

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

Meeting Minutes

Meeting #1

Monday, January 9, 2017

Location: 530 West 166th Street, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10032

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimón, Chair
Committee Member(s) Absent: Priscilla Mota-Willis; Glennis Aquino; Domingo Estevez; Ayisha Oglivie; Estevan Nembhard
Board Member(s) Present: Mery Anderson; Richard Lewis
Committee Member (s) Excuse: Maria Luna
Guest: Community Educational Council (CEC6) Team: Rita Cortez, Secretary; Mayra Palacio, Parent Member
Community Members: Edwin Martinez; Alex Behar; Ben Samuels-Kalow; Derek Peralta; Kiamesha Smalls; Roberto De la Rosa

The meeting was called at 7:10p.m by Fe Florimón, Chair

Discussion was taken place as indicated below:

1. Ms. Florimon initiated the meeting by welcomed participants and asked to introduce themselves and any organization they may represent. Following this procedure, the Chair reviewed the agenda and explained what to expect at each phase. She stated that due to the absent of the committee members, instead of canceling the meeting, she may have to improvise, and she did it. The meeting was changed into an informal conversation between participants and the Chair. Furthermore, the audience was provided with an overview about the Y&E Committee's mission and structure. In addition, Ms. Florimon also provided a synopsis of over 20 years of experience working with the community and related field. An equal overview was also provided about the D6 Community Education Council and their collaborative work with the School District's Superintendent. Chair encouraged the audience to ask questions and for those who were attending the meeting for the first time, she encouraged them to express the reason for attending and how did they hear about it. The discussion continues as follow:
 - A) A summary was provided pertaining to the committee's work archived during 2016 and some of the pending goals for the calendar year 2017. Some of the most important committee's initiatives started with the continuation of building relationship and promote collaboration with other institutions including D6 Community Education Council, (including George Washington Educational Campus), the NYP Community Affairs Bureau and Precincts 34th, 33rd and 30th among

others. It was also discussed about the on of the most important event in the history of the Youth Committee, referring to the first “Youth and Police Partnership Walk and Resource Fair,” with the objective to promote youth and police officers building bridges. According to the Ms. Florimon, after the unfolding of this event, other events with similar projection started in other boroughs.

B) In addition , other events were also held in collaboration with the CEC6 like the first “D6 Holiday Season Gathering,” which was held to honor several educational initiatives including the declaration of the School District 6 in “Good Standing” by the NYS Dept of Education and Chancellor Fariña, and D6’s education and the collective effort of parents and educators; “Traditional Cultures and Our Younger Generation ,” “A Conversation with NYS Board of Regents Chancellor Dr. Betty Rosa,” “Youth and Self-Esteem Matters “ and “ Stop and Frisk and Trespass Enforcement” among other important events.

2. The committee hope to address several important initiatives for 2017 including “the homeless crisis among youth”; “youth mental illness and law enforcement encounter,” the lack of ramps in schools within the School District 6 and CB12M’s jurisdiction, and the “Book reading Project, previously proposed by member Priscilla Mota-Willis, Vice Chair, and to continue promoting the initiative of “Youth and Police Building Bridges.” Other goals were also discussed and are still pending for further discussion among members.
3. Participants demonstrated enthusiasm about the committee’s projection. Some of them (Edwin Martinez, Roberto de la Rosa and Alex Behar, and others) have offered to volunteer with the pending projects/goals for 2017. Mr. Behar expresses interest in assisting the committee, especially, in the area of education among homeless and housing crisis. He also suggested that he would like to see the committee to raise the issue of educating the youth about sexual harassment and assault, and the shift that needs to take place in the way boys relate to women in today’s school system.” Mr. Lewi, 1st Vice Chair for the Board, discussed the importance and need of biotechnology in high schools (especially at the GWEC located in the Board’s vicinity) and the benefit that represent for the students. He also discussed other related topic pertaining to the subject e.g. budget allocation.

4. Under New/old Business

- ✓ Participants were invited to next Community Education Council (CEC6) Calendar Meeting to be held on January 19th at 7:00pm Location: 4360 Broadway, 5th floor, Room 531, New York NY 10033
- ✓ Mary Anderson shared some community announcements. (pending)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm