



Chairman: Nicholas Himidian, Jr. - District Manager: William Rivera

Youth & Education Committee Meeting Minutes February 14, 2019

Committee Interim Chair: Nicholas Himidian, Jr.
Vice Chair: Harry Dunlap

Board Members Present: Chair Nicholas Himidian, Jr.

Board Members Not Present: Harry Dunlap, Felipa Manaiza, Lisa Diaz, Justen Colon, Steven Ochoa, Hannia Godinez

● Introduction

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.

● Guest Speaker

- Pamela Johnson, Office of Family & Community Empowerment (FACE)
 - CEC Elections
 - i. PTA participants elect members
 - ii. Wants more parents from each district to run
 - 32 CEC replaced School Boards
 - CEC is from Pre-K to 8th grade
 - After going to high school, there is a citywide council
 - Parents can run every two years in CEC Elections
 - The Bronx Borough President also elects an appointee, who doesn't have to be a parent, for 2 terms
 - They are looking for a high school senior for a CEC member of the citywide council and can apply through the Superintendent for one year
 - Public Advocate has an appointee on the citywide council
 - Every school district has a council with 11 voting members nonelected, 2 elected by the borough president
 - Citywide has 13 voting members, 10 nonelected and 3 elected by the borough president
 - Citywide is focused on Special Education
 - You can't be on the CEC nor the Citywide Council if you're a Charter School parent
 - They go to SLT meetings, hold hearings, decide on co-locations and evaluate the Superintendent
 - Superintendents don't run the meetings unless there wasn't a strong CEC President
 - When naming a school after a city councilmember, CEC had a subcommittee and held a hearing to listen to the community and ended up naming the school after the city councilmember
 - It was a special committee
 - If they don't hold a hearing, there has to be a presentation in front of the entire council
 - CEC makes the decision to change the name but would want the support of the school principal
 - Will is trying to get a name change for the school and work on a presentation for the CEC
 - Is there a conflict of interest if a Community Board Member or the District Manager wants to be a CEC member?
 - i. No, there isn't

- ii. They would have to send an application to be a Borough President appointee
- iii. Will wanted to know if they have to live in the same school district or in the same borough
- Nobody is an incumbent, everyone starts fresh every two years
- PTA parents (Secretary, Treasury and President) from every school elect CEC members and the election is online
- You can't be a DOE employee
- Application Period: February 14, 2019 - March 6, 2019
- Candidate Forum is for CEC applicants who applied online and PTA parents ask them questions regarding their role as a possible CEC member
- The staff will start adding CEC District 8 meetings on monthly calendars and board member calendars
- Attached is the Powerpoint presented at the meeting

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