



*Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera*

## **Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary**

### **December 8, 2022**

**Board Members Present:** Monique Farrington, Lenora Easter, Ram Halder, Nellie Santiago Rivera, Wajied Hakim

#### **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. Farrah Despeignes, President of CEFT**

Ms. Despeignes shared updates on the CEC and upcoming elections. There is a need for a Parent Rep, PEP Elections are also upcoming and parents need to create or update their NYCA Accounts in order to run.

Ms. Despeignes will be leaving her position as her children are entering High School. The CEC Needs an advocate for Students and Community and is urging parents to learn policies and procedures to become partners to schools and officials.

Now that covid has returned, all need to wear mask inside and around people.

Parents and children Working together is essential. Parents need to raise expectations.

CEFT is up and running and published its first article.

A Pre-Summit Saturday Brunch is coming up with 2 panels on Education and Youth Safety Education Committee and Criminalization and Governmental Policy and a Film on Powerlessness.

**B. Superintendent Joynt, District 8**

Superintendent Joynt agreed with Ms. Despeignes that it is very important that parents participate in the CEC Elections and get a NYCA Account.

She gave an update on upcoming events including the Science Fair on May 10th, The Science Fair at Zerega on June 12<sup>th</sup>, which she needs judges for, The Gun Violence Walk in June, The Art Fair in April or May, The Multicultural Fair in May, The Pride March in June, The Student Government, The upcoming Toy Drive With Toys for Tots for Shelter Families, and the toy wrapping opportunity with Angela Torres.

**C. Nellie Santiago-Rivera, CB9 BM & Chief Operating Officer for Metro Community Health Centers**

Ms. Santiago-Rivera announced that the Metro Community Health Center is giving Covid Boosters and Flu Shots with no appointments needed.

**D. LaShonda Belton**

Ms. Belton announced the Christmas Give Away at the Sotomayor Community Center taking place on Saturday

**III. DM Report**

- A.** DM Rivera announced the upcoming Toy Giveaway sponsored by the YADIRA Arroyo Family NYPD and FDNY and the Toy and Coat & Winter Clothes Drive taking place which will be donated to 25 shelter families at PS119 and 562 (Pugsley Prep) or BluePrint Academy.

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