



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Summary

February 8, 2024

Board Members Present: Lashei DeoLeo, Wajied Hakim, Julio Quinones Jr, Lorenzo Van Ness, Badr Alsaidi, Daniel Porro

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. Principal Gomez, PS 119

- Spoke on his time as principal, he's been at PS119 since September
- School has strong PTA
- School is focusing on MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) *can be defined as a preventative and proactive framework that relies on data to meet the needs of each student. It provides a tiered infrastructure of increasingly intensified instructional and social and emotional behavior supports.*
- Spoke on new NYC initiative NYCreads
- **Other area school is focusing on:**
 - Phonics instruction
 - Typing
 - Utilizing recordable text instead of hard copies of books
- School is currently at a 40% proficient in ELA & 56% in proficiency in Math
- School was able to successfully fill several vacancies at the school: secretary, music teacher + steam teacher
 - Music teacher was able to get a Harper Grant for new instruments for the school

B. Vanessa Ruiz, Family Leadership Coordinator- School District 8

- There will be a new ambassador program for families from K-5 grade. To help teach parents to help children with new curriculum.
- March 15th will be the second annual arts festival.

C. Betsy Tomic, Director of Programs - Fearless Futures Program

- Fearless Futures Program that is targeted at Juniors
- Currently looking for partnerships within the CB9 districts
- The program aims at creating transformative experiences that break generational poverty. This includes workshops, exposure trips and 1-1 mentors who follow them all through their senior year & first year of college/trade school.
- UF is also looking for volunteers from the Bronx or who are willing to travel to the Bronx, to mentor these high school students.

D. Allison Andrews Walsh, Community Coordinator - Linden Tree Elementary, PS 567

- 5th Grader & Senior Global Leader, Jonathan, joined Community Coordinator Allison Andrews Walsh in spreading awareness of all their great work they've done with their school community fridge.
- At this moment, they are seeking support from CB9 + ShopRite to possibly help with stocking their fridge. It can be food that is perishable. They mentioned that Aldi has a similar program.
- This fridge has been critical in the community to reduce hunger and provide nutritional meals for the community.
- Would love to start an initiative where volunteers can come and make sandwiches and things of that nature to put in the fridge.

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