



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

October 13, 2022

Board Members Present: Monique Farrington, Ram Halder, Alizia McMyers, Brent Woodie, Julio Quinones Jr., Kristine Garcia, Lena Johnson, Lenora Easter, Daniel Porro, Miriam Sanchez, Chandra Moore, DM Rivera

I. 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. Ingrid Renderos, BMCC/CUNY in The Heights IHOPE Program-** Ms. Renderos stated that CUNY in the heights is open and used to be run by Hostos College. Pathways in career and scholarships are offered. A grant was received from the Robinhood Foundation, and the program is looking for single parents or guardians 25 and older who have diplomas but would like to get their AA. Classes are in November, December, and start again in the spring. You Can apply online, carefare, laptops, hotspots, and childcare are provided. Childcare is covered by WhedCo, and family members can get paid for providing childcare. Currently looking for 180 students.
- B. Dorcas Castro, Director and Linda Machuca, Supervisor - "Communities That Care at The Strong Families and Community Training Center from the NY Foundling"-** NY Foundling is in 100 communities around the country. The program works with youth (from grades 6-12) and families to build strength and power in their community. The program supports families to face challenges in their community, there is help for alcohol, abuse, tobacco, delinquency. Ms. Castro stated that they will be joining the advisory board meeting at Phipps Sotomayor Community Center, on November 8th and will be meeting with Ed Scott in hopes of a collaboration event with CB9, Sotomayor and the NY foundling and I Hope Program. On October 29th the NY Foundling will be hosting a pumpkin carving, apple picking, Halloween Event at Melrose Garden, Ms. Castro shared the flyer. Ms. Castro also shared the following job opportunities; The NYF Strong Families & Communities Center is looking for a community Organizer for Harlem & Staten Island. For inquiries: <https://recruiting.ultipro.com/NEW1025NYFH/JobBoard/8110c86f-deb3-46d9-b4a9-a8e867021094/Opportunity/OpportunityDetail?opportunityId=daeb9602-316e-47b4-9c74-4013f3e7be84>
- C. Rima Izquierdo, District 75 Parent Leader-** Ms. Izquierdo reported bussing issues are ongoing for child pickup. Ms. Izquierdo also stated that title 1 elections should be done and have a chairperson and alternative chairperson. There should be an annual budget

meeting by October 31st. Vanessa Ruiz, the family leadership coordinator for district 8 piggybacked off Ms. Izquierdo stating that supplement funds are getting lost because title 1 is not getting met. Ms. Ruiz also shared that the district 8 Halloween carnival will be on Saturday. Latoya Coleman, the new CEC8 President introduced herself and announced the upcoming Cancer Walk next Sunday

- D. **Carlos Rosales, Senior Community Outreach and Engagement Associate - Citizens Committee for Children-** Mr. Rosales shared flyer/information on the teen advocacy group registration starting and beginning this month for, “Healthy Minds Healthy Kids”. HMHK Community Leadership Council Info and Application <https://www.healthymindshealthykids.org/community-leadership-council/>
- E. **Cherie Brown and Tiffany Fairweather, Rise Boro-** Ms. Brown stated that she does family therapy from ages 22-27 and case management. Ms. Fairweather, does parole, tickets, case management, job placement. Rise Boro provides many services for free in person and virtually. Referral Link: Registration (care4software.com)
- F. **Ed Scott -Director of Phipps Sotomayor Community Center-** Mr. Scott shared that there are probation programs at Sotomayor, and he would like to connect with Rise Boro. Mr. Scott also spoke about representing community organizations against disasters, break down in disparities and setting up a community event that teaches how to set up and prepare a “go bag”.
- G. Lashonda Belton, announced October 27th and November 5th as upcoming pantry dates at Sotomayor Community Center
- H. **Angela Torres, PAPEC President-** Ms. Torres stated that hurricane relief items are being collected at BAMB, PS 48, and Achamedies High School. The CPAC Meetings can be watched online, right now discussions are being held about budget cuts. There is no money to follow the asylum seekers, a borough response team needs to be established, to think how the DOE is going to respond. Ms. Torres also stated that there will be workshops on safety protocols, it will be a follow-up from the workshops held in January and September. On October 25th there will be a financial training workshop on Halsey Street at the UFT Building. Ms. Torres shared to the meeting attendees about her cancer journey and getting her last chemo treatment tomorrow. She inspired the whole meeting with her enthusiastic spirit and urged everybody to get mammograms and that she will be on WPIX Live tomorrow at 11 to share her story. Ms. Torres will be walking next Sunday with her team, the “Hope Warriors”, in the Co-op City Breast Cancer Walk.
- I. BM, Monique Farrington announced the FDNY open house Saturday, October 16th. Ms. Farrington also shared that AM Burgos will have a College Readiness Open House at Sotomayor Community Center on October 14th and 22nd.
- J. **Dilem Valenzuela, Community Health Educator from the DOHMH NYC Poison Control Center-** The NYC Poison Control Center is available 24/7/365 - fast, free, confidential. Translation services are available in 150 languages. Call 212-764-7667 with any questions about medicines, cleaners, and disinfectants. Also, available to provide FREE workshops for community groups. If you are interested please feel to reach out to vdilem@health.nyc.gov to request a community education presentation, click <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6046718/Request-a-Presentation-PCC> Join our FREE Monthly webinars <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/healthy-home-workshops.page> Check out our

website <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/poison-control.page> to register for our upcoming trainings. To order Poison Control Center material: <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/poison/safety-material-order-form.pdf>

II. DM Report

- A. The last day for the Hurricane Relief collection is Saturday, October 15th.
- B. CB9 office is almost complete, waiting for electronics.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm

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