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Education Youth & Libraries Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – 6:30 PM

Hon. Deborah Yates, Chair
Hon. Marquis A. Harrison presided over committee meeting

Board Members in Attendance: Marquis Harrison, Tuesday Brooks, Daniel Clark, Karen Horry, Tamara Martin, Brandi North,

Excused: Deborah Yates, Crystal McKay, Jennifer Prince and Shanelle Washington

Absent: Khalifa Diop, Troy Gethers, Lisa D. Jenkins and Steven Watkins

AGENDA

1) **Welcome/Introductions**

Committee was convened at approximately 6:40 pm.

2) **Discussions/Presentations**

- **Gari Harvey:** Youth Build is an organization that is primarily being funded through an AmeriCorps grant at this time. Focused on assisting young people getting their GED while also providing training in construction. Organization is seeking mentors who are positive role models to mentor the youth in the program. Mentors do not have to be in construction. Mentors can receive grants to use towards educational debt or degrees, if 300 hours are completed for the year mentors can receive grants for \$1,195.

a. **Dana Mindlin- (JBFC) Jewish Board of Family and Children Services:**

Presentation focused on sharing the work of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and some of the work being done. Presentation was for information purpose only.

b. **Joe Rogers – Senior Researcher/Public Engagement Specialist**

“The Campaign for Educational Equity at Teachers College, Columbia University”

Mr. Rogers facilitated a conversation about some of the legal rights of parents and students. Additionally a number of research resources were presented from the campaign to share with the community so they would be informed. Upon the conclusion of Mr. Rogers' presentation it was agreed that Arts and Culture along with the Education, Youth, and Libraries Committee would partner to host an information session in the community so that parents and students could learn about their rights and be equipped with adequate tools to advocate for their schools and education. Venues are being explored and follow up conversation will come.

3) **Old Business:**

- Committee Member Tuesday Brooks raised concern and reminded the committee that they had not responded to the request of Ms. Sabrina Lamb who had requested a letter of support from the committee for the Harlem Charter School of Global Finance, Art, Technology, and Entrepreneurship. After some discussion, it was agreed that the committee had not followed up with Ms. Lamb after her appearance in January and the committee would ask for her to attend May's meeting to present and at that time the committee would take a vote on the letter of support

4) **New Business**

- Vice Chair of committee Marquis Harrison, shared that the committee had been asked to co-sponsor a panel titled Our Children Matter "*Is access to Quality Education a Civil Rights*" to take place at the State Office building on April 28, 2015 at 6:00pm. The committee vote unanimously to support the initiative as co-sponsors and send it to the executive committee the following evening for approval.
- The First Books Initiative was announced as a major event taking place in Harlem on April 25, 2015 at PS 175 located 135th between Lenox and Adam Clayton Powell. Over 40,000 books would be given out and each person coming could get up to 25 books.

5) **Announcements:**

First Books was announced.

6) **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm