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Committee Minutes
Tuesday, December 21, 2022
Hon. Karen Horry, Chair

Meeting began at 6:30 pm and was held via Zoom link. The meeting was chaired by Stephanie Palmer, Committee Chair.

Committee Members in Attendance: Stephanie Palmer, Genisha Metcalf, Marquis Harrison, Tamara Martin, Milan Reed, Dana Points

Committee Members Absent: Jose Mendez, Afrika Owes, Oscar Bahena

Committee Members Excused: Crystal McKay

District Office: Shatic Mitchell (District Manager) and Jasmin Heatley (Community Assistant)

Other Board Members Present: Guest Presenters: Dr. Sandye Johnson, Executive Director, Harlem Renaissance Education Pipeline, Inc., Shawn Jean-Louis, Education Policy Analyst, Office of Manhattan Borough President, Jon Rosenberg, Board Member, Hebrew Public Charter School for Global Citizens

Guests in Attendance: Lane Addonizio (Sr. VP Planning - CPC), Leslie Peoples (Director of

MEETING OVERVIEW

The meeting was designed to provide a comprehensive review of the education agenda of the outgoing Borough President. The committee members wanted to know what current issues, concerns, challenges and opportunities exist that might influence our committee's ongoing agenda. Representing the Borough President's office was Education Policy Analyst, Shawn Jean-Louis. Also invited to present an overview of Community School District 5, was Dr. Sandye Johnson. Finally, there was a presentation by the Hebrew Public Charter School, requesting a letter of support for expansion of the school.

Agenda Item: Presentation Harlem Renaissance Education Pipeline

Key Discussion Points:

- Dr. Johnson shared the mission and vision of the Harlem Renaissance Education Pipeline, of which she is the co-founder along with Ocynthia Williams. The pipeline is a cross section of organizations dedicated to improving outcomes for families and students
- In Central and West Harlem. Dr. Johnson also shared with the committee highlights from their 2017 groundbreaking **Community Baseline Report**, a roadmap for change. The

report gives us a snapshot of student success and areas of concern in Community School District 5. Of particular interest was the inequity in resources to the school district, the importance of closing the digital Divide and the closing of health center that service students and their families.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Dr. Sandye Johnson will be invited to future meetings of the Education, Youth and Libraries committee

Agenda Item: Presentation Education Policy Analyst. Manhattan Borough President's Office
Key Discussion Points

- The Office of the Borough President advocates for a social worker presence in all the schools in our district, supports increased funding for mental health services and a afterschool program in all schools. Also of great importance to the office is Capital funding for school buildings in Central and West Harlem.

ACTION ITEMS:

Invite a representative from the new Manhattan Borough President's Office to discuss their Education agenda.

Agenda Item: Presentation request for support from the Hebrew Public Charter School for Global Citizens.

Key Discussion Points

The school was established in 2013 and currently serves 500 children Kindergarten through 8 grades. They would like a letter of Support to renew their charter. Committee members asked questions about how the school measures performance, including Student population, diversity goals and the cultural climate of the school. Many of these questions could not be answered by The Board member representing the school in the absence of the featured guest presenter. The representative stated that she would get back to the committee with answers to the questions. There was no agreement to provide a letter of support.

ACTION ITEMS: The representatives from The Hebrew Public Charter School for Global Citizens, will get back to the committee with answers to The questions asked during their presentation.

Agenda Item: Harlem Holiday Toy Drive Update

Key Discussion Points

The committee Chair announced that there was a successful Toy Drive distribution on December 16, 2021. The partners of the event which included Community School District 5 and Community Education Council District 5 provides toys, books and Refreshments for over 500 children and families. The Chair thanked the members of the committee and the board for their contributions. The Chair acknowledged board member Hazel Dukes and others for the generous donation of gift cards. These gifts were especially important because they enabled us to serve teenagers and young adults. Also, Second Vice Chair Charles Powell, facilitated toy donations from e 32nd Precinct, Treasurer and former committee member, Joshua Clennon helped the team who wrapped hundreds of gifts. Finally, committee member Genisha Metcalf donated 50 toys and

Marquis Harrison led a team of his students from Frederick Douglass Academy, who volunteered the day of the event, serving hot chocolate to children and families and helping to distribute toys. The Harlem Holiday Toy Drive exceeded the results from last year. and will begin planning for an even better event next year.

ACTION ITEMS: The Harlem Holiday Toy Drive will engage in earlier planning with our partners to achieve an even better outcome next year.