



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

May 12, 2022

Board Members Present: Monique Farrington, Lena Johnson, Daniel Porro, Ram Halder, Miriam Sanchez, Wajied Hakim, Lashei Deoleo, Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Anne Johnson

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. Jennifer Joynt, Superintendent Community School District 8

Superintendent Joynt of District 8 Elementary and Middle Schools shared her enthusiasm for connecting with CB9 Board Members and residents and shared her contact and that of her team with participants.

Vanessa Ruiz: Vruiz2@schools.nyc.gov, Jennifer Joynt: Jjoynt@schools.nyc.gov
Silvia Hernández Núñez, Family Support Coordinator: SHernandez42@schools.nyc.gov, 929-561-1810

BM Miriam Sanchez and Superintendent Joynt conversed regarding several concerns at the Blueprint School and the Superintendent shared that all these concerns are being addressed. In addition, the Superintendent shared that any time there is a weapon present at a school principals have to report it to the superintendent.

B. Rina Mahani - Executive Director and Co-Founder, Start Lighthouse

Start Light was founded to combat the low number of students (146,790) not reading proficiently in the Bronx (and city-wide) in addition to the low percentage of books that exist depicting characters from diverse backgrounds. The strategies for this organization are for students to see themselves in what they read, engage family members and caregivers, and revitalize literacy culture at Title I schools. Programs include: Literary Adventures, Woke Activists, and Empowered Readers.

The organization is always looking for volunteers to join on-site at partner schools within the Bronx.

Rina Mahani, Executive Director and Co-Founder: rina@startlighthouse.org

Concetta Gleason, Co-Founder: cgleason@startlighthouse.org

C. Latanya Devaughn - Founder, Bronx Bound Books

Bronx Bound Books is a bookstore on wheels that travels the streets of The Bronx to bring literature to the people, especially to neighborhoods where it may be needed the most. Bronx Bound Books mobile unit travels to shelters, farmer's markets, schools, and other locations and hosts book fairs, renovates school libraries, and hosts parent

literature classes and writing workshops. Currently, Bronx Bound Books is at the Stevenson Campus hosting a workshop about elder stories and the value of those who came before us. Bronx Bound Books is interested in visiting the Soundview and Castle Hill Community.

Contact: Bronxboundbooks@gmail.com

D. Asia Sanders, Hero Dads

HERO Dads is a Responsible Fatherhood program by Montefiore and BronxWorks. Its mission is to encourage HEALTHY, EMPOWERED, RESILIENT and OPEN fathering by connecting dads to parenting skills workshops and employment resources. Members join a community of dads who are committed to developing and improving their fathering skills. Over 4 weeks, they work with career coaches to develop professional skills and plan for a financially stable future for their family.

HERO Dads are also invited to participate in a research study. The goal of the study is to determine what factors of parenting and relationship education improve family stability and relationship quality. All services are FREE.

HERO Dads runs twice a month with Morning, Evening and Weekend workshops available.

Upcoming workshops begin MAY 5th and Program Perks: include: Up to \$450 in rewards, access to exclusive trainings and employers, assistance for benefits, childcare, child support, and more.

For additional questions about the program, please text "HERO" to: 917.886.2512 or 917-886-5146.

Asia Sanders, Senior Outreach Specialist: asanders@bronxworks.org

E. Connie Pacheco, Recoveries R Us, Teen Transgender Visibility

Recoveries R us gives individuals the opportunity of becoming a recovery coach, KSAC, or Peer Advocate, and helps with state exams, in addition, they have a pool of peers for connection to internship or employment programs for their participants.

Recoveries R Us is hosting a Free Bronx LGBT Expo taking place at the Bronx Museum on June 16th from 12-7pm to discuss Youth Trans Visibility and Same Sex Parenting and have conversations regarding youth questioning their gender identity and for parents and children to navigate same sex parenting.

Connie Pacheco: cpacheco@recoveriesrus.org, 917-265-8090

Location: 127 East 105th Street Between Lexington & Park Avenue

III. New Business

A. Pamela Damon, NOMWI

As a survivor-led 501(C)3 organization, NOMW's mission is to combat human trafficking and domestic violence through education and training, community and policy advocacy, providing resources and housing for victims and survivors, and shelter for the homeless. The organization offers a girl empowerment program focusing on bullying prevention, self esteem and leadership

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B. Diane Anderson, ordained/licensed minister, NY State Chaplain, counselor, CRPA, and Life Coach in the area of art therapy, ptsd, cognitive behavioral therapy and child/adolescent counseling.

501c3, Meet Me At The Crossroads, serves youth and Veterans and goes out into the community and virtually facilitates empowerment workshops dealing with topics such as self love, self care, depression, healthy relationships, etc. This organization is currently looking to partner with other organizations.

Website: meetmeatthexroad.com

All participants invited to upcoming virtual workshop on July 11th called Be Made Whole focusing on healing the whole person, body, soul and spirit.

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C. Courtney Scheffler, Compost Coordinator and Market Manager at Parkchester Greenmarket.

Resources for free finished compost to be delivered for individuals, community gardens, street tree care events & more: <https://www.grownyc.org/compost>

Request for Finished Compost - GrowNYC:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelUt7YoGEgAp6JktC-NoIsinf2gJGVUHookAsMyx25qcMekg/viewform?fbclid=IwAR2bb0vUyF8gdweU0Gy6LssWtvSHaVJbv1jPOK TmQjq5hnGsrEp56RvnylY>

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- D. Dr. Andrade, Andrade Medical Center
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1163 Manor Ave
- E. Save for college Program. This program just started and is only for kindergarten students.
<https://d30pilot.nyckidsrise.org/>
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/learning/student-journey/college-and-career-planning/nyc-kids-rise-save-for-college-program>
- F. Clason's Point Library needs your signature by May 13!
Everyone has the right to read, learn, and grow at The New York Public Library. As the City Council gathers to debate library funding for the coming year, your voice is needed to ensure all New Yorkers have access to free books, educational opportunities, and more. The Library needs 25,000 letters signed ahead of the City's budget hearing on May 13. [Take 30 seconds to let City leaders know that libraries are important to you.](#)
https://www.nypl.org/speakout?utm_source=eNewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Advocacy2022_20220513_LettersTonyMarx&utm_campaign=2022BudgetAdvocacy

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