**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO.8**

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING**
**Held on November 10, 2015 at**
**Community Board No. 8 Office**
**5676 Riverdale Avenue Suite 100**
**Bronx, New York 10471**

**PRESENT:**    L. Parker

**ABSENT:**    D. McCord, A. Moore, R. Pochter Lowe, D. Fuchs

**GUESTS:**    Caitlin Proscia - Riverdale Neighborhood House

Phoebe Downes - Riverdale Neighborhood House

Sadie Mahoney - Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

Kathy Gilson - Riverdale Community Center

Maribel Felipe

Meeting was called to order at 1:05pm

Because the members weren't in attendance, the minutes from the following months are still pending approval: March, June, & October.

**Chairman's Report**

The nominees for the Yankee Award were received from the community centers and were supposed to be reviewed and voted at this current meeting.

**\*Note\*** - Because the members weren't present at the Youth Meeting, the following members attended the Community Board meeting held that same night where the nominees were voted on (Rita Pochter Lowe, Daniella Fuchs and Demetrius McCord).

**Community Center Updates**

**Riverdale Community Center** - All of the programs currently offered are in full swing. They   currently have approximately 350 students enrolled in their after school program. Middle School programs have approximately 170. High School Programs have approximately 150 and approximately 30   elementary.

Their College Ready programs consists of working with the kids and showing them the complete process from filling out college applications to FASA forms etc. They also offer SAT prep classes which are taught by certified teachers.

**Kingsbridge Heights Community Center** - Programs are going well despite the fact that they had to decrease one group in the after school program. As a blessing In-tech Academy

is helping with the load of kids which will hopefully assist with putting together some trips for the kids. The college access program is up and running well. Also running well is the senior series. The center plans on having their annual Thanksgiving event for the community. The event is scheduled for either the 2nd/3rd Tuesday before Thanksgiving. The center also has a Saturday program called Literacy Buddies, which brings parents and kids together to work on making reading fun for the whole family.

**Riverdale Neighborhood House** - The center has a new Youth Manager. The Teen Center is gearing up to open soon. The center's programs are going well like the college access program.  This is the 11th year where they have had individuals involved in their Youth Internship program with Friends of VCP and the Hebrew Home to name a few. Some Manhattan College students are offering assistance in Math, SAT review and Essay prep as well. These services are available Monday thru Thursday 3:30pm to 6pm. The center plans on having a holiday party for the kids where they will have arts & crafts. Date currently being worked on.

## Needs Assessment Update

Chairmen asked the centers in attendance if they do their own assessments which all stated they do. All of the centers apply for state grants and work with the input of their staff members on providing programs that will enrich the community and benefit the kids and parents as well. The chair will continue to work on this in collaboration with the centers and will provide updates

## New Business

Chair proposed to the centers on offering Chess classes and maybe having tournaments within the centers and then against centers. Chair asked if currently any of the centers are having any contests so that he may support/contribute in anyway. Also are any of the centers planning on giving away Turkeys to those less fortunate in their communities, which the chair would contribute too as well. So far the centers don't have any contests and only KHCC is having their annual Thanksgiving dinner their community.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:41pm.

The next Youth Committee meeting for December is currently being discussed due to the availability of the centers. Everyone will be kept updated on this matter