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**EDUCATION, YOUTH AND LIBRARIES** MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 17,2022

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Stephanie Palmer, Verna Diggs

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED: Marquis Harrison, Dana Points

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dominick Boyce, Derek Perkinson, Donna Gill

STAFF: Jasmin Heatley

## MEETING OVERVIEW

One of the critical issues identified in the district needs statement was Juvenile Justice. The guest presenter was from Advocates for Children. The organization is a leader in juvenile justice issues. The committee wanted an overview of the impact of juvenile justice issues on children and youth in our community. In addition the Chair of the Education, Youth and Libraries committee of Community Board 9, was invited to our meeting to explore and discuss common interests and concerns with a goal of collaborating.

AGENDA ITEM: Advocates for Children New York, Dawn L. Yuster, Esq. Director, School Justice Project

**Key Discussion Points** 

Ms. Yuster shared an overview of juvenile justice issues and their impact on children, youth and families. Of particular interest is the concern that when children in school are in emotional distress the police are called to address the behaviors. These children are then removed from school and transported to the hospital for psychological evaluation. A disproportionate share of these students are Black and Brown leading to the criminalization of students in emotional distress. The committee members were also dismayed that there was a Memorandum of Understanding between NYPD and DOE that allows police to interview students without the presence of their parents.

Action Items:



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Committee members will review the MOU between NYPD and DOE and share findings with the Executive committee of the Board. The Committee will also reach out to invite a representative from Dignity in Schools to present to the committee and the community at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEM: Deirdre McIntosh-Brown was not able to join the meeting.

Action Items:

Ms. McIntosh- Brown will be invited to a future committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM Community School District 5 Report, Robin Davson , District Superintendent Key Discussion Points

The superintendent announced members of the community and the committee should register for the Town Hall meeting at 5:30PM on May 19, 2022. The two finalists for the Superintendent position will be interviewed.

Action Item The committee will send out a notice to the community regarding the Town Hall meeting.

## AGENDA ITEM Skilled Trades Fair for High School Students

The organizers of the skilled trades fair were not reappointed to the Board. As a result, the committee will have to postpone the event. Instead, for our last meeting of the year in June, we will host a celebration of service. We will acknowledge the contributions of community and committee members during the 2021-2022 season.

Action Items

The committee will plan the Celebration of Service event for the June 21,2022 meeting