking out and letting their voices be heard and writing to the white house about eliminating standardized testing for students as the chancellor promised during campaign. Ms. Despeignes also spoke about the Council Member Forum for everyone to register to attend so they can ask the Council questions and she shared the flyers as well as the flyers for the next CEC8 meeting on March 17th. Rima Izquierdo stated that since the New Chancellor knows our community, she should focus on special needs in District 75 and special education and have CEC8 help Advocate for District 75 families. Angel from Senator Biaggi's office stated to reach out to his team/office any time. Michael Cromwell from PS 47 is Crisis Counsel for Project Hope and Partnership and he shared their services. Kaychell English was Introduced, Ms. English is working with all TA Presidents to identify situations in their developments by doing walk throughs and finding complaints. Ms. English is also Working with the CECs to find out any complaints regarding repairs in schools. Eduardo Hernandez from CEC8 brought up the conversation on the state budget for schools not being spent, he stated that schools are being "short changed", and they need to be held accountable. The CEC wants to take a stance and join with the Youth and Education Committee and partner with our community to have this conversation and next stepson school budgets, state budget for schools. This will be tabled as old business.

B. New York Yankees 2020-2021 Youth Leadership Award Applications- DM states that if anyone has any recommendations for the Yankee Scholarship to please send and he will present to the committee. DM states that if there is a baseball game, hopefully tickets will be provided and the honorees, some board members and staff will go on field and take some pictures.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM