

# Public Meeting of the CB12M's Youth and Education Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting #11

Monday, November 13th, 2017

Location: 530 West 166<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10032

**Committee Members Present:** Fe Florimón, Chair; Maria Luna; Ayisha Oglivie; Luis Tapia, Derek Peralta

**Committee Member(s) Absent:** Glennis Aquino, Assist Chair- **Excused**

**Guests:** Denice Williams, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Planning, Program Integration and Evaluation (DYCD); Zachary Malter, Outreach Director, Educators for Excellence New York

**Community Members:** AL Kurland, and Aldo Martine, Nyjah Murshed, Luis Acevedo, Abdul Murshed ( Students Group from PAL), Marco Raysor, SHNA; Debora Cardona; Samantha Bonnet- Broadway Housing Communities; Ysabel Abreu, NMIC; Nikki Khusla, Founder, Birch Academy; Karen Coronel , NYDC; Paul Zablocki; Jose Gonzalez, Gregorio Luperon; Susana De Jesus; Lomar Cruz, Executive Director, IDI; Maritza Polako, Representative-IDI; Yehuda Weinbach

The meeting was called at 7:08 pm.- by Fe Florimón, Chair

### Discussion was taken place as indicated below:

1. Ms. Florimon initiated the meeting by welcoming all participants and asking to introduce themselves. Following this procedure, the Chair reviewed the agenda and explained what to expect at each phase of the agenda.
2. Special guest: **Denise Williams**, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) of New York City was introduced by the Chair who immediately yields the floor for the eager audience waiting to hear the guest to speak. DC Williams initially provided an overview about the role of her agency (DYCD), and the working relationship with different levels of government. DC was asked to discuss important topics like, what has been her path as a leader; what are the DYCD's priorities; and to identify the impact (if any) of the larger social-political context on youth work in NYC. She spoke about the whole set of holistic programs conducted by her agency which highly invests in a network of community-based organizations and programs to alleviate the effects of poverty, and also opportunities for New Yorkers and communities to flourish.  
DYCD supports New York City youth and their families by funding a wide range of high-quality youth and community development programs, including:
  - Afterschool
  - Community Development
  - Family Support
  - Literacy Services
  - Youth Services
  - Youth Workforce Development

DYCD strives to improve the quality of life of New Yorkers by collaborating with local organizations and

investing in the talents and assets of our communities to help them develop, grow and thrive.

- ✓ DC Williams presented a community resource guide (funded programs) for the zip codes 1033, 10034, 1040 in District 12. These resource guides provide the information for all of the programs that are funded by DYCD in the allotted zip codes.
- ✓ Committee members and the general public had the opportunity to ask questions.

### 3. **Resolution for Safe and Supportive Schools - Educators for Excellence**

- ✓ Mr. Zachary Malter, Outreach Director, for Educator for Excellence. The Educator for Excellence was founded by teachers who also lead the organization. According to the organization's mission, some of the fundamental principals include to improve the learning of the students, and elevate the teaching profession. Mr. Malter presented an overview of the organization, emphasized on the school climate. Within that discussion, he provided information about his organization's goal to bring/promote **Restorative Justice Programs (RJP)**, in the community of District 12. RJP seeks to assist minority groups in disadvantage communities in a variety of issues including education (students' learning improvement, healthy school environment) and Professional Development Trainings for Teachers.
- ✓ Mr. Malter spoke extensively of District 18's alternative of suspension programs and the city's investment in it. His organization is asking for all community boards to support their crafted resolution to expand District 18's pilot program to All New York City districts, support schools to select programming that matches the needs of their students and community, and provide ongoing training and consistent implementation.
- ✓ Overlooking at the school present climate, Mr. Malter also presented the committee with a resolution draft asking support "**for Safe and Supportive Schools.**" However, the proposed resolution was tabled for further discussion due to the lack of merit.

### 4. **Old and New Business**

- ✓ The planning Committee will be meeting soon (Late November – early December) to start the preparation for the 3rd annual "Youth and Police Partnership Walk and Resource Fair" (date still pending).
- ✓ Fliers were distributed inviting the community to the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Meeting – "Build the Block" Neighborhood Policing & Safety Meeting." The meeting will be held at the George Washington Educational Campus on November 16, 2017 at 6:30-pm. All welcome to attend.
- ✓ Nikki Khusla, Founder/CEO- Birch Academy- announced (briefly) about the emergence of her new Charter school proposal. However, due the lack to time the announcement was not concluded. Chair suggested sending a written request for next month agenda.
- ✓ Maritza Polanko, spoke about available services provided by the International Development Institute (IDI) and the organization's interest in getting space in the community to the service the community.
- ✓ Isabel Abreu also spoke about NMIC's program all available to the community. She also shared the organization contact information
- ✓ Samantha Bonnet, representing "Broadway Housing Communities" made an announced about her organization's Teen Pregnancy Program. The program is held every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00pm. She encouraged the public to spread the word. Also, literatures about available services at BHC were provided with the general public.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:35pm Next Meeting;**

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