



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

## Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

### February 9, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Monique Farrington, Ram Halder, Lenora Easter, Nellie Santiago Rivera, Julio Quiones, Lena Johnson, Alizia McMyers, Wajied Hakim, Lashei Deoleo

**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.

#### Speakers

- **Superintendent Jennifer Joynt-** The new district 8 app is up and ready, in four languages. The app helps parents to stay connected with schools, calendars, links, push notifications, events, phone numbers, social media and websites. There is a new flyer with new dates for the listening and learning tours. The Superintendent was on a Town Hall with the Borough President on safety. There will be a weekly call with the CO on safety.
- **PS 583, Halal Certified Kitchen & School Update-** Principal Lopez stated that the kitchen is halal certified. She also gave a full presentation on all programs being offered in the school including a full-time music program, science, arts, coding and more.
- **AP Mary HallinNab and Principal Jean Jeanty, Pugsley Prep School Pantry (including Hala options) and The Closet (Clothing and Essentials for Families and Shelter Families)-** Principal Jeanty and Assistant Principal Mary Hallinab gave a presentation on all the programs at Pugsley Prep, including a closet boutique with items for families, shopping carts, hygiene products, clothes, shoes and other necessities. The food pantry has halal options, organic foods, and meats. This service is shared between the families in Pugsley Prep and P.S 119x. They have partnered and are now adopted by the Bronx chapter of phi beta sigma. There is job information and cte classes available for adults. There is weekly coffee with the principal where he collaborates with CBO's on ideas. There are over 36 clubs, recreational activities, family nights, stem, coding, arts, and many community events.
- **Allies Place, Culinary Program/Education-** David Belma gave a presentation on the services offered to the students at Allies Place. The students are from a shelter, which is a

single-family shelter helping families get back on their feet while they are in transition. They have an early education program, adult education program, martial arts program, and a culinary program which is open to the public.

**New Business**

- **2023 Ned K and Lillie V White Scholarship Application-** January 2nd to March 9, 2023 at [www.oldfieldplanters.org](http://www.oldfieldplanters.org)

**DM Report**

- DM Rivera stated that the community carnival is in planning before the parking lot closes for new stores
- CB9 office is almost completed, TVs and cameras are up. Waiting on phones and computers. Once finished a meet and greet will be organized.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:49pm**