

# CB12M Youth and Education Committee

## Meeting 3

Monday, March 14, 2022

## Minutes

LOCATION: **VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Committee Members Present:** Fe Florimon, Chair; Maria Luna; Jonathan Nunez-Frometa; Daniel Bonilla, Michelle Lee, Miriam James; Gabriela Estrella.

**Excused:** Curtis D. Young.

**Absent:** Glennis Aquino, Wendy Pena.

**Board Staff:** Shinelle Paniagua.

**Public Member(s) Present:** Luis Cruz.

**Excused:** Guillermo Perez.

**Guests:** Rosa Cruz- Cordero, Outreach Manager, at Hunter College; Sofia Rosario, Intern at Hunter College; André Pardassee, Project Classics Coordinator at The Classical Theatre of Harlem; Tatiana Mahoney, Director of Family and Community Engagement, at Inwood Academy Leadership; Lucas Liu, President of Community Education Council 3 (CEC3); Hericka Jordan; Savannah Johnson; Shawna Barnes-Clark; Dr. Gary Altheim; Michael Dorcelly; Cassandre Collazo.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fe Florimon at 7:07 pm.

*The following report is a brief summary of the virtual meeting discussion that took place on the above date. For an in-depth report, please access the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cYq3TdwFJzo>*

Chair Florimon welcomed and thanked members, guests, and the general public. Committee members introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Florimon discussed the unfolding of the agenda and then proceeded to introduce the guests.

The chair introduced first presenters from Hunter College, **Ms. Rosa Cruz- Cordero, Outreach Manager** and **Sofia Rosario, Intern Junior**. Presenters thanked the chair and the committee for the invitation.

- The guest appeared before the committee to introduce themselves and inform members and the general community about what "The Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College" does including its mission, history and resources available at their library.
- The Center was found in 1973 by a coalition of faculty, students and community leaders. It has two-fold mission, and that is to collect preserve and provide access to archival and library resources according to the presenters.
- The information collected it concentrates on the history and culture of Puerto Ricans.
- The Center also produce facilitate and disseminate interdisciplinary research about the diasporic experiences of Puerto Ricans.
- The Center links the scholarly inquiry to social action and policy debates.
- Presenters look forward to being in touch the committee and work with others interested entities.

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**Next Presenter: *André Pardassee, Project Classics Coordinator*** at “The Classical Theatre of Harlem, CTH)” *Mr. Pardassee*, presented a brief description of “The Young Company's A Midsummer Night's Dream” at the “Classical Theatre of Harlem.”

- The Project Classics (recognized as a 501( c) (3) ) is a core education program established in 2009.
- In partnership with Columbia University, the program provides theatre workshops for in-school and after-school, and also works with the Department of Education in the vendor capacity.
- Help students to build their skills including their voices and speeches, movement and dance, text analysis, scene study, character development among others, available to students at no cost.
- Presenter discussed the program’s study guide and a few pictures illustrating the program.
- A lots of the student’s performances are based on interesting stories such as the diaspora telling the stories of William Shakespeare.
- The program is comprised of a team of teaching artistcs who visit the schools to do bring different theatrical programs.

**All participants had the opportunity to ask questions and share feedback.**

## **New and Old Business:**

- ***Tatiana Mahoney, Director of Family and Community Engagement,*** “ Inwood Academy Leadership” On behalf of the parents, student, and her school, she appeared before the committee to express the long-standing concern about the Marijuana/drugs activities surrounding their school.

The legalization of marijuana was brought and participants agreed that clarification

- Chair introduced **Lucas Liu, President of Community Education Council 3 (CEC3)**. Mr.Liu discussed the mission and zone area ( geographic location of the council and schools in district 3. He expressed interest in building collaboration with the Y&EC. He also invited the community to join their CEC3’s virtual Town Hall with Chancellor on March 30, 2022; Wed, March 30, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. The link will be available close to the date of the event.
- Chair Florimon spoke about the old days (approximately 2001) when the parent’s voices have more weight than our present time. She asked the committee and the community (especially for CECs and CBs) to support the voice of the parents.
- Chair highly encouraged the new **Chancellor, Mr. David C. Banks** to bring the parent’s voices to the table in a consistent and sincere manner so their educational concerns are fairly considered.
- Member Luna reminded us the women's month celebration and congratulated Chair Florimon for doing a great job as a woman and also congratulated all women.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:16**

**NOTE: To view this meeting, please access the following link:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdS\\_De4Msns](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdS_De4Msns)